

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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Sunday, December 05, 2021; Tone 7 / Eothinon 2 God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified Martyr Diogenes; Venerable Nektarios of Yagaris Kelli and Philotheos of Karyes on Athos; Guriors, missionary bishop of Kazan; Venerable Nektarios of Bitol in Bulgaria

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 7

You did shatter death by Your Cross, You did open Paradise to the thief, You did turn the mourning of the Myrrh bearing women into joy, and did bid Your Apostles proclaim a warning, that You have risen O Christ granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion of St. Nicholas in Tone 8

The barren wilderness you did make fertile with the streams of your tears; and by your deep sighing you have given fruit through your struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, you have become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Sabbas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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: *The saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control: against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a person is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore such a one in a spirit of meekness; looking to yourself, lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (13: 10-17)

10 At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. **11** And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. **12** And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." **13** And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. **14** But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." **15** Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? **16** And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" **17** As Jesus said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

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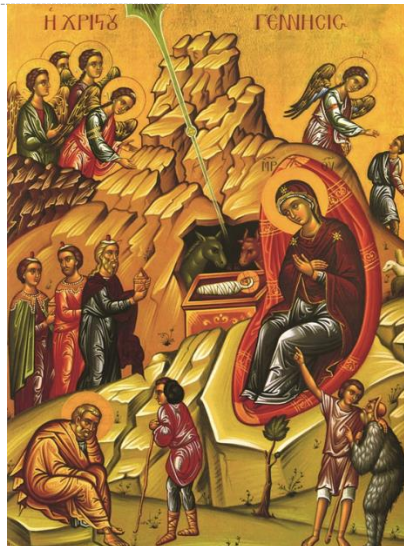
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For any further information please see Maria Haddad (mhaddad391@gmail.com) or Raymond Haddad (raymondhaddad5@gmail.com)

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2021 Nativity Services



Christmas Eve

Friday 24 December

1. Royal Hours & Vespertal Liturgy 8.30am

2. Holy Nativity Service
Matins & Divine Liturgy 7.00pm

Christmas Day

Saturday 25 December

Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Divine Liturgy 10.00am

New Year's Eve

Friday 31 December

St Basil Liturgy 6.00pm