

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

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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### **Sunday, July 17, 2022; Tone 4 / Eothinon 5 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of Fourth Ecumenical Council & Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia Venerable Irenarchos of Solovky**

#### **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 Tone 4**

**Having** learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the Disciples saying: Death has been spoiled, Christ God is risen granting the world the great mercy

##### **Troparion of the Holy Fathers, in the Eighth Tone**

**O Christ** our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them You led us to the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to You.

##### **Troparion Of St. Marina in tone four**

**O Lord** Jesus, unto you your lamb does cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, You I love; and seeking You, I now contest, and with your baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You; for your sake I die, that I may live in You: accept me offered out of longing to You as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since You are great in 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 the Theotokos, in the second Tone**

**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;** blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For you are just in all that you have done to us.

##### **The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to his Disciple Titus (3:8 -15)**

**8 Titus**, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. **9** But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. **10** As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, **11** knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. **12** When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. **13** Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. **14** And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. **15** All, who are with me, send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

# The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

## The reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew (5: 14-19)

**14 The** Lord said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. 15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. 17 "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. 18 For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

## 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>



### 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.

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.

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.

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**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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