

# **St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church**

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**August 17, 2025**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth  
Sunday of Matthew**

**After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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| Wednesday 8/20 | Daily Vespers 6:30pm                     |
| Saturday 8/23  | NO VESPERS due to a wedding              |
| Sunday 8/24    | Orthros 8:45am<br>Divine Liturgy 10:00am |

### ENTRANCE HYMN:

**Apolytikion of the Dormition in Tone 1:** In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

### HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 1:** While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

**Apolytikion of the Dormition in Tone 1:** 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 Dormition in Tone 2:** Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)**

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

**HOLY OBLATION:** is offered in memory for the newly departed servant of God, Ajia Fakhouri (The aunt of subdeacon Athanasius) by the Fakhouri family. May her memory be eternal.

**HOLY OBLATION:** is offered in memory of Roger Tierney (3 years) by Carol Tierney and family. May his memory be eternal.

**HOLY OBLATION AND COFFEEHOUR:** is hosted in honor of Samir Elias Khamis on his ordination as a Subdeacon. God grant him many years!

**HOLY OBLATION:** is offered in honor of Tammy Qutami on her induction into The Order of St. Ignatius. God grant her many years!

**WELCOME BISHOP ANTHONY:** We are very thankful for your visit here at St. Mark to celebrate our 40<sup>-year</sup> Anniversary! Many years Master!

**Upcoming Events:**

**2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE:**



**CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Church School begins on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 2-8, scan the QR code to stay up to date with our Tiny Saints. See Aida Martinez with questions.**



# **St. Marks Tiny Saints**

WhatsApp group





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*Featuring Orthodox Christian choirs from Greater Los Angeles*



## “WE MAGNIFY THEE”

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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

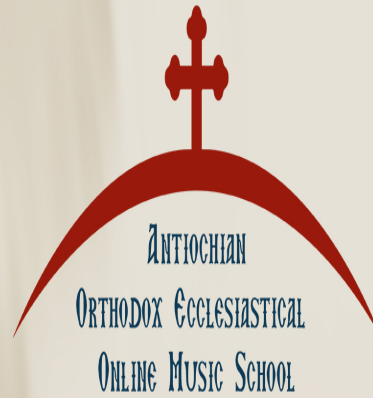
Concert 3:00 p.m.—Reception 5:00 p.m.—Vespers 6:00 p.m.

Saint Steven’s Cathedral

1621 West Garvey Avenue—Alhambra, CA 91803



**EVERYONE WELCOME! CONCERT ADMISSION: FREE!**



# Save the Date!

With the blessing of Metropolitan

## SABA

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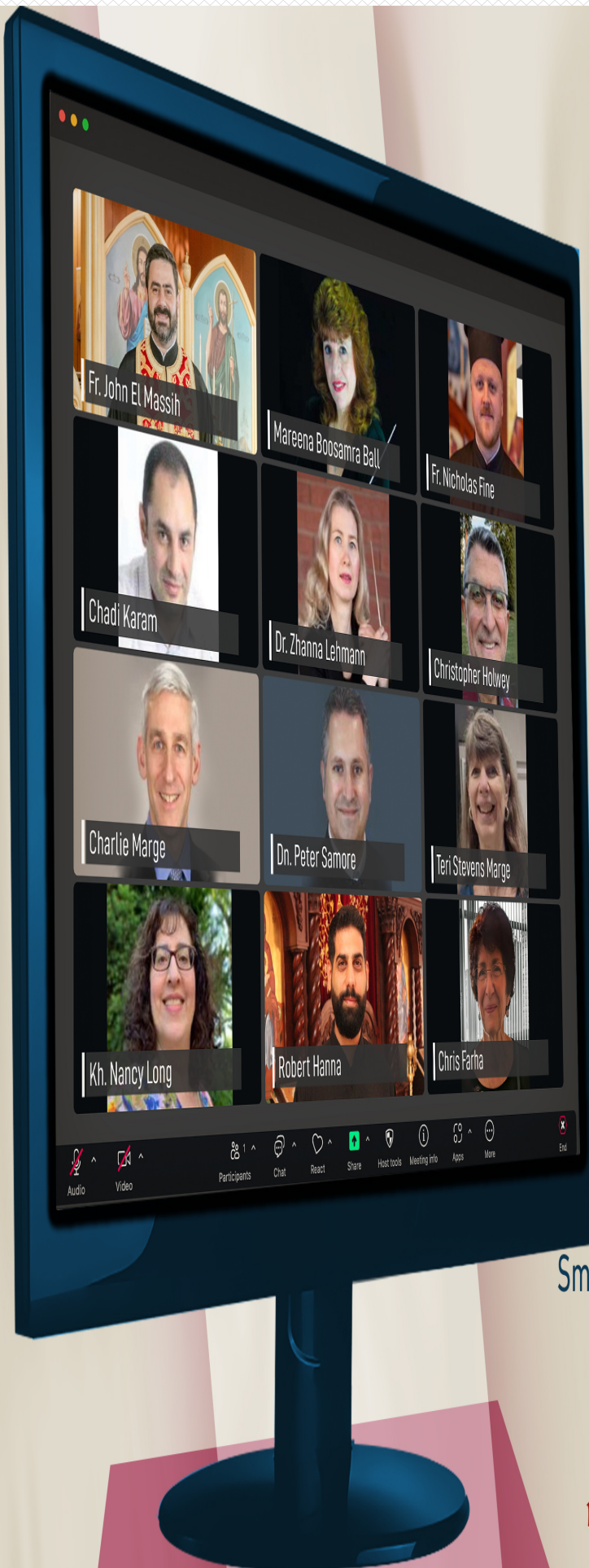
Opens Monday, August 18

Classes meet weekly for 14 weeks

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Starting Monday, September 8, 2025

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# St Mark Men's club

WhatsApp group

