

# **Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)**

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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**Sunday, January 24, 2021; Tone 8 / Eothion 11 Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, fool-for-Christ  
Righteous Mother Xenia the merciful of Rome; Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily; Venerable Philotheos,  
founder of Philotheou monastery on Athos**

## **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 8**

**From** the heights You did descend, O Compassionate One and You did submit to the three day burial that You might deliver us from passions. You are our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to You.

### **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.

### **The Kontakion for the presentation of Our Lord tone one**

**O Christ** our God, who by your birth made holy the virgin's womb, and blessed the arms of Simeon, as was fit, who anticipated our need, and now have come to save us, give peace to your people in their struggles, and make strong those rulers whom You have loved, O only Lover of mankind.

## **The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon;** *O Lord, save your people, and bless your inheritance. Unto You have I cried, O Lord, my God.*

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:15-17)**

**Timothy**, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

# The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

## The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

**At that** time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

## 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.

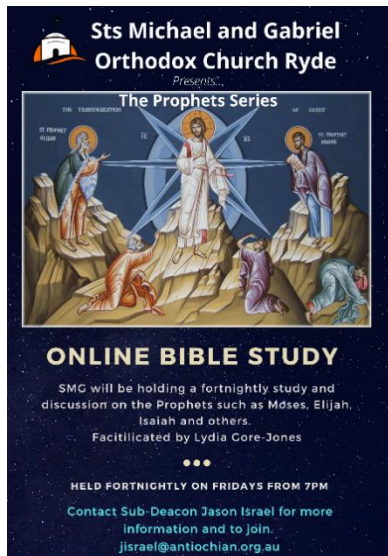
Pledges and/or general donations can be made by EFT to the following bank account: Commonwealth Bank | Name: Sts Michael & Gabriel Orthodox Church | BSB: 062-310 | Account: 1012 8321

## 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)

## MG 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 6.30 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



**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



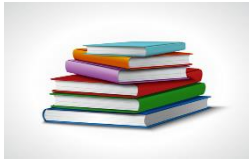
**SMG Church School lessons are held in the parish house after Divine Liturgy during school term. All students are encouraged and welcome to join the children's choir.**

Contact: Christine Ayoub, SMG Church School

Director

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# 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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- 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](mailto: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.

## **SPOCE- Semester 2021**

Under the Patronage of His Eminence Basilios, we are pleased to announce a new semester 2021 of St Paul's Orthodox Christian Education which offers short courses on the Orthodox Christian Faith.

These Courses are highly recommended for the youth of our Archdiocese, especially Sunday school teachers, choir members, youth leaders and members and anyone else seeking to increase their knowledge of the Orthodox Christian Faith.

Due to Popular demand, we have increased our offering to three units per teaching period. Classes resume February of 2021 and places are limited. To register your interest and for more information visit:

<https://www.antiochian.org.au/departments/education/spoce/>

## **Divine Lantern Podcast**

Under the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Basilios, the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia is

proud to announce 'The Divine Lantern', a podcast (audio series) designated to Educate, Empower and Enrich the lives of listeners. Released weekly, The Divine Lantern offers sermons from our clergy, interviews with members of our Archdiocese, readings from the lives of the Saints and plus more. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.antiochian.org.au/resources/books-publications/podcast/>