

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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Sunday, April 04, 2021; Tone 2 / Eothinon 10 Third Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross Venerable George of Mt. Maleon; Martyrs Theodoulos the reader and Agathopodos the deacon of Thessalonica; Venerable Theonas, archbishop of Thessalonica; Isidore, bishop of Seville

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 of the Resurrection, in Tone Two

When You O immortal life went down to death You did destroy death by the splendor of Your divinity and when You did raise the dead from the underworld all the powers of heaven cried aloud unto: You O Christ our God, giver of life, glory to You.

Troparion of the Holy Cross, In Tone 1

Save O Lord Your people and bless your inheritance, grant unto the faithful victory over adversaries, and by the power of Your Cross do you preserve your commonwealth.

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 Sundays in Great Lent, in Tone 8

O Champion leader, to you I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos you have delivered me from terror. And as you have invincible power, O Theotokos, you alone can set me free from all danger. Set me free and deliver me that I may cry out to you: hail, O Bride without bridegroom.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon: Save O Lord your people and bless your inheritance. Unto you will I cry O Lord O my God?

Reading from Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon him, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also, Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten Thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The Reading from the Holy Gospel According To St. Mark (8:34-9.1)

The Lord said, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

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/>

Sts Michael and Gabriel
Orthodox Church Ryde
Presents...

The Prophets Series

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

SMG will be holding a fortnightly study and discussion on the Prophets such as Moses, Elijah, Isaiah and others.
Facilitated by Lydia Gore-Jones

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HELD FORTNIGHTLY ON FRIDAYS FROM 7PM

Contact Sub-Deacon Jason Israel for more information and to join.
jisrael@antiochian.org.au

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

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

Ladies Auxiliary Bible study

Every Monday at 6.00 pm. The Great compline 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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