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August 3, 2025

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
& Eighth Sunday of Matthew**

**Our Righteous Fathers Isaacius, Dalmatus, and Faustus; Salome
the myrrh-bearer; Venerable Anthony the Roman,
wonderworker of Novgorod**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tuesday 8/5	Feast of the Transfiguration & the Blessing of Grapes. Festal Orthros 5:30pm Divine Liturgy 6:30pm
Wednesday 8/6	Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:30pm
Saturday 8/9	Great Vespers 4:00pm
Sunday 8/10	Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 7: Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 7: In 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.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7: Thou was 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 First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

**CROWN REMOVAL: of our newlyweds Jesse and Mirna Rendon.
God grant them many years!**

ST. MARK 40th ANNIVERSARY GALA:

We are celebrating 40 years of St. Mark on Saturday August 16th! Bishop Anthony will be with us to honor our community.

Scan the QR code to buy your tickets, and purchase raffle tickets. The deadline to purchase tickets is This Tuesday, August 5th.

Also, we have an amazing raffle and silent auction selection! Get your raffle tickets now to save time at the door on the evening of the gala.

See the table in the hall after Liturgy to buy your raffle tickets, or scan the QR code.

We have childcare that evening, so all the young families with children can join! Every member, friend, and family of St. Mark should be there.



Upcoming Events:

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

DIVINE LITURGY: Feast of the Transfiguration, This Tuesday August 5th. Festal Orthros 5:30pm, Divine Liturgy 6:30pm.

TINY SAINTS: On Saturday August 9th at 10:00am our newly established group, Tiny Saints (ages 3-12) will be visiting Tanaka Farms. See the flyer below.

DIVINE LITURGY: Feast of the Dormition, Thursday August 14th. Festal Orthros 5:30pm, Divine Liturgy 6:30pm.

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE:



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.



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**

TINY SAINTS WHATSAPP GROUP:

Parents with children from ages 3-12, scan the QR code to stay up to date with our Tiny Saints. See Aida Martinez with questions.



St. Marks Tiny Saints

WhatsApp group





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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