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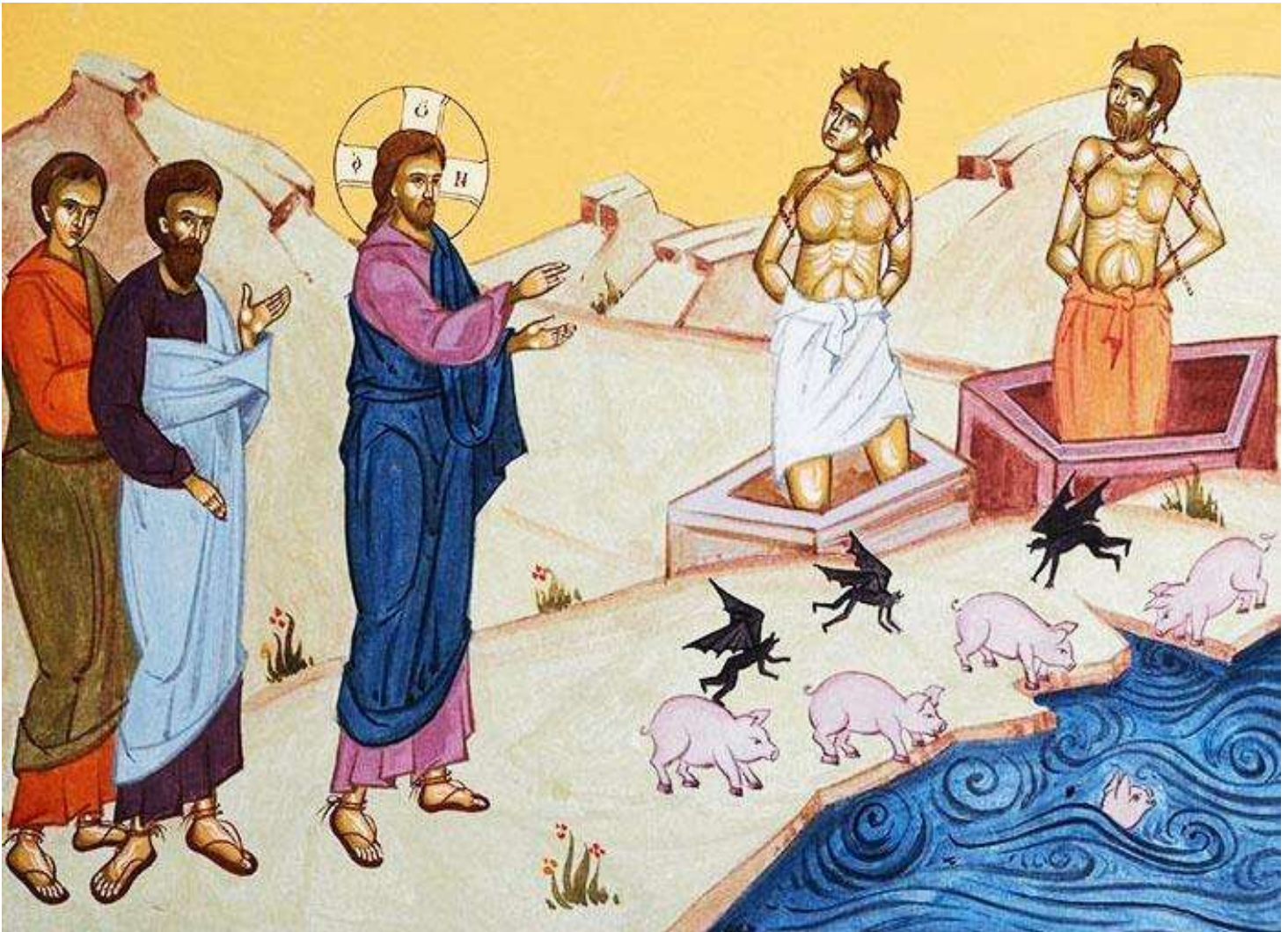
V. Rev. Michael Laffoon, Pastor Emeritus

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Chanters: Jacob Bahbah, Mark Ellis, Karim Youssef

Teen Advisor: Fatin Fakhouri



October 26, 2025

Great-Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh- Streaming & Sixth Sunday of Luke:

**Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople in
740; Venerable-martyr Joasaph of Dionysiou monastery on
Athos**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday 10/29	Daily Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday 11/1	Great Vespers 4:00pm
Sunday 11/2	Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 3: 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 become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 3: Arabic.

Apolytikion For the Earthquake in Tone 8: O Thou Who lookest upon the earth and makest it tremble, deliver us from the fearful menace of earthquake, O Christ our God, and by the intercessions of the Theotokos, send down upon us Thy mercies in abundance, O only Friend of man.

Apolytikion For St. Demetrios in Tone 3: A great champion hath the whole world found thee to be when in grave perils; for thou dost put to flight the heathen, O victorious one. As thou didst humble Lyaeus' arrogance and gavest boldness to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great Martyr Demetrios, do thou entreat Christ God that we be granted Great Mercy.

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 St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had

happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

REMOVAL OF CROWNS: of our newlyweds, Chris and Taylor Wakileh! God grant you many years!

CHURCHING: Theodora Merz, the daughter of Gid and Ami Merz. God grant her many years!

HOLY OBLATION: is offered from Lydia, Ibrahim, Charlie, Michelle, Michael, and Angelo, for the uncrowning of Chris and Taylor, and for the Ajlouny, and Wakileh families.

HOLY OBLATION/COFFEE HOUR: is offered for Suhaila Dabbah on the occasion of her birthday, by the Dabbah Family. 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!

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. Please Scan the QR code on the flyer today to register, so we can plan accordingly.

WINTER CAMP: Scan the QR code on the flyer to register your teen.

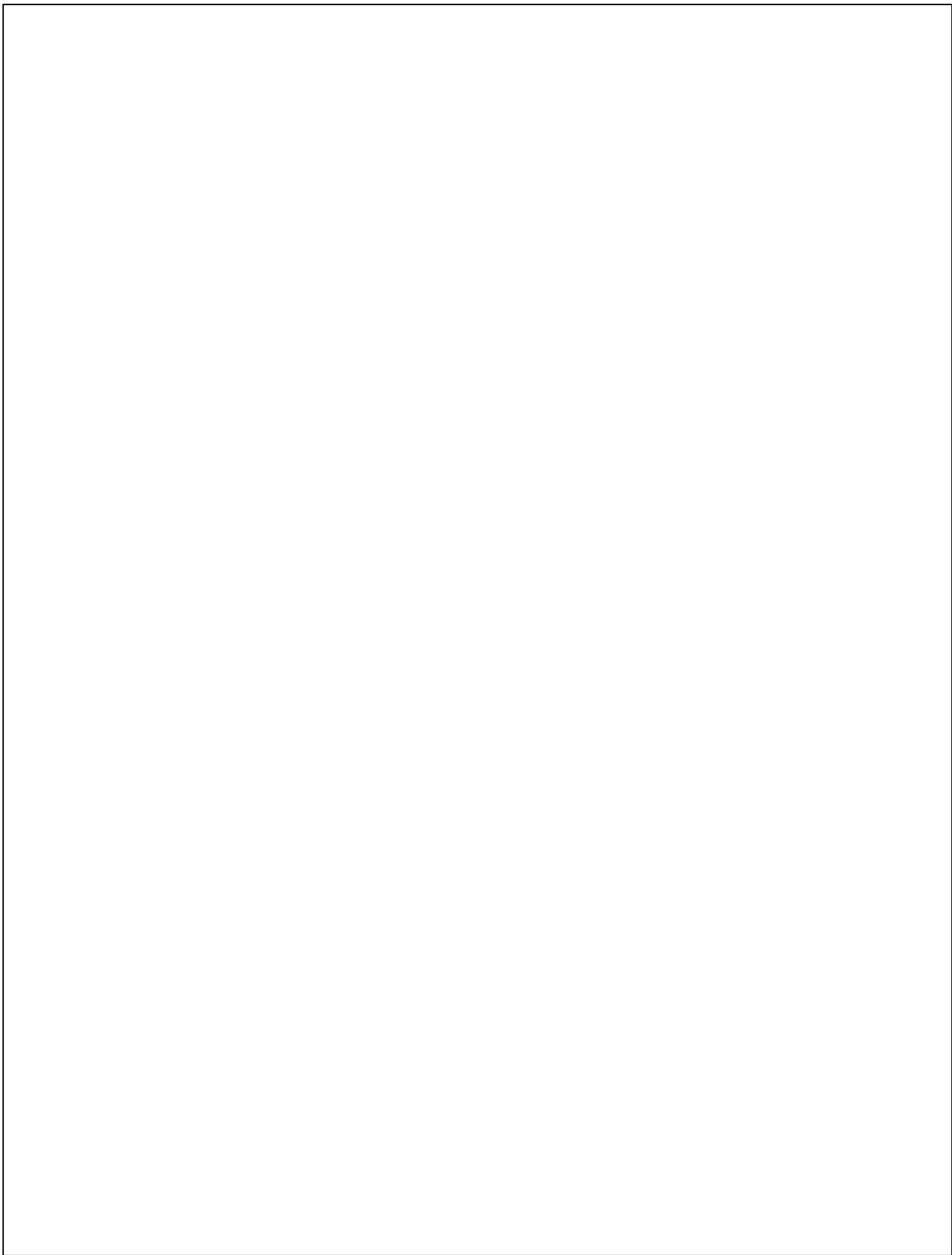
NEW YEARS EVE: Save the date! Details coming soon.

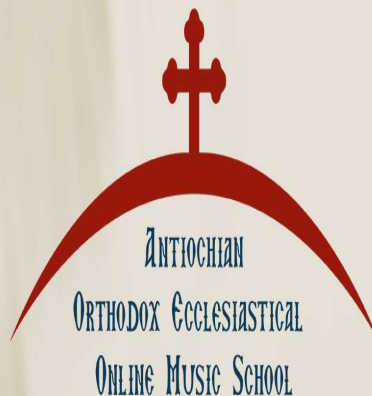
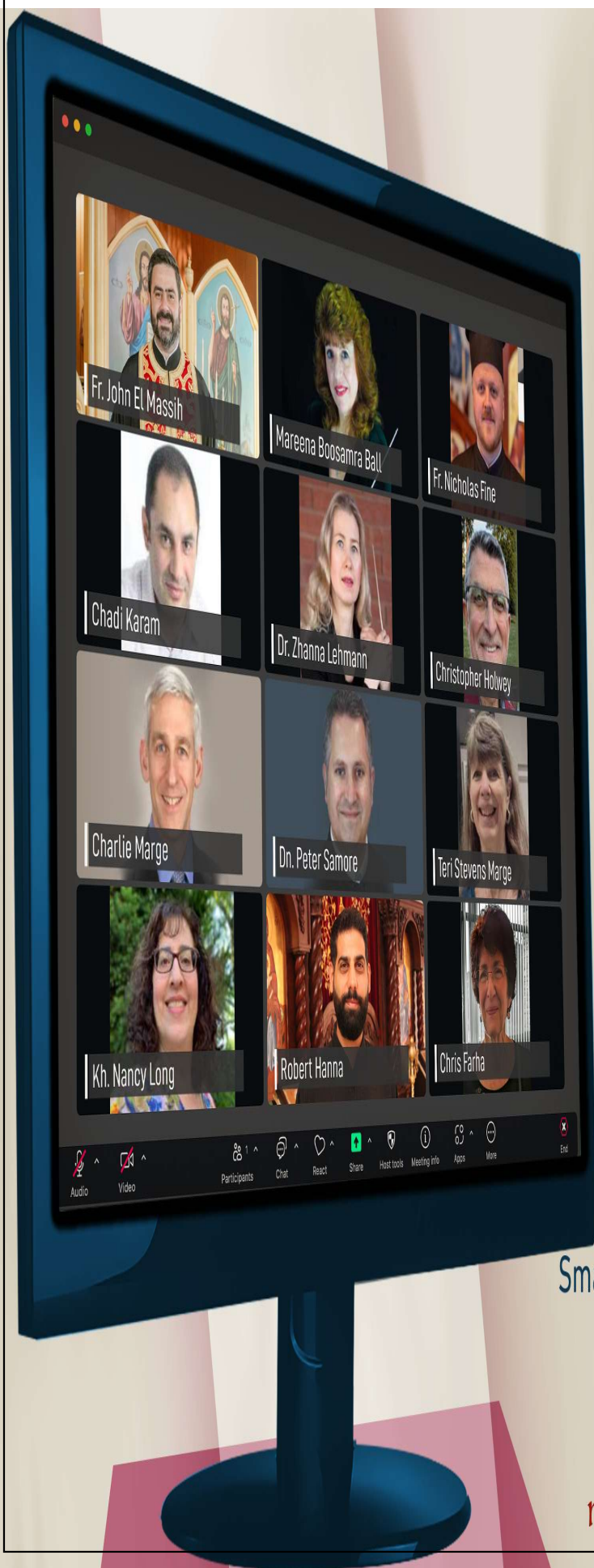
TINY SAINTS WHATSAPP GROUP: Signup to join this new ministry for young families and children (ages2-8).



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







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

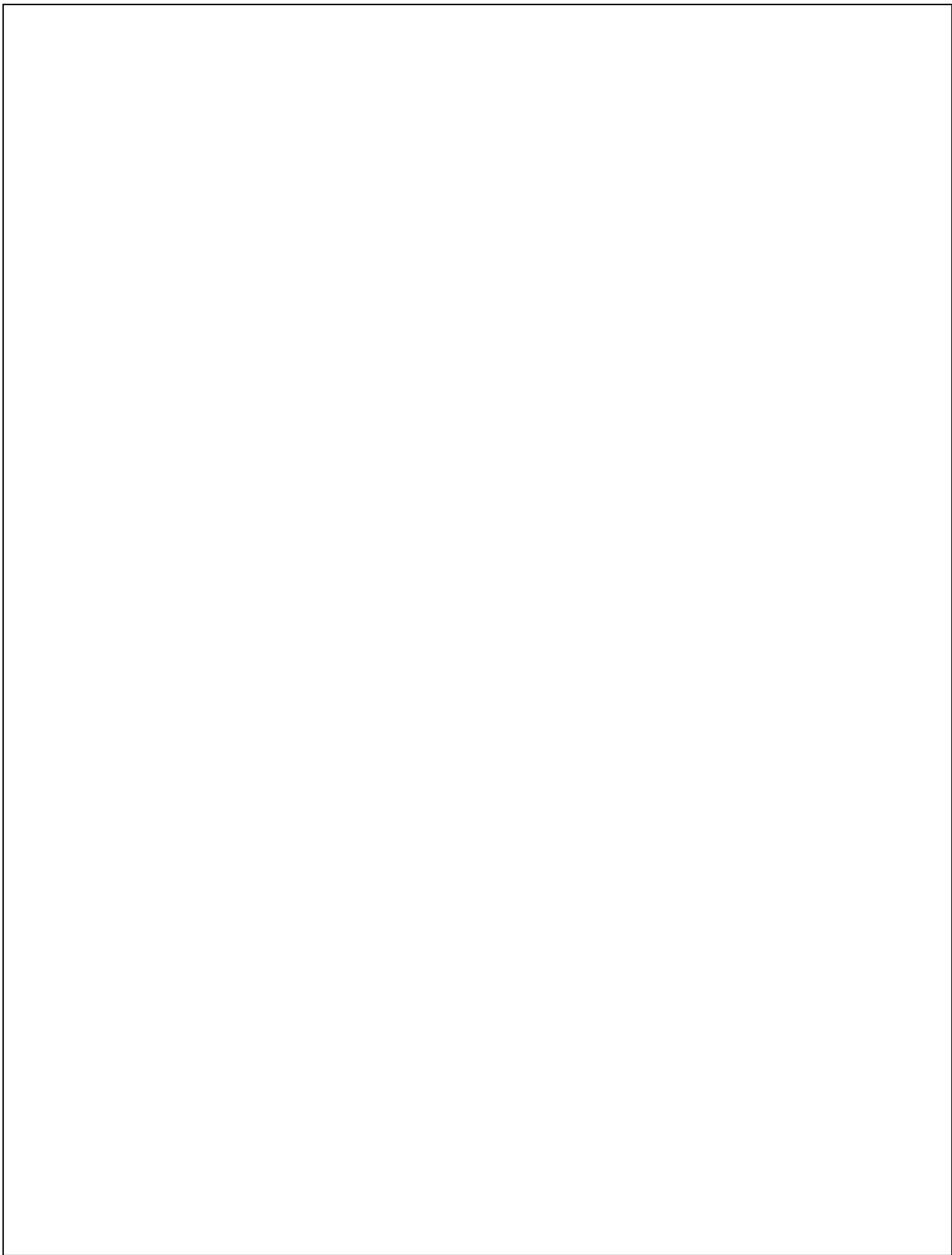
Opens Monday, August 18

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

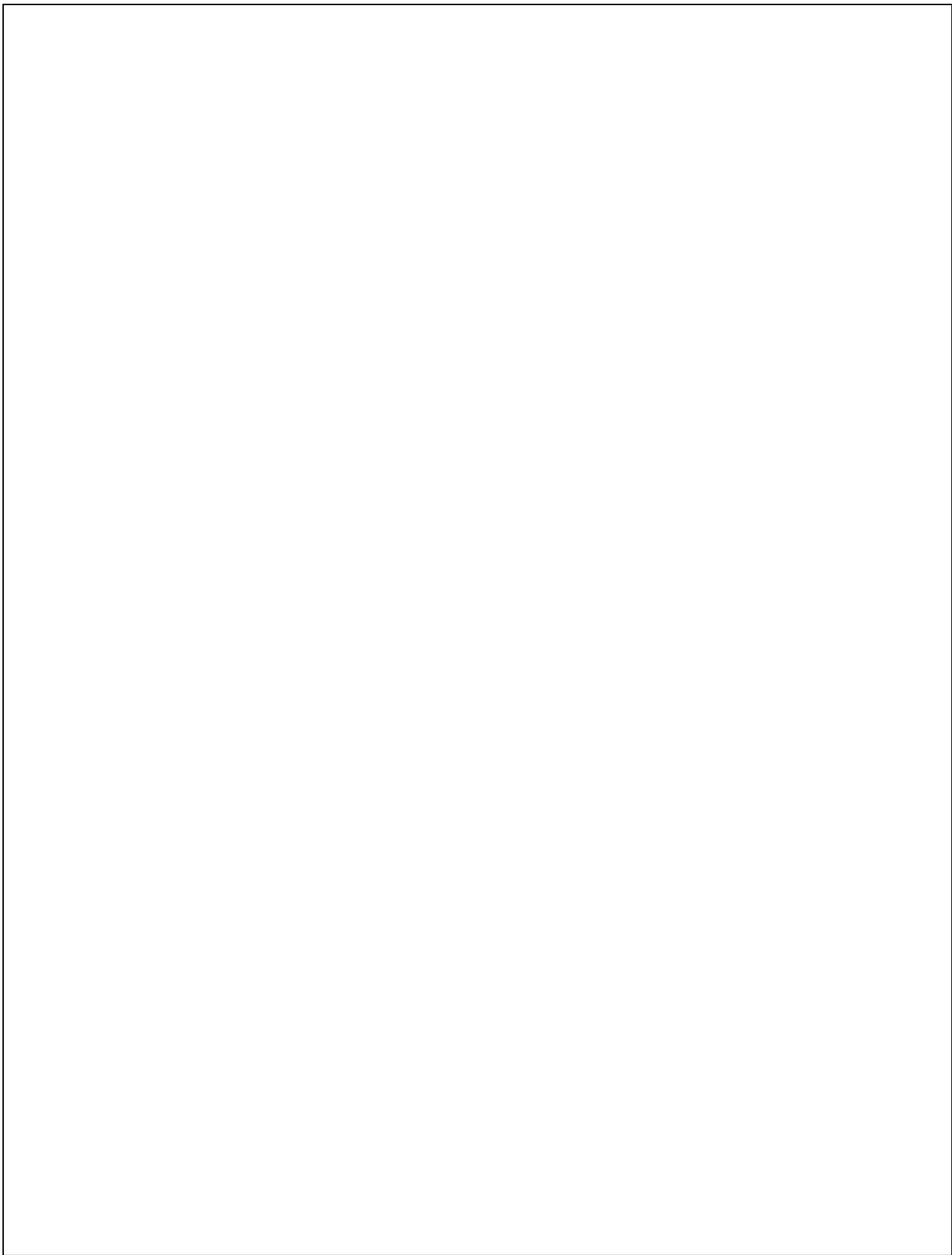
Bring the whole family,
friends, and neighbors to
enjoy this festive day!

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

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CAMP ST. NICHOLAS
**WINTER
CAMP**

**Registration: 8:00 pm on
Wednesday, October 15th, 2025**

CAMP DETAILS:

February 13th - 16th, 2026

7th - 12th graders

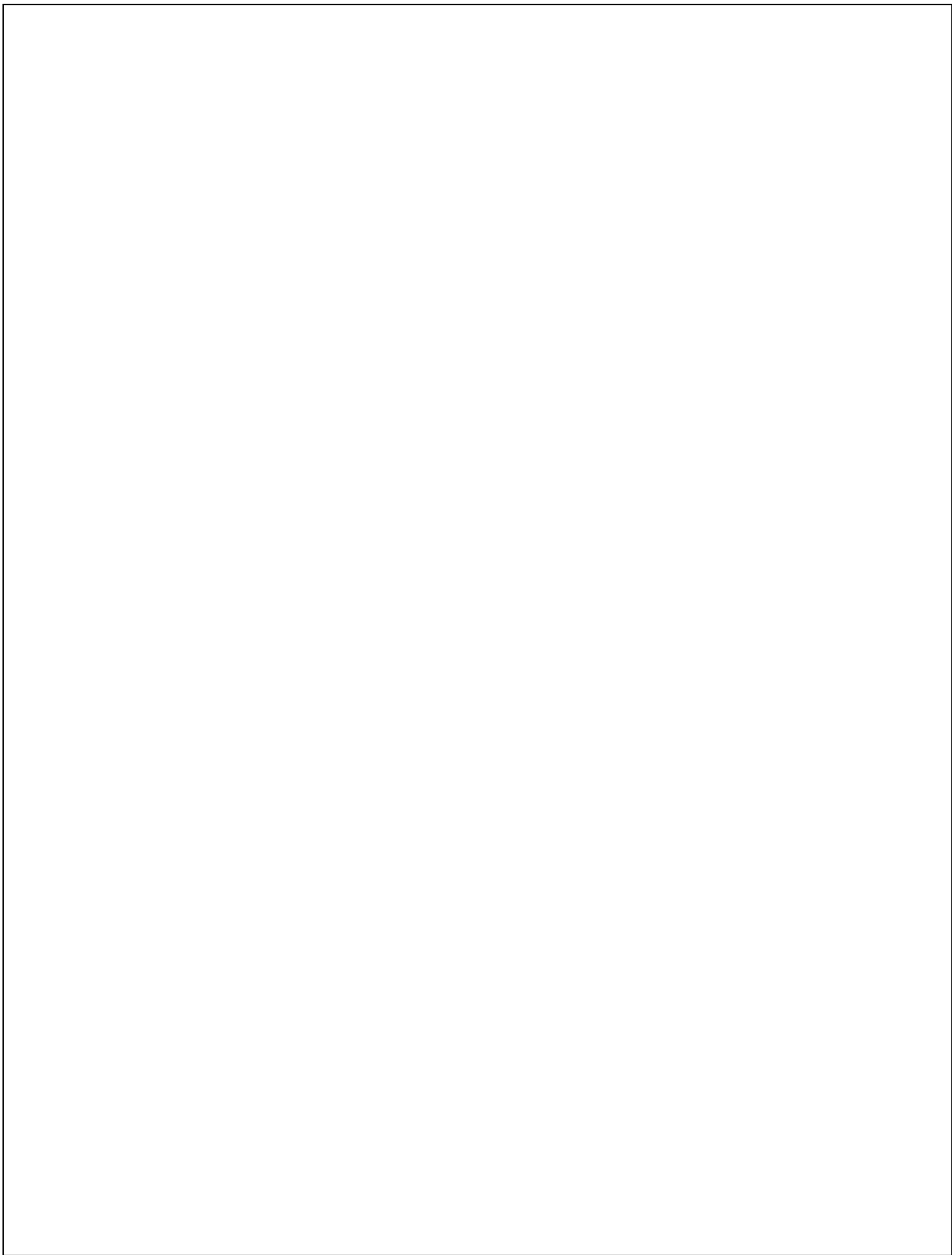
Cost: \$275 per camper

Drop off: 4:00 pm Friday

Pick up: 10:00 am Monday

Register Here!







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

