

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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Sunday, December 02, 2018 Tone 2 / Eothinon 5;

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost & Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk; Martyr Habib the New; Martyr Myrope of Chios; Venerable John, Heraclemon, Theophilos and Andrew of Egypt; Martyr Stephen Urosh, the Serbian king; Venerable Ioannikios of Devitch

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 (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 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

Refer p. 13 of service book

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Gospel

Refer p. 14 of service book

The Reading From The Holy Gospel According To St. Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to 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.

To make things easier for our host families, hosting guidelines and calendar of available dates are on our website <http://www.smg.org.au/ministries-community/hospitality-sundays/>. We ask people hosting to please observe fasting guidelines provided. Please also note that Sts. Michael and Gabriel parish supplies coffee, tea, milk, cups, plates and cutlery.

Please email Monica Ibrahim via monica.ibrahim1@gmail.com 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



ACOY "Journey to the Nativity"

Thursday 6th of December at Sts Michael and Gabriel

Time 7.30 pm

Speaker: Sub Deacon Michael Nahas

Topic: The Genealogy of Christ; what does it mean.

Wednesday; 12th of December at St Nicholas Punchbowl
At 7.30 pm

Speaker; Deacon Philip Saba

Topic; Significance of Saint Joseph the Betrothed

Wednesday 19th of December at St George Cathedral Redfern
Time 7.30pm

Speaker; Dr Mario Baghos

Topic; The Mystery of a Virgin Birth.

Talks will be followed by a light supper and fellowship.

SMG Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible study

Next session: Friday 1 February 2019 at 7pm.

For more information please contact Ray via

raymondhaddad5@gmail.com

Ladies Auxiliary Bible study

Session are held every second Monday at 7pm. after the Paraklesis service. Hosted by Fr Michal.

For more information please contact Fr Michal or Nouha on 0404 886 964.

SMG Under 5's Playgroup



ST MICHAEL AND GABRIEL
PLAYGROUP
www.smg.org.au

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.

For more information please contact: Dr Victoria Khoury via drvictoriajk@ihug.com.au or 0414 547 842, Evelene Safadi via evelene_safadi@hotmail.com or 0416 140 378, or Monica Ibrahim via monica.ibrahimi@gmail.com.

Facebook: SMG Playgroup Meadowbank.

SMG Church School



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.

Contact: Christine Ayoub, SMG Church School
Director

0410643685 | cjabbour23@hotmail.com

Sunday 2nd of December 2018

Nursing home visit straight after fellowship

Sunday 16th of December 2018

Nativity play (in Church straight after Liturgy)

Sunday 23rd of December 2018

St Nicholas day gift receiving celebration (in the hall straight after Liturgy)

SMG Bookshop



EFPTOS facility is now available for any purchases at SMG Bookshop.

Please also note that stock is now permanently located in the new cabinets opposite the kitchen.

So, come and browse some of our **new books** and **Christmas stock!**

2019 Archdiocese calendars are now available for sale in the bookshop.

Donation - \$20.

For any further information please contact

Maria Haddad (mhaddad391@gmail.com)

or Raymond Haddad (raymondhaddad5@gmail.com)

Cherry Picking Day Trip



We cordially invite you to join us on a Cherry-picking trip/ Winery & Honey visit

Location: Mudgee

Date: 15 of Dec 2018

Cost: \$55/adult, \$30/child

Morning and afternoon tea is provided

Lunch is at a local restaurant in the area (not included)

Contact one of the following people to book your place ASAP before tickets are gone:

Nouha: 0404 886 964 Mary: 0410 001 678 Nina: 0414 764 024

Golden Age Dinner

Date: Sunday 09/12/2018

Time: straight after Arabic Liturgy in Church Hall 72 Belmore St Ryde

Please invite your Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, relatives and friends to join us in prayer followed by a dinner.

NO PARKING
KEEP DRIVEWAY
CLEAR
THANK YOU

Please do not block our neighbours' driveways or park on any footpath or grassed areas.

Thank you for your cooperation.