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August 10, 2025

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost & Ninth
Sunday of Matthew**

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday 8/13	Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:30pm
Thursday 8/14	Feast of the Dormition Festal Orthros 5:30pm Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Potluck Dinner after Liturgy.
Saturday 8/16	Great Vespers 4:00pm with Bishop Anthony
Sunday 8/17	Orthros 8:45am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 10:00am with Bishop Anthony

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Apolytikion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7: When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 8: From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Transfiguration in Tone 7: 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. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those

in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly, Thou art the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

CROWN REMOVAL: of our newlyweds James and Jamie Dabbah. God grant them many years!

CHURCHING: Noor Awadalla, the daughter of Anthony and Tifania Awadalla. God grant her 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.

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.

HIERARCHICAL SERVICES:

Bishop Anthony will be at St. Mark on Saturday August 16th at 4pm for Great Vespers. Everything we do begins with prayer. Come welcome His Grace at Vespers at 4pm, and then go to the gala for cocktail hour.

Sunday August 17th, we will have Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Anthony. He loves St. Mark! Please be here, and be on time at 8:45am.

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 Dormition, Thursday August 14th. Festal Orthros 5:30pm, Divine Liturgy 6:30pm. We will have a potluck meal after Liturgy to break the fast together.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS: We need some help in the kids room during the gala. Teens, please sign up with Susan/Courtney to help volunteer.

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE:



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.



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



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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of Greater Los Angeles

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Performed by Orthodox Christian Choirs in Southern California:

Saint Andrew Choir, Riverside, Saint Luke Choir, Garden Grove, Saint Mark Choir, Irvine,
Holy Transfiguration Choir, Los Angeles, Saint Innocent Choir, Encino,
Cantors from Saint Anthony, Pasadena and Assumption Church, Long Beach
and Saint Steven’s Cathedral Choir, Alhambra

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

Concert 3:00 p.m.—Reception 5:00 p.m.—Vespers 6:00 p.m.

Saint Steven’s Cathedral

1621 West Garvey Avenue—Alhambra, CA 91803



EVERYONE WELCOME! CONCERT ADMISSION: FREE!

