

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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Sunday, November 21, 2021, Tone 5 / Eothinon 11 Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

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 coeternal 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 Entrance of the Theotokos in tone four

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. you have appeared in the Temple of God openly and have gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

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 (The Presentation of Our Lady) tone 4

The all-pure temple of the Saviour the most precious bridal-chamber and Virgin the treasure-house of the glory of God today entered the Temple of the Lord bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle

The Epistle

***Prokeimenon:** My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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 and Events



Event details can also be found on our calendar here:

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

To join our database, please complete the link below and select your areas of interest.

<https://antiochian.breezechms.com/form/smg>

SMG Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible study

Next session:

Fortnightly Online at 7.00 pm

For more information please contact

Sub-Deacon Jason | jisrael@antiochian.org.au

Ladies Auxiliary Bible study

Sessions are held every second Monday at 6.00pm. after the Paraklesis service. Hosted by Fr Michal.

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



Orthodox Youth and Young Adults (OYYA) Bible Study and Spiritual Talks

Weekly Bible Studies and Spiritual Talks

For more information please contact

Sub-Deacon Jason | jisrael@antiochian.org.au

Mary Khoury | 0401 399 920

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 on drvictoriajk@ihug.com.au or 0414 547 842. Facebook: SMG Playgroup Meadowbank.

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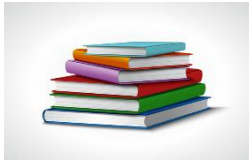
School

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.

Classes are currently online, please contact Christine Ayoub for details:

Christine Ayoub, SMG Church School Director
0410643685 | cjabbour23@hotmail.com

SMG Bookshop



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EFPTOS facility is now available for any purchase at SMG Bookshop.

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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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Glory to God!

Sts Michael & Gabriel Church, Ryde is open to the public from Sunday the 24th of October.

ALL are welcome.

Please note that we are restricted by square metre rules. For this reason, we encourage you to come early to ensure entry before capacity is reached.

Our website has a calendar with details of service times at

www.smg.org.au



We look forward to praying together with you soon. +++

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