

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

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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**Sunday, May 15, 2022; Tone 3 / Eothinon 5 Fourth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic Venerable Pachomios the Great of Egypt; Achilles, bishop of Larisa; Martyr Barbaros the myrrh-streaming of Corfu**

### **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*

**Christ is risen Truly He is risen**

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection tone 5**

**Christ** is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

#### **Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Third Tone**

**Let** the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm; He hath trampled down death by death and become the first born from the dead; He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting world great mercy.

#### **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 Pascha, in the Eighth Tone**

**Even** though You descended into grave, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades, Christ our God and rose victorious. You greeted the Myrrh bearers, gave peace to Your Apostles, and granted resurrection to the fallen.

### **The Epistle**

**Prokeimenon:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.

#### **The reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles (9: 32-42)**

**In those** days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. 36 Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 37 In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

# The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

## The reading from the holy Gospel according to St John (5:1-15)

1 At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. 5 One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." 11 But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, `Take up your pallet, and walk.'" 12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, `Take up your pallet, and walk'?" 13 Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14 Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." 15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed 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](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

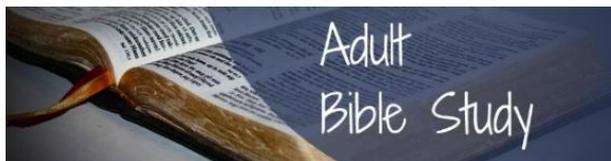


**To join our database, please complete the link below and select your areas of interest.**

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

Event details can also be found on our calendar here:

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



## 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

## SMG Adult Bible Study

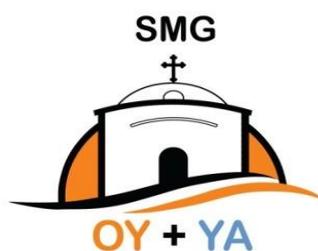
### Adult Bible study

Next session:

Fortnightly Online at 7.00 pm

For more information please contact

Deacon Jason | [jisrael@antiochian.org.au](mailto:jisrael@antiochian.org.au)



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

Weekly Bible Studies and Spiritual Talks

For more information please contact

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 Sts Michael & Gabriel Church hall 72 Belmore St Ryde**

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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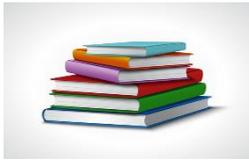


School

**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.**

Gina Berjil, SMG Church School Director  
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## 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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