

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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**Sunday, February 25, 2024; Tone 5 / Eothinon 5 Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican
Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of
Apamea in Syria**

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 the Fifth Tone

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious Resurrection.

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 Pharisee and the Publican, in the Fourth Tone

Let us run away from the words of the boastful Pharisee, and learn the humility of the Publican, crying with sighs to the Saviour, Have mercy upon us, O You alone of true

The Epistle

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

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortionist, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 (Friday) 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 | maryhkhoury@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

PENS "Sts Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church" with **stylus** \$5 each or 5 for \$20

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

- Recent release book titles
- New range of jewellery including handmade crosses, bracelets and prayer ropes

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

Divine Lantern Media and ACOY, in association with Patristic Nectar Publications, with the blessing and by the invitation of His Eminence Metropolitan Basilios, the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines are pleased to welcome and present our distinguished guest all the way from California, Fr Josiah Trenham.

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/>