

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Saturday evening Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. (Confessions after)

Sunday Schedule: Orthros (Matins) & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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AUGUST 15TH 2010

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DURING THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Dormition of the Theotokos in the First Tone: In giving birth you preserved your virginity! In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos! You were translated to Life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Third Tone: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy. (See the

Troparion of the Dormition of the Theotokos in the First Tone (as above)

Priest: **Kontakion of the Dormition in the Second Tone:** Truly, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, he who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

Prokeimenon (Luke 1.46,48) My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Phil. 2:5-11)

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 131.8,11.) Arise, O Lord, into your rest. The Lord swore in truth to David, and he will not annul it.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (10:38-42, 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha,

Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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More Holy Bread is needed for the church, so please see the sign up sheet for baking holy bread next to the bulletin board in the church hall. Thank you!

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Instead of "It is truly meet..." today we sing: *All generations bless thee, O thou only Theotokos. In thee, O spotless Virgin, the laws of nature were suspended; for thy virginity was preserved in thy child bearing, and Life is joined with death. Thou, O Theotokos, didst remain a Virgin after child-birth, and after death art still alive and dost ever deliver thy heritage.*

Instead of "Praise ye the Lord..." today we sing: *I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.*

Holy Oblations are given today by

the Daruty & the Rafeedie families for the 40 days memorial of the soul of their uncle John Habash of New York, may his memory be eternal! By Grandpa Anton & Grandma Keitie Turk & Family for William Turk on the occasion of his 15th birthday, and by Melad & Wafa Hanna for the health, salvation and success in School of their children Michael, Amanda & Sameer!

Coffee Hour is given today by Wael & Louisa Kashou. Thank you!!

Please see the Coffee hour calendar that has been enlarged and posted in the Church Hall for your convenience! Thanks!

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Please remember in your prayers: Irene Zogob, Mitchell Zogob, Fr. Alexander Atty, Genevieve Saba, Fr. Michael Lewis, & Marion Deeb.

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Ushers serving this week: Nader Qoborsi & Maurice Karkar.

Ushers serving next week: Sam Munayyer & Wael Kashou.

Altar boys serving this week: Noah Fortuna, George Bahbah, Jay Skaff, Paul Rodriguez

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Quote from the Saints

O Good Mother of the All-good God: look upon the prayer of thine unworthy servant with thy merciful eye and grant me the contrition, quietness of thoughts, constancy of mind, chaste reason, sobriety of soul, humble thinking, radiance of spirit, prudent disposition, and spiritual peace that the Lord granted his disciples.

St. Ephraim the Syrian, A prayer to the Theotokos

NOTE TO OUR VISTORS

Welcome to St. Mark's! We are pleased to have you here with us today. Please be informed that only those Orthodox Christians who are prepared through prayer, fasting, and the sacrament of confession should approach the Chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice "open communion" or intercommunion with other churches (non-Orthodox). If you have any questions concerning this, please talk to Father Michael before taking communion. Visitors are welcome to venerate the cross at the end of the service and to receive some of the blessed bread, if they so desire.

For Orthodox Christians to receive Holy Communion:

- You must be spiritually prepared and uphold the beliefs and moral teachings of the Church.

- You must keep the fast (Wednesday & Friday, and other fasting seasons)
 - If married, your marriage must have been consecrated in the Orthodox Church.
 - If (unfortunately) divorced, you must be formally restored to communion by the Church by confession and Episcopal decision.
- If an Orthodox Christian has left the church, or has been absent from services for a long period, and is returning, he or she must see the priest prior to receiving the sacraments of the Church.**

Today

Dormition of the Theotokos

This week

Tuesday August 17th, 7:00PM Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday August 18th, 7:00PM Vespers.

Thursday August 19th, 7:00PM Men's Club Meeting.

Next Week

Wednesday August 25th, 6:30PM Vespers.

Thursday August 26th, St. Mark 22nd Annual Golf Tournament.

Upcoming Services & Events

Please Note

Aug 21st – Twelve volunteers/2d Harvest Food Bank Work Session, 1-4 pm

Aug 23d – Pair of new shoes for FOCUS OC Backpack Kidz (or Payless Shoe Gift Card) due

Sep 18th – Fifteen volunteers/2d Harvest Food Bank Work Session, 1-4 pm

Sep 23d – Bag of non-perishable food items for FOCUS OC Backpack Kidz due

Sept 26th – Blood Drive at St Mark Church, Irvine, 9am to 3pm, www.redcrossblood.org, Sponsor code Orthodox

Oct 16th – Fifteen volunteers/2d Harvest Food Bank Work Session, 1-4 pm

Nov 20th – Fifteen volunteers/2d Harvest Food Bank Work Session, 1-4 pm

Saturday October 2nd, St. Mark Second Annual Wine & Food Tasting!

A musical theatre production of *Peter Pan* will be coming to the Orange County Performing Arts Center this Fall as a theatre-in-the-round experience. We have a 10% discount on a block of reserved seats for the **Sunday matinee at 1 PM on 10/1/2010**. The cost is **\$45.38** per ticket for rows B-K in the E section. We have a limited block of 75 seats

which have been reserved for our St. Mark and St. Luke's communities. If interested, make out a check to "OCPAC" and send to Barbara Scholl, 30 Cambridge, Coto de Caza, CA 92679. Payment must accompany reservation.

Canned Food Drive

As we all know, our country is in the midst of a deep recession. All relief agencies are seeing more needs and at the same time donations are down. In light of this, the on going canned food collection of our parish is a small but important way to help. Please try to bring something to go in the collection barrel every week.

Good Samaritan Fund

Several years ago, St. Mark Church established a fund for assisting those in need, both within our parish and in the general community. From time to time we ask for contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund, and this is one of those times. If you are in need of assistance or you are aware of someone in our parish that needs financial assistance, please speak with Fr. Michael.

Church Etiquette In and Out

On some Sundays, it almost seems like we have a revolving door in the back of the church—and it is used by both children and adults. Use the

restroom *before* coming to church. You shouldn't need to get a drink of water during the service. Don't come to church to go to the fellowship hall—come to pray. Parents, please take control of your children and curtail their need to enter and exit the church several times during the services.

A project to print a St. Mark Cook Book which is led by Samira Attalla and Samar Elsayegh. They need your help. Please submit your own recipes by today. For more information please see the flyer included in today's bulletin.

Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15)

In her old age, the Theotokos often prayed to her Lord and God on the Mount of Olives, the site of his Ascension, that He take her from this world as soon as possible. On one of these occasions, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed to her that she would find repose within three days. The angel gave her a palm-branch, which was to be carried in her funeral procession. She returned home with great joy, hoping in her heart to see her Son's apostles just once more in this life. The Lord fulfilled her wish, and the apostles, borne by angels in the clouds, gathered together at the house on Mt. Zion. With great rejoicing she saw them, encouraged them, counseled them, and comforted them. Then she

peacefully gave her soul to God without pain or physical illness. The apostles took up her coffin, from which a heavenly fragrance arose—and, in the company of many Christians, bore it to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the sepulcher of her parents, Saints Joachim and Anna... The Apostle Thomas was absent...he arrived on the third day to venerate the body of the Holy Most-pure one. But when the apostles opened the sepulcher, they found only the winding sheet: the body was not in the tomb! That evening, the Theotokos, surrounded by a host of angels, appeared to the apostles and said to them: "Rejoice, I will be with you always."

BUY SCRIP

Our Ladies Guild buys scrip from many and various stores and Restaurants (see list included in this Bulletin) at a 3 to 10% discount. When you buy the scrip, which is accepted just like cash at the issuing store, the Parish benefits. You pay no more for these goods and services and are making a donation to our parish. You can purchase this scrip from Saeda Turk & Barbara Khamis at the coffee hour.