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August 31, 2025

**Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos
in Halkoprataia & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday 9/3	Daily Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday 9/6	NO VESPERS due to a wedding
Sunday 9/7	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.

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 for Placing of the Virgin's Sash in Tone 2: Thy precious sash, O Theotokos, which encompassed thy God-receiving womb, is an invincible force for thy flock, and an unfailing treasury of every good, O only Ever-virgin Mother.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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 begins on Sunday September 21st. Every child needs to be registered beforehand. Scan the QR code to register your children.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING: Sunday September 7th after Divine Liturgy. Bring your backpack to church for our back-to-school blessing!

LADIES MEETING: Antiochian Women kick off meeting! Wednesday September 17th at 6:30pm.

TINY SAINTS WHATSAPP GROUP: Signup to join this new ministry for young families and children (ages 2-8).



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





AS WE PREPARE FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR,
WE ASK GOD TO BLESS OUR STUDENTS AND
KEEP THEM SAFE

WITH OUR ANNUAL "BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS."

Are you ready?

BACKPACK BLESSING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Please have your child bring their
backpack to church and they will be
invited up on the solea for the blessing.



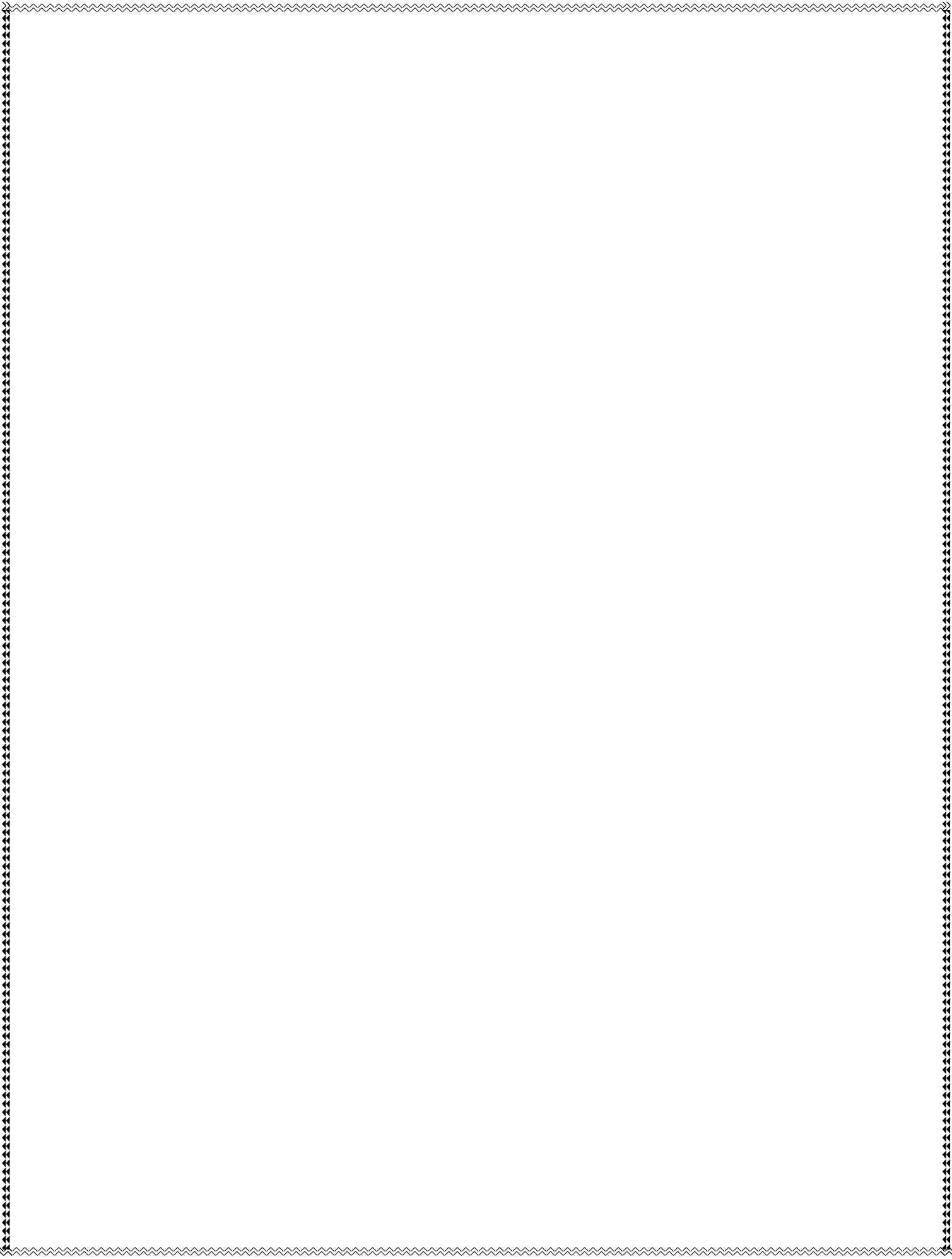
ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

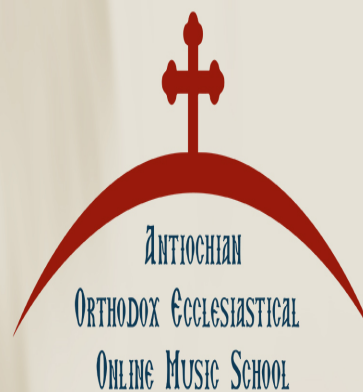
First meeting of the

Liturgical year

SEPTEMBER **17** FOLLOWING
VESPERS

Guest Speaker: Khouria Miray Katrib
Join for vespers and stay for the
first meeting of the year!
Lenten Potluck Dinner





Save the Date!

With the blessing of Metropolitan

SABA

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
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