

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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October 19, 2025

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES	
Wednesday 10/22	Daily Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday 10/25	Great Vespers 4:00pm
Sunday 10/26	Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 2: Arabic.

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 Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:11-16)

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, “Young man, I say to you: arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!”

REMOVAL OF CROWNS: of our newlyweds, Wael and Leilah Nimat! God grant you 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!

ST. MARK FOOD DRIVE: October 19- November 23rd. See the flyer.

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





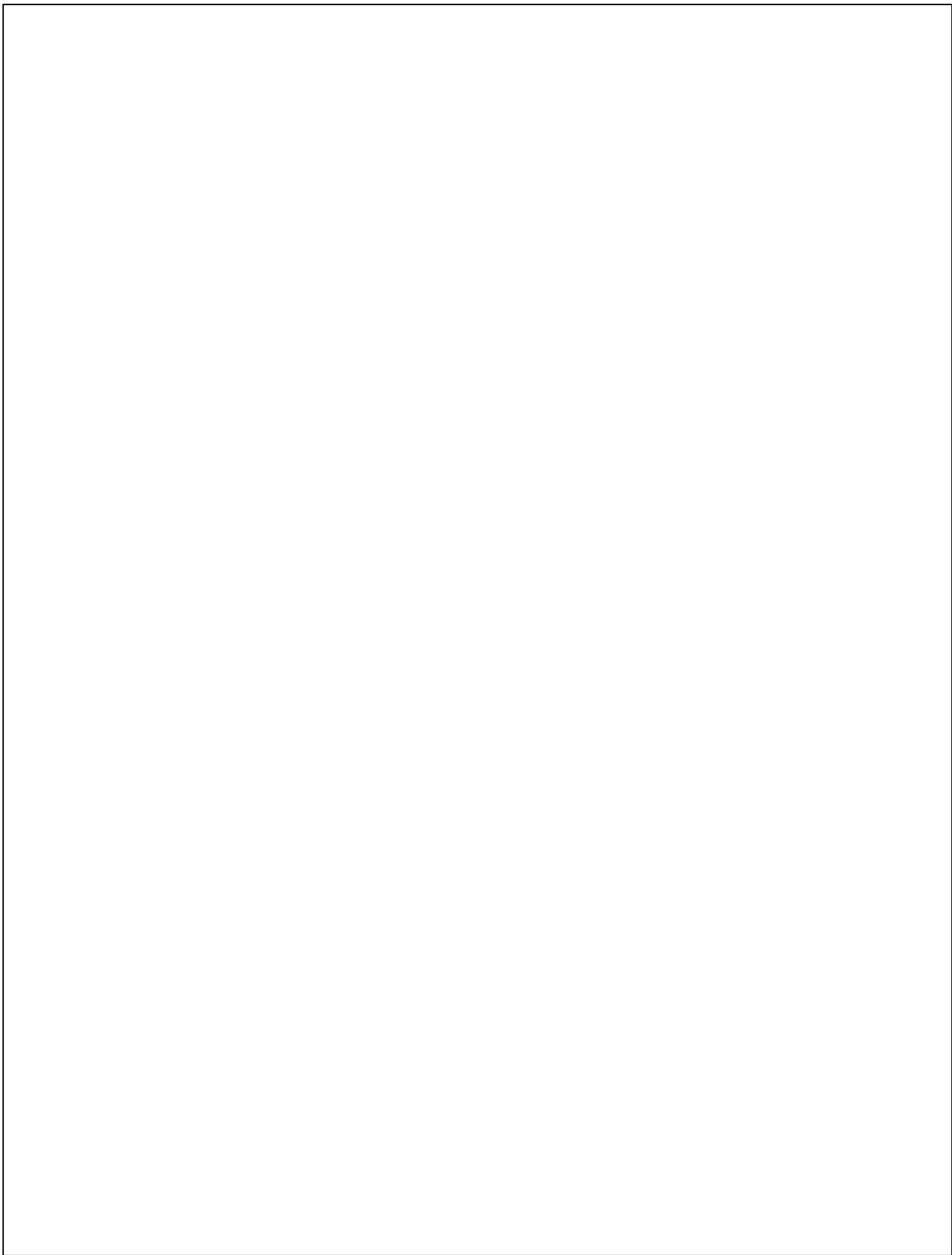
The Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch
Diocese of Los Angeles and the West
cordially invites members and non-members to a
Town Hall & Dinner Reception with our guest speaker
Roger David
Past North American Chair &
Current North American Treasurer

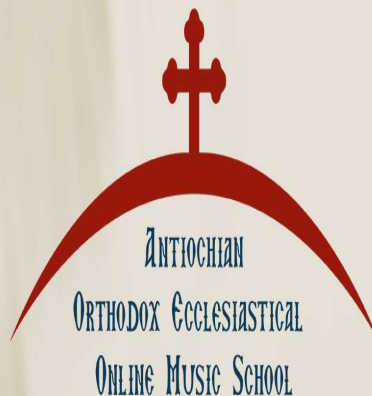
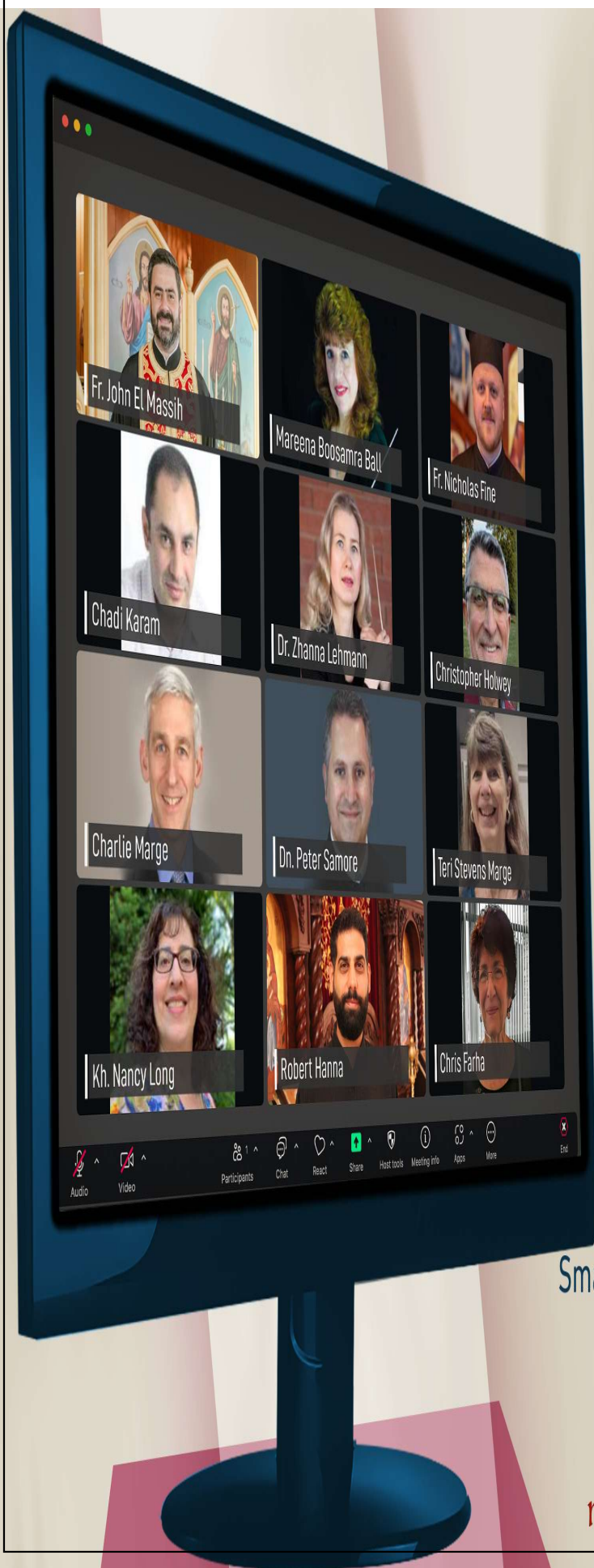
Hosted by St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral

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

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Enrollment for the fall semester of the

Antiochian Orthodox
Ecclesiastical Online Music School

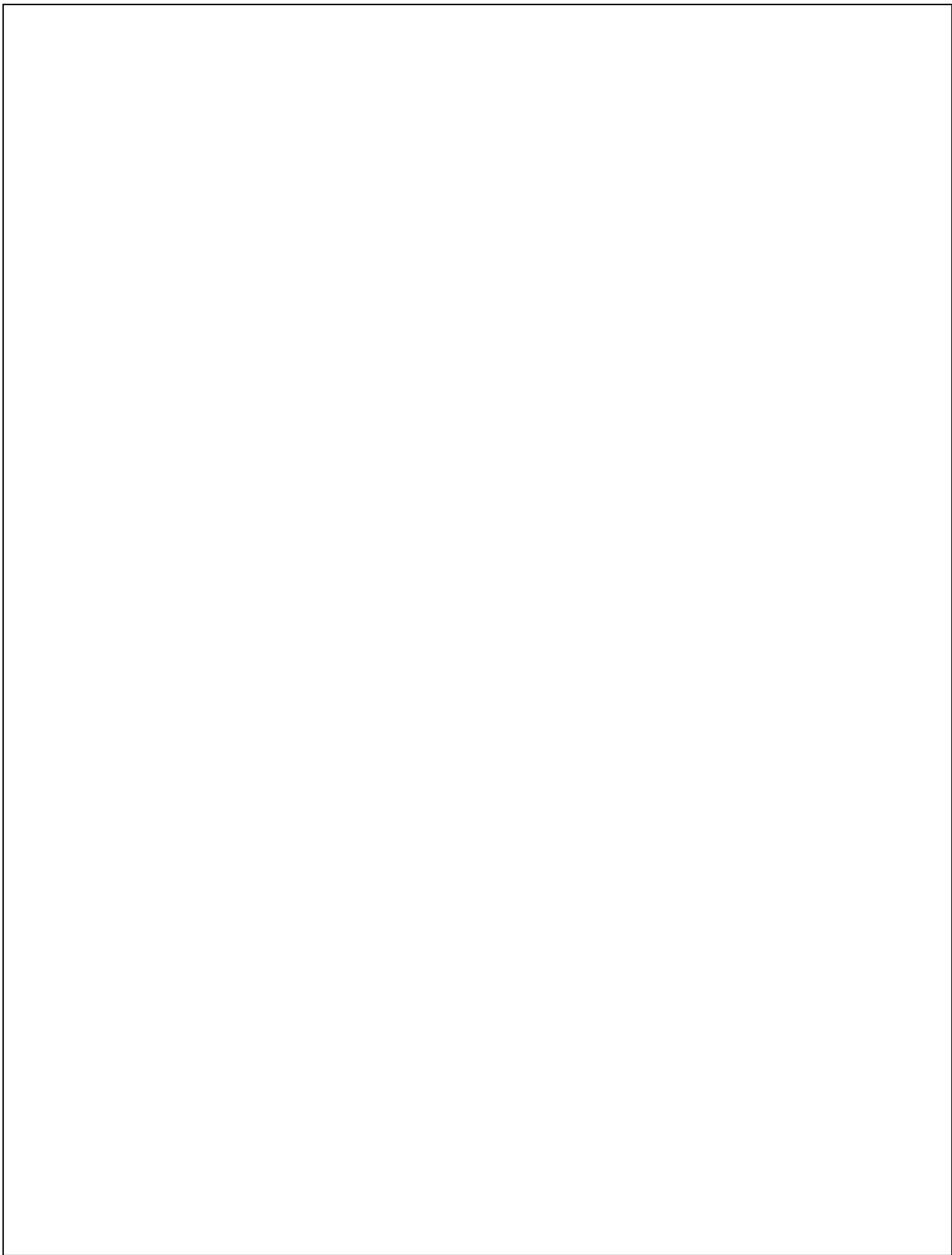
Opens Monday, August 18

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

 Fall
FESTIVAL
All Saints

SATURDAY, NOV. 1ST

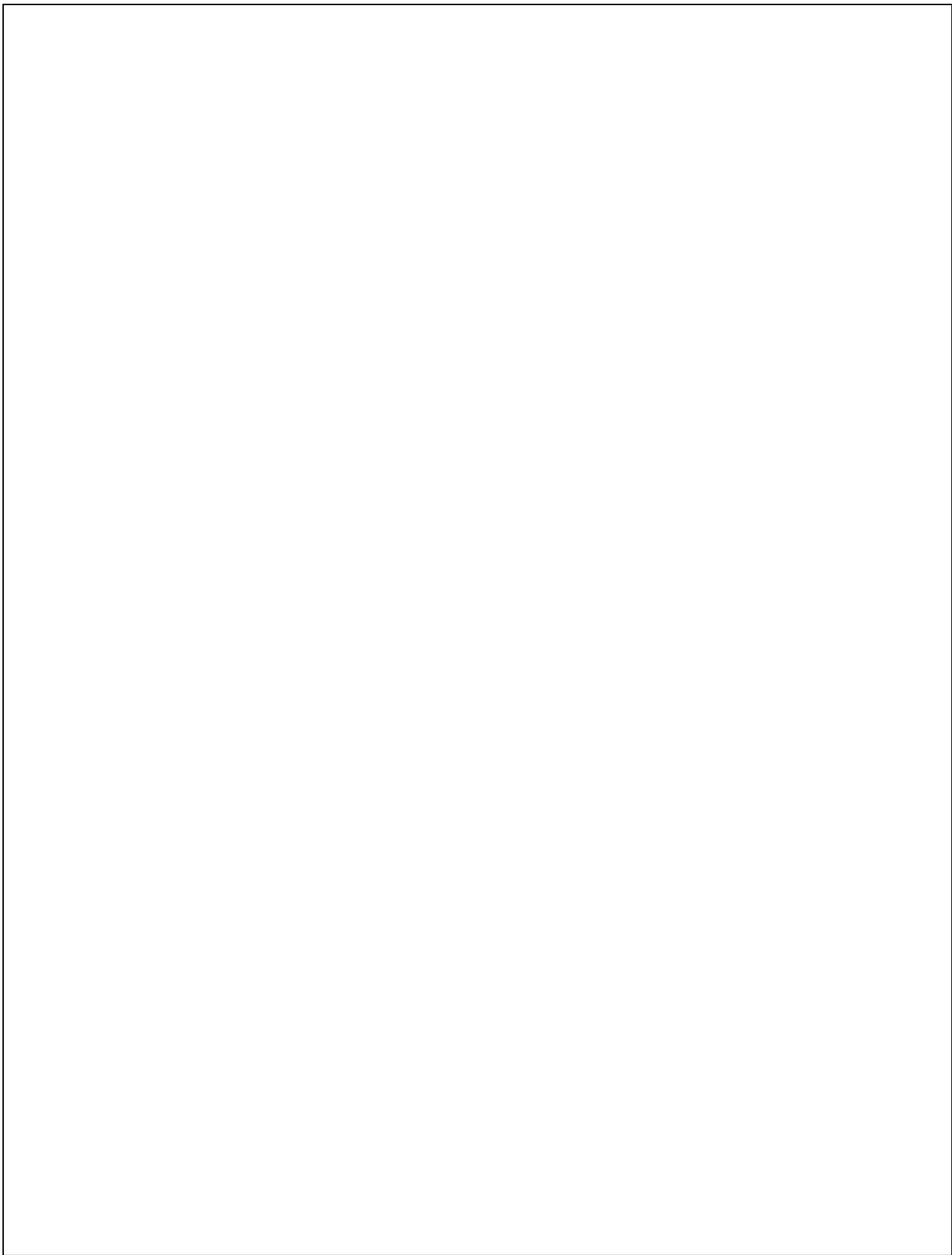
Bring the whole family,
friends, and neighbors to
enjoy this festive day!

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



St. Mark Food Drive

Oct 19 - Nov 23

Grandmas House of Hope

Matthew 25:35

for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in



ITEMS NEEDED

- dry, canned, and packaged goods
- vegetables & fruits
- dairy items and meat can be arranged for prompt pickup

DROP-OFF LOCATION



St. Mark Orthodox church
17840 Skypark Cir, Irvine

For More Information :

Fatin Fakhouri (951)505-8798

Grandmashouseofhope.com

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Awareness Day

AS NAC TEEN SOYO PREPARES TO SPONSOR THE HISTORIC 45TH ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CAMP AT ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE IN AUGUST 2026, WE ASK FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT TO HELP MAKE THIS BELOVED MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

EACH YEAR, APPROXIMATELY 300 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES AND COACHES PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP. TEEN SOYO MEMBERS FROM ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE VOLUNTEER A WEEK OF THEIR TIME AND LIVE IN SERVICE TO THE ATHLETES—FULFILLING THE SCRIPTURAL CALL TO SERVE “AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR MEN” *Colossians 3:23*.



Today our teens will be collecting financial donations to help sponsor this remarkable event. Your contributions make it possible for every athlete, coach, and teen volunteer to attend the camp at no cost. They also help cover travel expenses for the SOYO members who come to serve.

As a token of appreciation, our teens will offer bookmarks featuring the icon of Christ the High Priest to all who contribute.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to this ministry. Your support helps our youth grow in Christ by giving them a unique opportunity to love and care for others.

Checks may be made payable to your local Teen SOYO group, with “SOAD 2025” in the memo line.

Donations can also be made online at www.teensoyo.org/special-olympics.

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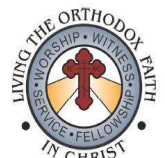
Your donations make this ministry possible!

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, NAC Teen SOYO covers the cost of the camp, approximately \$75,000, through the generosity of our fellow parishioners. Through the years, we have hosted more than 8,500 athletes and coaches. Around 1,200 of our teens have had the unique experience of being a coach or volunteer at the camp.



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Special Olympics