

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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Sunday, October 31, 2021; Tone 2 / Eothinon 8

**Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban, Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy Martyr
Epimachos of Alexandria; New-martyr Nicholas of Chios**

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 Tone 2

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 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 the Theotokos tone 2

Protector of Christians, champion undefeated, mediator most sure with our creator, disregard not the voice of prayer of sinners, but come quickly in your goodness, to help us who cry out to you with faith: Be swift to intercede, make hast to supplicate, O Theotokos, protector always of those who honour you.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon: *The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who 14 years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16: 19)

The Lord said: "There was a certain rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen and feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died and was buried. And in hades being in torments he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, Father Abraham have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am anguish in this flame. But Abraham said: Son remember that you in your lifetime received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things: but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us. Then I beg father to send him to my father's house, For I have five brothers, so that he may warn them lest they also come into this place of torment. But Abraham said, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, No, Father Abraham: but if someone goes to them from the dead they will repent. He said to him, if they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

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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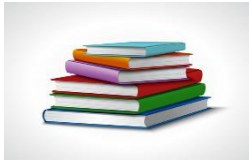
School

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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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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