

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

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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**Sunday, November 28, 2021; Tone 6 / Eothinon 1 Venerable-martyr Stephen the New  
Martyr Irinarchos of Sebaste and those with him**

### **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 six**

**When** Mary stood at Your grave, looking for Your sacred body, angelic powers shone above Your revered tomb and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men You led Hades captive and was not tempted thereby, You did meet the Virgin and did give life to the world O You who are risen from the dead O Lord Glory to You.

#### **Troparion of St. Stephen the new in tone four**

**Trained** on the mountain in ascetical labours, with the whole armour of the Cross you did vanquish the spiritual arrays of unseen enemies; and when you stripped yourself with great courage for contest, you did slay Copronymus with the sword of the true Faith. For both these things you have been crowned by God, O righteous Martyr, blessed Stephen of great renown.

#### **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 of preparation of Christ's nativity in tone three**

**Today** the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when you hear, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.

### **The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon:** *O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.*

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)**

**Brethren,** God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

## The reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke (18: 18-27)

**18** At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **19** And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. **20** You know the commandments: `Do not commit adultery, do not kill, do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" **21** And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." **22** And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **23** But when the man heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. **24** Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! **25** For 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." **26** Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" **27** But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with 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 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](mailto:jisrael@antiochian.org.au)

### Ladies Auxiliary Bible study

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

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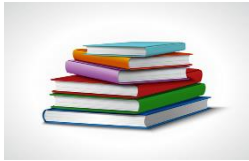
School

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](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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## 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](http://www.smg.org.au)



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

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