

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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Sunday, February 18, 2024; Tone 4 / Eothinon 4 Leo the Great, pope of Rome Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia, and his companions

Welcome to SMG

Welcome to our parish and please stay after the Divine Liturgy to share in fellowship with us as we would love to get to know you better. During school term, your children are also welcome to join our Church School lessons, which takes place directly after the Divine Liturgy in the Parish house.

You will notice that at SMG we do not pass a plate collection, and that general donations and offerings can be placed in the donation boxes located at the candle stands as you enter the Church. Generally, our parishioners participate in the Financial Stewardship Program based on regular ongoing pledging.

We look forward to meeting you. And please feel free to take this bulletin home.

Today's Divine Liturgy

Refer p.11 of service book

Troparion for the Resurrection, in tone four

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the Disciples saying: Death has been spoiled, Christ God is risen granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion of the Archangels tone 4

Commanders of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you; by your prayers encompass us under the wings of your incorporeal glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you; deliver us from all harm, for you are the commanders of the powers on high.

Kontakion of the Theotokos tone 2

Protector of Christians, champion undefeated, mediator most sure with our creator, disregard not the voice of prayer of sinners, but come quickly in your goodness, to help us who cry out to you with faith: Be swift to intercede, make hast to supplicate, O Theotokos, protector always of those who honour you.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon; *Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (15: 21-28)

At that time, 21 Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." 23 But Jesus did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." 24 Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And Jesus answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Important Messages

Confessions and prayer requests



Father Michal is available to hear confessions and receive prayer requests at any time during the week and weekend.

Please contact Fr Michal via mobile/ SMS on 0403 847 690 or email parishpriest@smg.org.au

SMG Financial Stewardship Program



The Financial Stewardship Program at SMG is a simple, practical and a Christian plan aimed at funding the operations of the parish and its ministry programs. Participation encourages us to express our financial commitment in a Christ-centred way as expressed in the scriptures and creates a predictable flow of income. For more information about our Stewardship Program or to start a regular pledge, please speak to SMG Treasurer, Marisa Gazaleh, or contact her via treasurer@smg.org.au. New pledging forms can be found at the entry of the Church.

Pledges and/or general donations can be made by EFT to the following bank account: Commonwealth Bank | Name: Sts Michael & Gabriel Orthodox Church | BSB: 062-310 | Account: 1012 8321

Our Liturgical Calendar and Events



To join our database, please complete the link below and select your areas of interest.

<https://antiochian.breezechms.com/form/smg>

Event details can also be found on our calendar here:

<http://smg.org.au/whats-oncalendar/>



Ladies Auxiliary Bible study

Session are held every Monday at 10.30am. after the Paraklesis service. Hosted by Fr Michal.

For more information, please contact Fr Michal or Nouha on 0404 886 964

Adult Bible study

Next session:

Fortnightly at parish hall at 7.00 pm

For more information, please contact

Lydia Gore; 0404224060

or

Nada Saad |email <accounts@smg.org.au>



Orthodox Youth and Young Adults (OYYA) Bible Study and Spiritual Talks

Weekly Bible Studies and Spiritual Talks

For more information, please contact

Mary Khoury | marykhoury@gmail.com

| 0401 399 920

SMG Under 5's Playgroup



**ST MICHAEL AND GABRIEL
PLAYGROUP**
www.smg.org.au

Playgroup is held every Thursday during school term, 10.30am-12.30pm at Sts Michael & Gabriel Church hall 72 Belmore St Ryde

The playgroup is an informal gathering for parents and caregivers with children under the age of 5. All children must be supervised by an adult carer.

For more information please contact:

Dr Victoria Khoury on drvictoriajk@ihug.com.au or 0414 547 842. Facebook: SMG Playgroup Meadowbank.

Church



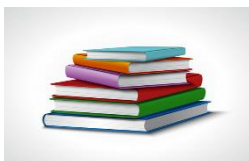
School

SMG Church School lessons are held in the parish hall after Divine Liturgy during school term. All students are encouraged and welcome to join the children's choir.

For more information please contact:

Dr Victoria Khoury on drvictoriajk@ihug.com.au or 0414 547 842.

SMG Bookshop



Please also note that stock is now permanently located in the new cabinets opposite the kitchen.

EFPTOS facility is now available for any purchase at SMG Bookshop.

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CDs "Out of the Mouths of Infants" (Hymns of the Orthodox Great Feasts for Children) \$15

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For any further information please see Maria Haddad (mhaddad391@gmail.com) or Raymond Haddad (raymondhaddad5@gmail.com)

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Theophany house blessings



We wish you a blessed Theophany.

During the days following the Feast of the Theophany (January 6th), it is customary for the Priest to visit the homes of his parishioners, bringing with him the “blessing Water” for the traditional Theophany House Blessing.

To arrange a house blessing following the Feast, please contact Rev Fr Michal via mobile 0403 847 690 or email parishpriest@smg.org.au.

Please also feel free to contact Fr Michal if you know of any families in the area who may like to meet Father and partake in this important event for our community.

Sts Michael and Gabriel Orthodox Church

2024 Annual Dinner

Friday 1st March 2024
6.30pm

Renaissance
3 New St E, Lidcombe

Adults \$120
Children \$60 (Under 10)

Includes Mezza, 3 course meal, drinks and entertainment

Ramzi Wardini 0414 288 236
Wissam Hayak 0405 699 178

Thank you for your continued support

Fr. Josiah Trenham visiting Australia and presenting lectures in Sydney

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Join us for an enriching lecture series, delving into profound topics with Fr. Josiah Trenham. Fr. Josiah Trenham is a distinguished speaker known for his insightful perspectives on faith in the modern world. Fr. Josiah serves as the pastor of St. Andrew Antiochian Orthodox Church in Riverside, California. These engaging talks promise to be enlightening and inspiring for those seeking a deeper understanding of their Orthodox faith.

Fr. Josiah is presenting 2 lectures, at the "The Theatre" of Bankstown Sports Club. (8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown)

- Lecture 1 - Wednesday, 28th of February 2024 - Church as a Hospital : Healing our Diseases (Suitable for youth 14+ years of age)
- Lecture 2 - Thursday, 29th of February 2024 - Talk 2: Enduring Love (Suitable for couples and families)
 - Doors Open : 7:00pm, Lecture Starts at 7:30 pm

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! Secure your tickets at <https://www.acoy.com.au/>