

# Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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**Sunday, August 30, 2020; Tone 3 / Eothinon 1 Leave-taking of the commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople**

## 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 three**

**Let** the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, For the Lord has done a mighty act with his own arm. He has trampled death by death and became the first born from the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hades, granting the world the great mercy.

### **Troparion of the Baptist's beheading in tone two**

**The memory** of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner. For you have proved to be truly even more venerable than the prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the running waters him whom they proclaimed. Wherefore having contested for the truth you did rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades that God has appeared in the flesh taking away the sin of the world and granting us 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 for the Nativity of the Theotokos, in the Fourth Tone**

**By your** holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; your people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto you: The barren does give birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life.

## The Epistle

**Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises clap your hands, all you nation**

### **The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11)**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

# The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

## The reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? There is No good but One, and that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Jesus, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again, I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

## Important Messages

### Hospitality Sundays

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2)*

As many of you know, following Sunday Divine Liturgy we gather to enjoy fellowship and a light snack. This is a wonderful time to catch up with fellow parishioners and greet our guests. Hospitality Sundays are hosted by parish volunteers, one of the many service opportunities at Sts. Michael and Gabriel.



Maybe you also want to celebrate a special occasion in your family? Hosting a Hospitality Sunday is a great way to bring that celebration into the church family.

We ask people hosting to please observe fasting guidelines. Please also note that Sts. Michael and Gabriel parish supplies coffee, tea, milk, cups, plates and cutlery.

Please contact Fr Michal with your preferred date.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



Event details can also be found on our calendar here:

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

## Adult Bible study

We are holding fortnightly Adult Bible Studies on Fridays at 7pm.

Currently these are held online.

For details and to join contact Sub-Deacon Jason Israel on [jisrael@antiochian.org.au](mailto:jisrael@antiochian.org.au)

## SMG Youth and Young Adult Bible Study

We are holding fortnightly Bible Studies for Youth and Young Adults ages 16 to 35.

Currently these are held online.

For details and to join contact Sub-Deacon Jason Israel on [jisrael@antiochian.org.au](mailto:jisrael@antiochian.org.au)

## Ladies Auxiliary Bible study

Every Monday at 6.00 pm. Paraklesis service.

Followed by Arabic Bible study Hosted by Fr Michal.

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

## SMG Under 5's Playgroup



**ST MICHAEL AND GABRIEL  
PLAYGROUP**  
[www.smg.org.au](http://www.smg.org.au)

**Playgroup is held every Thursday during school term, 10am-12pm at Shepherd's Bay Community Centre, 3a Bay Drive, Meadowbank.**

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 via [drvictoriajk@ihug.com.au](mailto:drvictoriajk@ihug.com.au) or 0414 547 842. Facebook: SMG Playgroup Meadowbank.

## Church School



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

Contact: Christine Ayoub, SMG Church School  
Director  
0410643685 | [cjabbour23@hotmail.com](mailto:cjabbour23@hotmail.com)

## 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.  
**NOW SELLING**

**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](mailto:mhaddad391@gmail.com)) or Raymond Haddad ([raymondhaddad5@gmail.com](mailto:raymondhaddad5@gmail.com))

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## Pre-marriage course

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

The sessions will be held at the hall in the St Nicholas Parish, Henry Street  
Punchbowl.

You can register at: <https://www.antiochian.org.au/event/pre-marriage-spring-2020/>