

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church

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September 21, 2025

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Apostle Quadratos of the Seventy; Prophet Jonah

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Wednesday 9/24	Daily Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday 9/27	No Vespers due to a wedding
Sunday 9/28	Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10:00am

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Apolytikion of the Holy Cross in Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

The Eisodion (Entrance Hymn) of the Feast: Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE:

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.

Apolytikion of the Holy Cross 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 Elevation of the Holy Cross in Tone 4: Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you,

there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

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.



HOLY OBLATION & MEMORIAL/COFFEHOURL: is offered in memory of Mariam Qaqish (1 year) by Mazen Qaqish and Family. May her memory be eternal.

HOLY OBLATION: is offered for Joe Daruty on the occasion of his 95th birthday, by the Daruty family. God grant him many years!

Upcoming Events:

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Church School begins today. Every child needs to be registered beforehand. Scan the QR code to register your children.



CHANT/READER CLASS: Interested in learning to chant? Starting today after Communion with Reader Mark Ellis. Open to everyone!

TEEN SOYO POOL PARTY: Sunday September 28 after Divine Liturgy. See Fatin Fakhouri to sign up.

MEN'S NIGHT: Come hangout on Thursday October 2nd at 6:00pm with dinner, games, and football! See Claude Chalouhi with questions.

BREAST CANCER WALK: Saturday October 18th at 9am.

FALL FESTIVAL: Saturday November 1, beginning at 4pm with Great Vespers. Come join for dinner, games, prizes, and candy!

TINY SAINTS WHATSAPP GROUP: Signup to join this new ministry for young families and children (ages2-8).



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



Diocese of Los Angeles & the West

Fall Gathering

in the Redwoods.

Hosted by
Ss. Peter & Paul, Ben Lomond, CA

October
10-12, 2025

Presiding:
His Grace Bishop
ANTHONY

Registration &
Hotel Information:



www.SsPeterandPaulOrthodox.com



Friday, October 10:
5:00 PM - Registration
5:30 PM - Vespers
6:30 PM - Dinner

Saturday, October 11:
8 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast
9 AM - Morning Prayers & Opening Address
9:30 AM to 1 PM - Organizational Meetings
1:00 PM - Lunch
2:00 PM Music Workshop, Hiking,
- Games, Service Project
5:00 PM - or varied activities
5:30 PM - Great Vespers at Ss. Peter & Paul
6:30 PM - Dinner



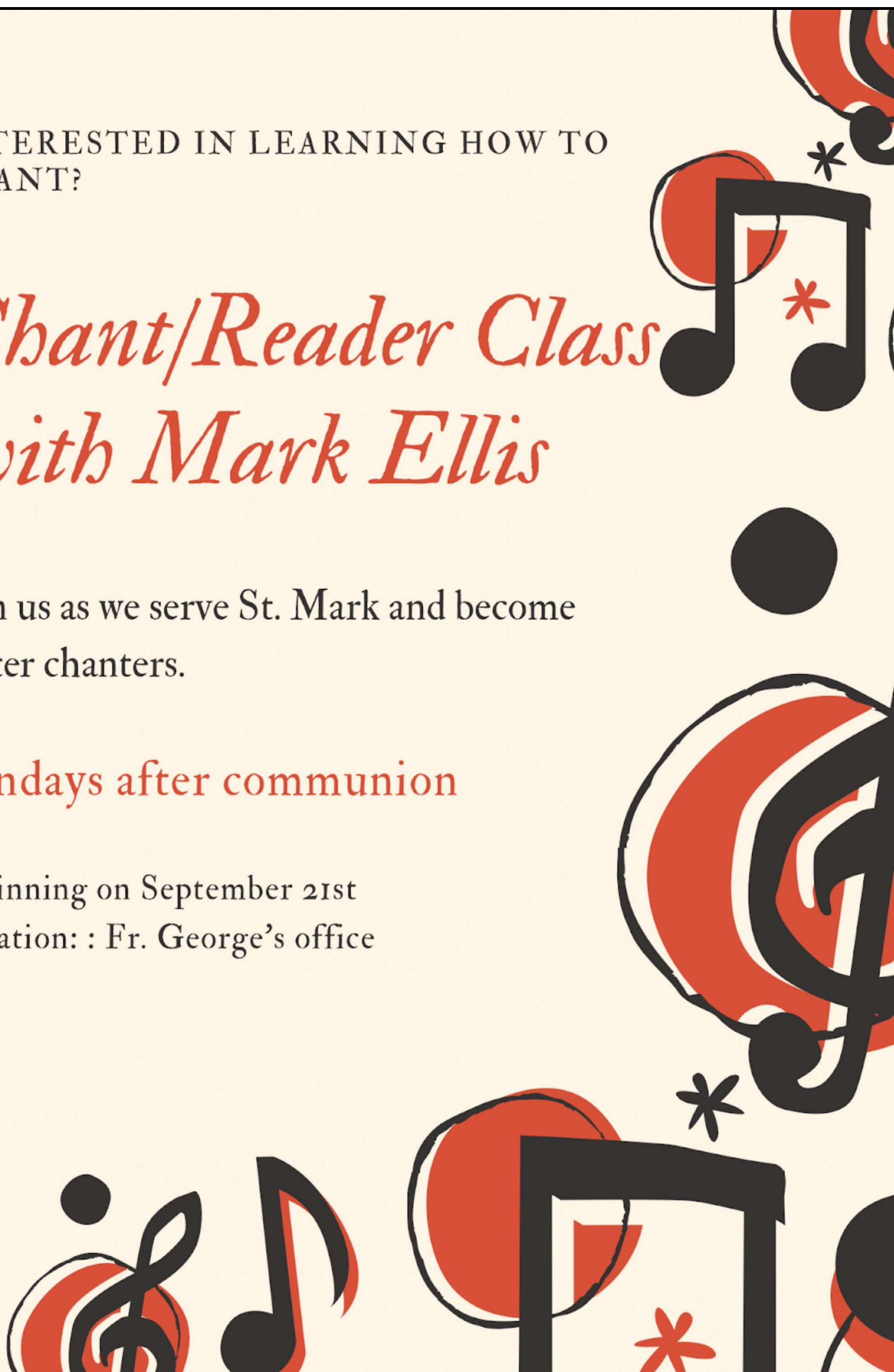
INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO
CHANT?

Chant/Reader Class with Mark Ellis

Join us as we serve St. Mark and become
better chanters.

Sundays after communion

Beginning on September 21st
Location: : Fr. George's office







St. Mark teen SOYO

9/28/2025

Pool Party

SUNDAY

AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

2065 Knollcrest

Irvine Ca 92603

hosted by Dabit Family

Rula Dabit (626) 665-1096

Fatin Fakhouri (951)505-8798



ST. MARK

 Fall
FESTIVAL
All Saints

SATURDAY, NOV. 1ST

Bring the whole family,
friends, and neighbors to
enjoy this festive day!

STARTING WITH VESPERS AT 4:00 PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Dinner
Costume Contest
Family-friendly games
Arts & crafts
Cotton Candy
Prizes

Don't miss out on this perfect fall day!

ST. MARK CHURCH SCHOOL FOCUS PROGRAM

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor" Proverbs 22:9

LET US TEACH OUR CHILDREN THE
IMPORTANCE OF ALMSGIVING
ONE CAN AT A TIME!

Help Us Build the FOCUS Food Pantry!

Each Sunday, bring your favorite **non-perishable food item** to class to support those in need. Your donations will go directly to the FOCUS pantry to help feed local families.

Teachers will keep track of your contributions, and students who participate regularly will have a chance to **win a prize at the end of the school year!**

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