

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West

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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.



AUGUST 22ND 2010

HOLY MARTYR AGATHONIKOS OF NICOMEDIA

THIRTEEN 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 LITTER ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Fourth Tone: Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

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

Troparion of Saint Mark in the Third Tone: O holy Apostle Mark, intercede with the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

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.

Prokimenon: O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 44.4, 7) Tone 4: Draw your bow and prosper and reign, for the cause of truth and

mekness and justice. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (21:33-42)

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s

doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

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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!

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 Melad & Wafa Hanna for the health, salvation and success in School of their children Michael, Amanda & Sameer, and by George & Watfa Aldada for the health and salvation of her son’s Sleiman and his family and especially for the health of little George Aldada!

Coffee Hour is given today by Issam and Bernadette Ramsey!

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: Sam Munayyer & Wael Kashou.

Ushers serving next week: Ghassan Awayjan & Sam Nino.

Altar boys serving this week: George Khoury, Joseph Attalla, Andrew Bahbah, George Hanna.

Altar boys serving next week: James Bahbah, Alex Turk, Samir Khamis, Andrew Khamis.

Quote from the Saints

"When the Spirit of God descends upon a man and overshadows him with the fullness of His outpouring, then his soul overflows with a joy not to be described, for the Holy Spirit turns to joy whatever He touches." -- St. Seraphim of Sarov

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

Teen SOYO Annual Election Meeting after Church!! Please make an effort to be there as we will elect our new officers for the year

This week

Wednesday August 25th, 6:30PM
Vespers.

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

Next Week

Wednesday September 1st, 6:30 PM
Vespers. Church New Year.

Upcoming Services & Events

Wednesday September 8th, 6:30 PM
Vespers.

Please Note

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

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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. Deadline for tickets is September 1st.

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

What to Wear and Not Wear to Church

Shoes: Tennis Shoes, Athletic Shoes, Flip-Flop Type Shoes and Open Sandals should not be worn to church
Shirts: T-shirts, tank tops and shirts without collars should not be worn to

church. Shirts should be tucked into pants (this is not the playground at school).

Blouses, Sweaters and other Tops: Same as applies to Shirts, plus girls and ladies should not wear low-cut or revealing tops of any sort to church.

Shorts: Shorts should not be worn to church by anyone over the age of 5 years and the shorts worn by the younger children should not be gym, spandex, cutoffs, jeans or athletic shorts.

Pants: Jeans, baggy pants, hip-hugger pants, low-rider pants, athletic pants and para-military type pants should not be worn to church.

Dresses: Dresses should be modest. Dresses should have backs and should not be cut low in the front. Tank tops (or dresses with only straps at the shoulders), short skirts (mini-skirts), and skintight dresses should not be worn to church. If women wear pants to church, they should be full-length dress pants. Mid-riffs and mid-calf pants should not be worn.

Shaving: Men and older boys should be clean shaven or with well groomed beards and/or mustaches. If you want to be "lazy" do it on Saturday, not Sunday for church.

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.

Saint of the Day

The Martyrs Agathonikos, Zotikos, Theoprepios (in Slavonic: Bogolep), Akyndinos, Severian, Zinon and others accepted death for Christ during the reign of the emperor Maximian (284-305). The Martyr Agathonikos was descended from the illustrious lineage of the Hypasians, and he lived at Nicomedia. Having become well versed in Holy Scripture, he converted many pagans to Christ, in which number was also the most eminent member of the Senate (its "princeps" or leader). Comitatus Evtolmius was sent to the Pontine (lower Black Sea) region, where he crucified the followers of the Christian Zotikos, all who had refused to offer sacrifice to idols, but Zotikos himself he took with him. In Nicomedia Evtolmius arrested the Martyr Agathonikos (together with the princes), and also Theoprepios, Akyndinos and Severian. After tortures, Evtolmius ordered that the martyrs be taken to Thrace for trial by the emperor. But along the way, in the vicinity of Potama, he put to death the Martyrs Zotikos, Theoprepios and Akyndinos -- who were unable to proceed further behind the chariot of the governor because of wounds received during the time of torture. The Martyr Severian was put to death

at Chalcedon, and the Martyr Agathonikos together with others was beheaded with the sword by order of the emperor, in Selymbria.

The relics of the Martyr Agathonikos within a church named for him was seen at Constantinople in the year 1200 by the Russian pilgrim Antonii. And in the XIV Century Philotheos, the archbishop of Selymbria, devoted a discourse of laudation to the Martyr Agathonikos.

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.