

# St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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**July 27, 2025**

**Great-martyr and healer Panteleimon  
& Seventh Sunday of Matthew  
The martyred blind man healed by Panteleimon**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Wednesday 7/30</b>	<b>Daily Vespers 6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 8/2</b>	<b>Great Vespers 4:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday 8/3</b>	<b>Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am</b>

### ENTRANCE HYMN:

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 6:** When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

### HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 6:** In Arabic.

**Apolytikion for St. Panteleimon in Tone 3:** O holy prizewinner and healer Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

**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.

**Kontakion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7:** Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

**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. Matthew. (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

**HOLY OBLATION & MEMORIAL:** is offered in memory of Sandella Goson (40days) by the Goson family. May her memory be eternal.

**CROWN REMOVAL:** of our newlyweds Stephan and Loriana Khamis. God grant them many years!

**2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE:**

## **"ST MARK IS OUR HOME"**

**Prayerfully think about your upcoming pledge for 2025. In order for us to grow, to have more programs, more educational classes, more outreach, let us give not the minimum to just keep our doors open, but to give and tithe to the future of St. Mark so we can become a beacon of Orthodoxy.**

***Financial fun fact: 100% of our 2025 operating budget of \$400,000 should be reached by our pledges, so we are not dependent on any other external income.***

**Reminder:** Every year we are to fill out a new pledge card. If you are making donations towards a pledge from last year, or haven't filled out your pledge for 2025, please scan the QR code.

**Our budget is \$400,000 and we currently have 204 pledges totaling \$418,884!**



### **Upcoming Events:**

**DORMITION FAST:** In preparation for the Feast of The Dormition, we fast from meat and dairy from August 1-15<sup>th</sup>. May it be blessed!

**DIVINE LITURGY:** Feast of the Transfiguration, Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup>. Festal Orthros 5:30pm, Divine Liturgy 6:30pm.

**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 directory.



## **ST. MARK 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA:**

**We are celebrating 40 years of St. Mark on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>! Bishop Anthony will be with us to honor our community. Scan the QR code to buy your tickets, or purchase an Ad for the souvenir Journal, or purchase raffle tickets. The deadline to purchase tickets is July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**We have childcare that evening, so all the young families with children can join!**

**We are expecting 400-500 people at the gala. Every member, friend, and family of St. Mark should be there.**



### **Souvenir Journal:**

**You can purchase an ad to honor a loved one who has passed away. To honor and congratulate the community of St. Mark from your family. To promote your business or company. See Nelson Mamey for questions.**

### **Silent Auction & Raffle:**

**We are looking for items to include in the silent auction. If you have anything to donate, please see Susan Wilde.**



# TANAKA FARMS

## *Melon Tasting*

Saturday, August 9th at 10:00am

RSVP to Aida Martinez (714) 797-7649  
or Sasha Fox (949) 573-3249 by August 1st



We will enjoy a wagon ride, pick  
one vegetable, enjoy a melon  
tasting and visit the  
barnyard.

**\$22 per picker and \$16 per nonpicker,  
ages 3 and up**



# 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



6PM Cocktails followed by 7PM Dinner, Live DJ & Dancing

AUG | 16 | 6PM

Adults: \$125 Kids: \$35  
RSVP with QR Code by 7/31 for  
Registration, Souvenir Journal,  
& Raffle Tickets



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