

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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Sunday, September 06, 2020; Tone 4 / Eothinon, The miracle of the Archangel Michael in Colossae Archippos of Hierapolis; Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno, Romulus and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia

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

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The Troparion for the resurrection (Fourth Tone)

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 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: O Lord, how marvelous are your works. In wisdom have you made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (16:13-24)

13 Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, and be strong. **14** Let all that you do be done in love. **15** Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; **16.** I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. **17** I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; **18** for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. **19** The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. **20** All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. **21** I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. **22** If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! **23** The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. **24** My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew (21:33-42)

The Lord spoke this parable: There was a man a householder, who planted a vineyard, and made a hedge round about it, and dug a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen and went into a strange country.* And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.* And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another.* Again he sent other servants more than the firsts: and they did unto them likewise.* But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, they will reverence my son.* But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.* And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.*When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen.*They say unto him he will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.* Jesus said unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, the stone which the builders rejected the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

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

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



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

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

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

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 or 0414 547 842. Facebook: SMG Playgroup Meadowbank.

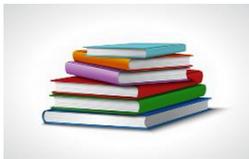
Church School



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
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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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Thank you for your cooperation.

Pre-marriage course

Tuesday 22nd September, 6:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday 23rd 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/>