

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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October 12, 2025

**Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical
Council & Fourth Sunday of Luke**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday 10/15	Daily Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday 10/18	Great Vespers 4:00pm
Sunday 10/19	Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 1: While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 1: Arabic.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers in Tone 8: Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Saint Mark in Tone 4:

From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Ordinary Kontakion in Tone 2: O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

REMOVAL OF CROWNS: of our newlyweds, Rocky and McKayla Markanian! God grant you many years!

HOLY OBLATION: is offered in memory of Georgette Salameh (6 months) by the Salameh Family.

HOLY OBLATION: is offered for Leila and Mia on the occasion of their birthdays, from Melissa and Zach McCarty. God grant them many years!

CHURCHING: Olive Khoury, the daughter of Ramzi and Ivana Khoury. God grant her many years!

BUILDING CAMPAIGN:

This is a very exciting moment for St. Mark! We have officially rolled out our building campaign to prepare Our Church for the beautiful growth we are witnessing! The generosity of a few families in our community has opened the door for an amazing opportunity. They have committed \$1,000,000, per year, for the next 3 years, but have asked it to be matching funds. When we raise \$1,000,000 in 2025, we unlock another \$1,000,000 from the matching money, and so forth.

Please take your time and prayerfully discern what that amount should be before filling out your commitment. We will need the help and participation from everyone. Let us give back to God what is already His for the Glory of His Holy Church.

Please make your Building Campaign commitment by scanning the QR Code below.



Upcoming Events:

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Church School is in session! Every child needs to be registered beforehand. Scan the QR code to register your children.



CHANT/READER CLASS: Interested in learning to chant? Join today after Communion with Reader Mark Ellis. Open to everyone!

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT: 6:30pm This Thursday October 16th at Nara Bistro.

TINY SAINTS: This Friday October 17th at 5:30pm.

BREAST CANCER WALK: This Saturday October 18th at 9:00am.

FALL FESTIVAL: Saturday November 1, beginning at 4:00pm with Great Vespers. Come join for dinner, games, prizes, and candy!

THANKSGIVING DINNER: Beginning with Great Vespers at 5pm on Saturday November 8th. Scan the QR code on the flyer to register.

TINY SAINTS WHATSAPP GROUP: Signup to join this new ministry for young families and children (ages2-8).



ONLINE ST. MARK DIRECTORY: We have begun our process of collecting data of all our parishioners for an online church directory! We need 100% participation! Scan the QR code below to be a part of the director



TINY SAINTS

OCTOBER FAMILY GATHERING



**We will be having dinner, learning
about saints, and have some fun kid
activities planned.**

October 17th at 5:30pm
St. Mark's Church Hall



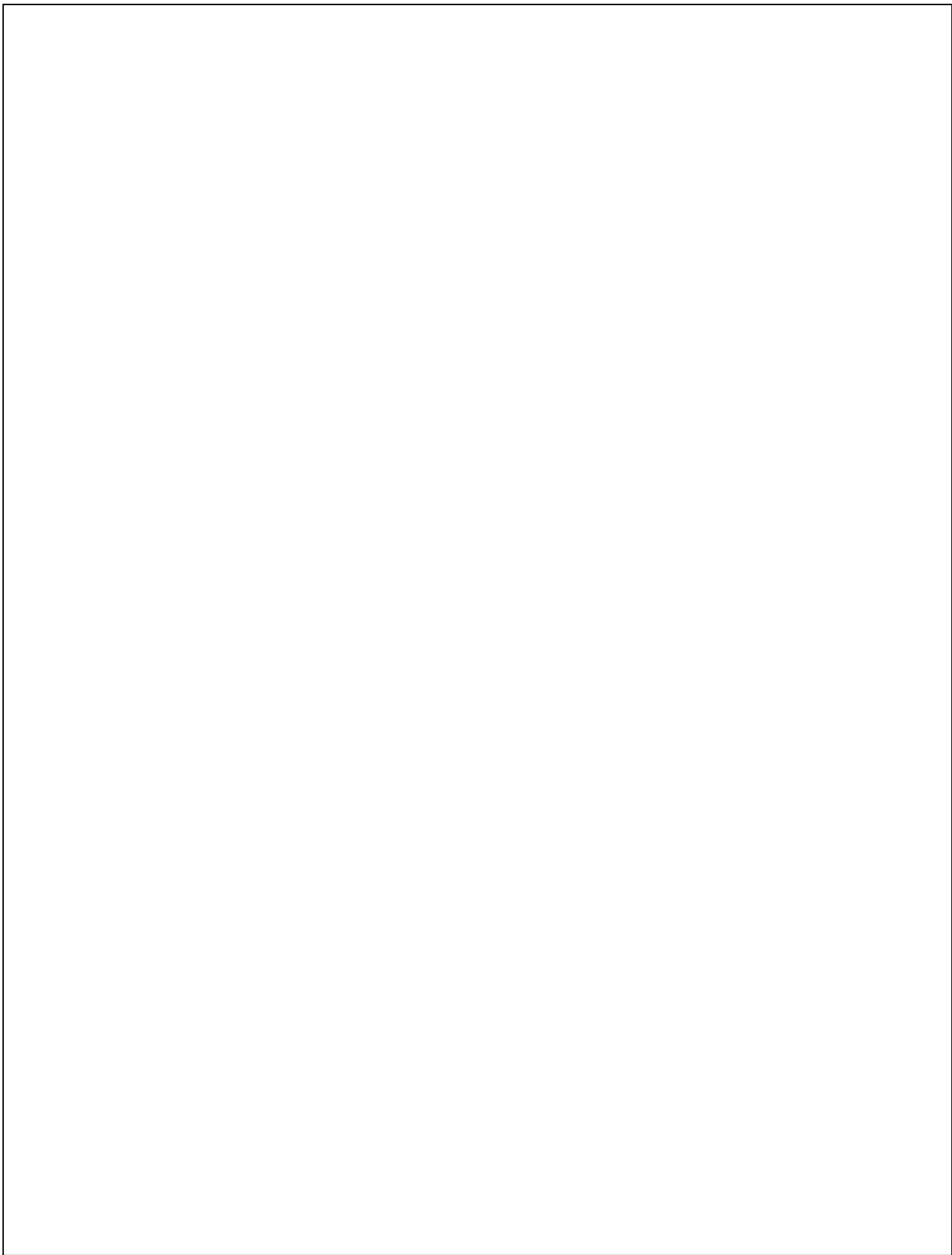
The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West
cordially invites members and non-members to a
Town Hall & Dinner Reception with our guest speaker
Roger David
Past North American Chair &
Current North American Treasurer

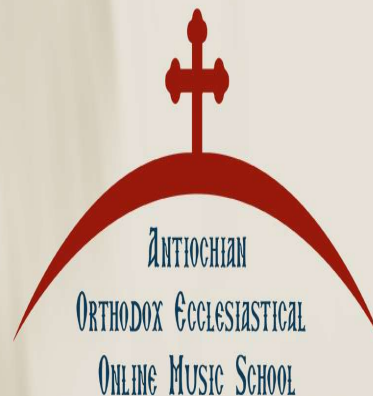
Hosted by St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

Saturday October 25, 2025
2300 West 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90057

6:00 PM Great Vespers
7:00 PM Town Hall, Dinner & Fellowship (no charge)

Please RSVP by October 20th to Esper Kanaan
esper@kanaanconstruction.com or 626.255.8080





Save the Date!

With the blessing of Metropolitan

SABA

Enrollment for the fall semester of the

**Antiochian Orthodox
Ecclesiastical Online Music School**

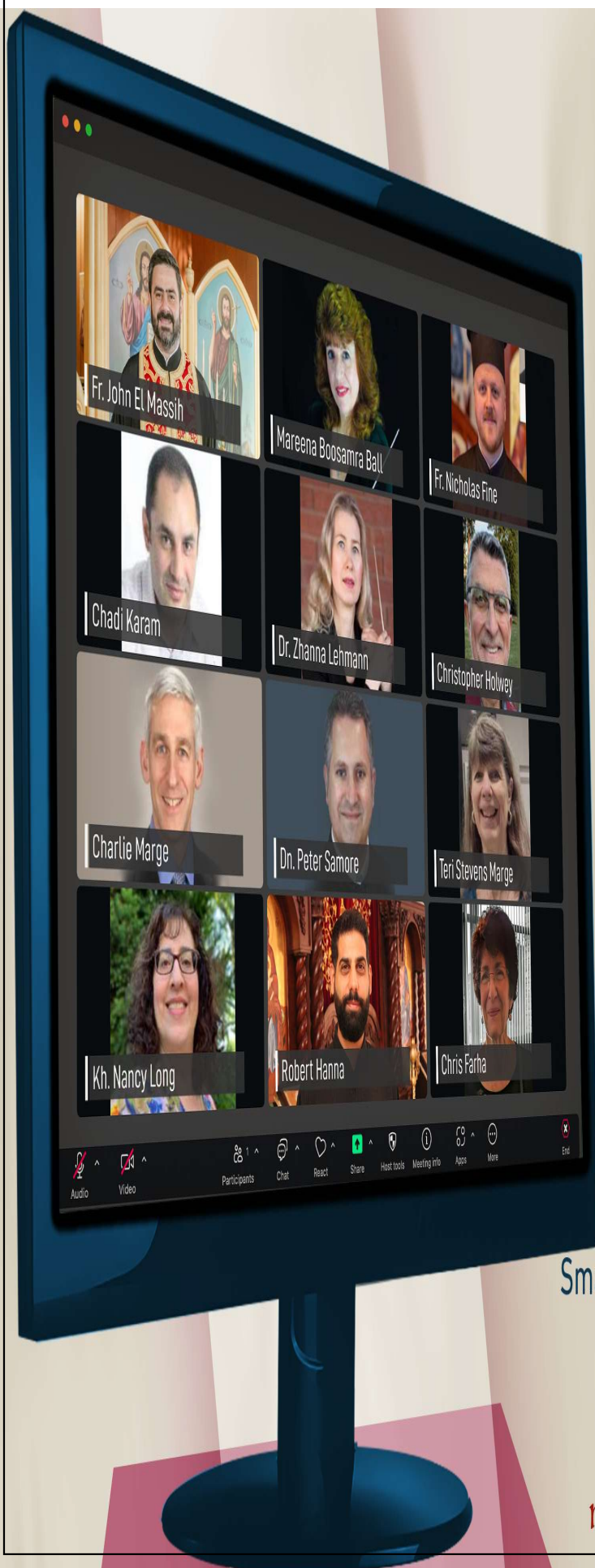
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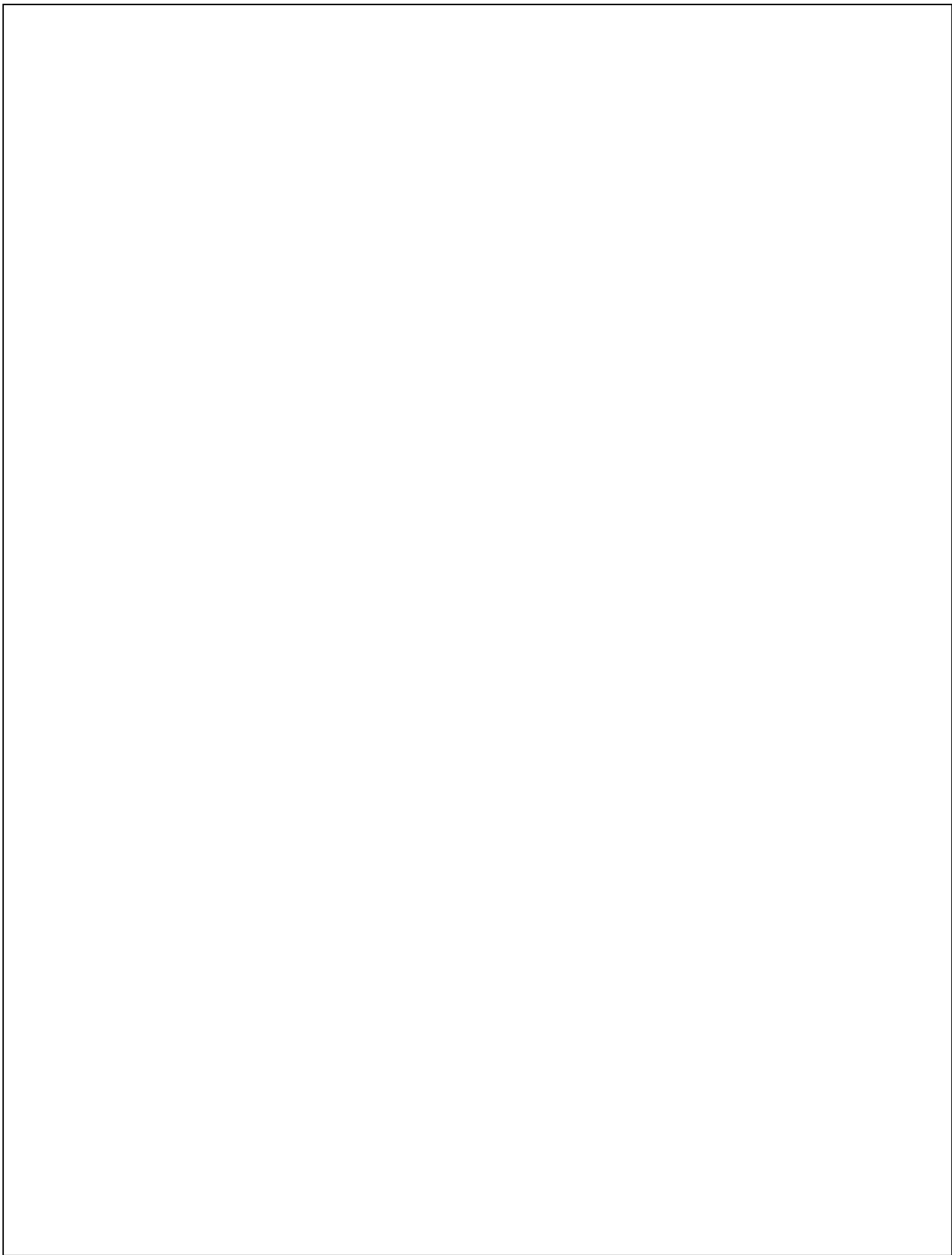
Classes meet weekly for 14 weeks

Smaller, individual classes meet weekly for 10 weeks

Starting Monday, September 8, 2025

**Byzantine and Choral Music Education for
new and experienced Orthodox Church musicians**





ST. MARK ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

9 AM-12 PM

LOCATION: ST. MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

17840 SKY PARK CIRCLE

IRVINE, CA 92614

**GUEST
SPEAKERS:
NAJAT KHURY
AND GIZELLE
BACHAWATI**

**KARIN CYBULSKI,
LICENSED MEDICAL
AESTHETICIAN, WILL
DISCUSS SKINCARE,
WITH A RAFFLE OF ONE
\$100 GIFT CARD**

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

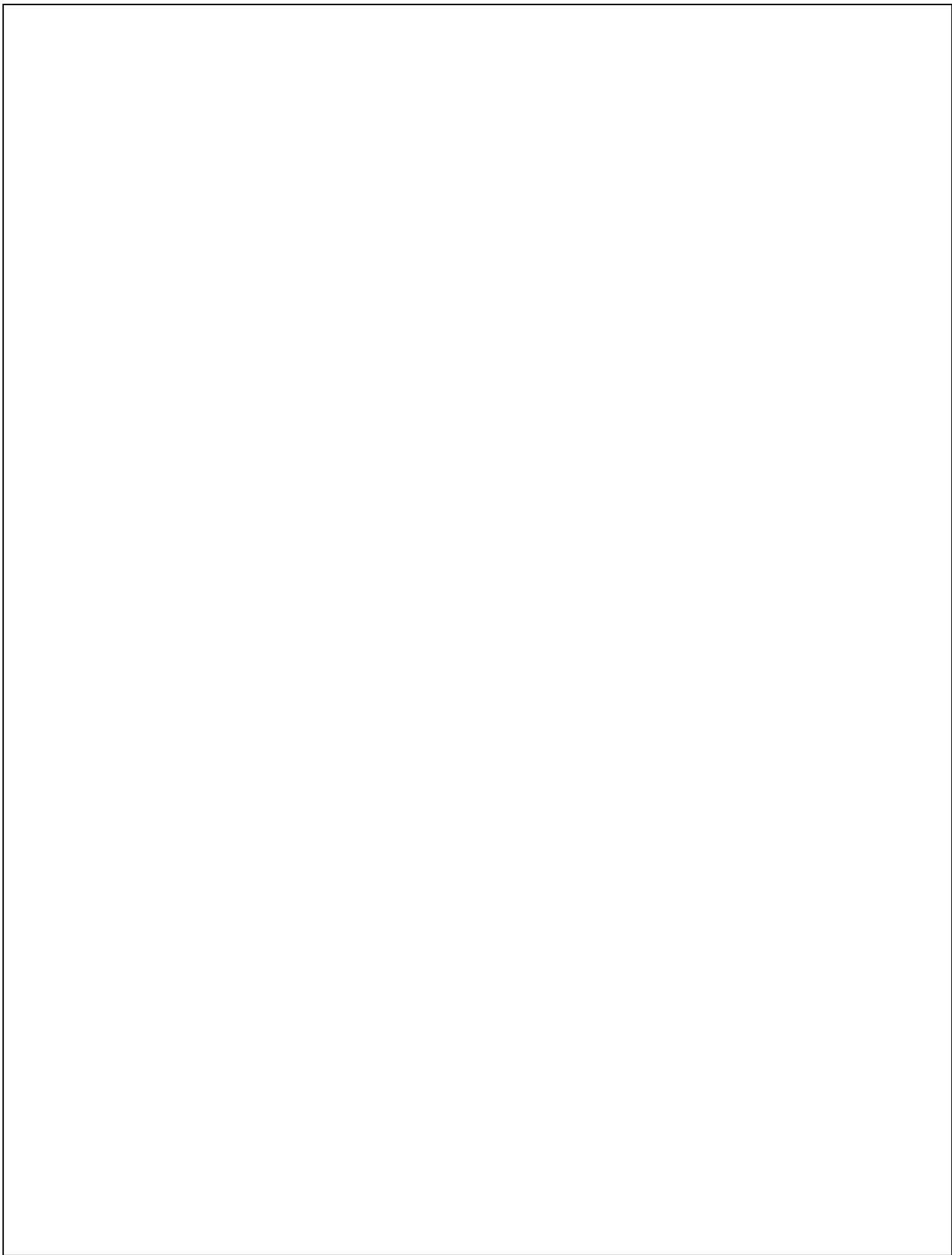
\$20 CONTRIBUTION PER ADULT

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO:

LIVING BEYOND BREAST CANCER

GOT A BRUNCH DISH TO SHARE? BRING IT ON OVER!

SIGN UP WITH AFIFA ARTOUL AT 949-600-3876.



ST. MARK

 Fall
FESTIVAL
All Saints

SATURDAY, NOV. 1ST

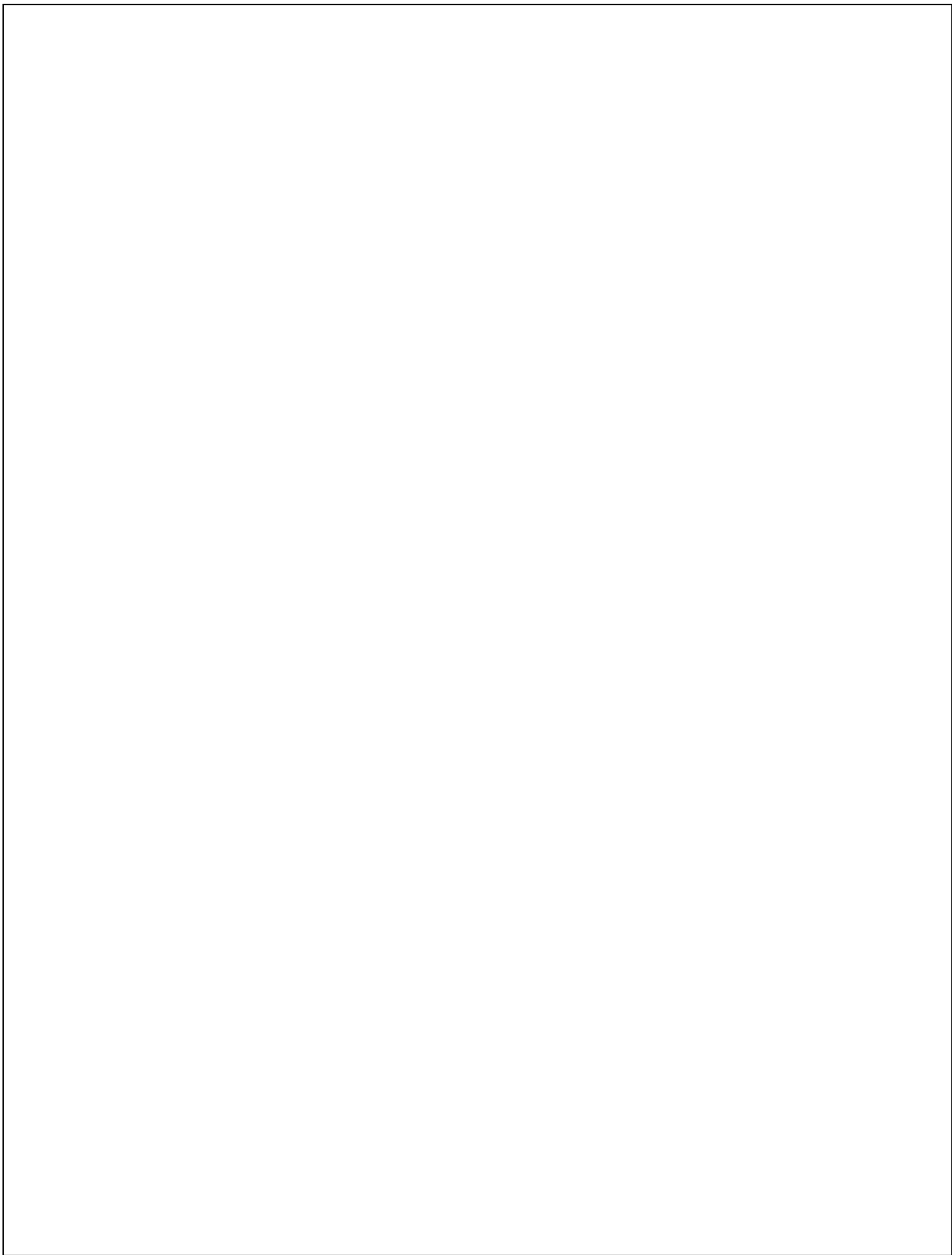
Bring the whole family,
friends, and neighbors to
enjoy this festive day!

STARTING WITH VESPERS AT 4:00 PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Dinner
Costume Contest
Family-friendly games
Arts & crafts
Cotton Candy
Prizes

Don't miss out on this perfect fall day!



ST. MARK CHURCH SCHOOL FOCUS PROGRAM

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor" Proverbs 22:9

LET US TEACH OUR CHILDREN THE
IMPORTANCE OF ALMSGIVING
ONE CAN AT A TIME!

Help Us Build the FOCUS Food Pantry!

Each Sunday, bring your favorite **non-perishable food item** to class to support those in need. Your donations will go directly to the FOCUS pantry to help feed local families.

Teachers will keep track of your contributions, and students who participate regularly will have a chance to **win a prize at the end of the school year!**

FOCUS

✝ ORANGE COUNTY ✝





THANKSGIVING DINNER

Saturday November 8th
Beginning with Great
Vespers at 5:00pm
St. Mark Hall

\$10 per adult (18 years+)
\$25 per family
(with kids up to age 18)

Sign up by November 2nd



A decorative border of autumn-themed illustrations surrounds the text. It includes various types of leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown, as well as green fern-like leaves. There are also several acorns in brown and tan, some with caps, and a small brown branch. The background is a light cream color.

St Mark of Irvine

Young Adult
NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A RELAXED
EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP,
LAUGHTER AND GOOD
CONVERSATION!

**OCTOBER
16TH**

6:30PM| NARA BISTRO
1220 S BROOKHURST ST,
ANAHEIM, 92804