

Saints Michael and Gabriel Antiochian Orthodox Church (SMG)

Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines

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**Sunday, October 13, 2019; Tone 8 / Eothinon 6 Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Martyrs Karpos, Papylos, Agathodoros & Agathonika at Pergamos**

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 8

From the heights You did descend, O Compassionate One and You did submit to the three day burial, that You might deliver us from passions. You are our life and our resurrection, O Lord, glory to You.

Troparion for the Holy Fathers, in the Fourth Tone

You, O Christ, are our God of exceeding praise who did establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them did guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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 4

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

Refer p. 13 of service book

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)

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. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. 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. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. 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

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The reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience". As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear".

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



Antiochian Village Monastery Anniversary

Date: Saturday 19/10/2019

Time: 9.30 am Matins 10.30 am Divine Liturgy

Location: 13 Kenmore St Goulburn

St Demetrios Feast Day

Date: Saturday 26/10/2019

Time: 9.00 am Matins 10.00 Am Divine Liturgy

Location: Sts Michael and Gabriel Ryde

Feeding the Homeless with St Raphael's

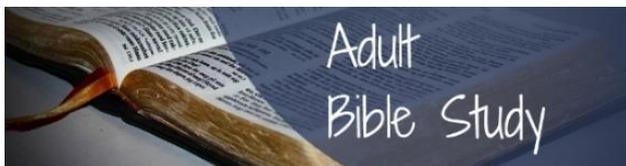
Mission - Monday 14th. Contact Subdeacon Jason to register (jisrael@antiochian.org.au)

Pilgrim Walk from St Mary's Nativity (Mays Hill) to SMG - Saturday 2nd of November .

Details and registration found here:

<https://www.saintmary.org.au/event/walk-2019/>

SMG Adult Bible Study



Adult Bible study

Next session: Friday: 18/10/2019

Time: 7.00 pm at SMG Hall

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. All children must be supervised by an adult carer.

For more information please contact: Dr Victoria Khoury via 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.

Contact: Christine Ayoub, SMG Church School Director

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St Demetrios Feast Day and SMG Retreat 2019
“In peace, let us pray to the Lord – Why, What and When to pray”

St Demetrios is the patron saint of Sts Michael and Gabriel Youth.
Please help our youth to celebrate this special Feast with Matins and Liturgy, followed by our second SMG Retreat for 2019 “In peace, let us pray to the Lord – Why, What and When to pray”.

Date: Saturday 26 October 2019

Time: 9.00am - Matins

10.00am - Divine Liturgy

12.00pm - SMG Retreat Talk – *In peace, let us pray to the Lord – Why, What and When to pray*”

1.00pm - Lunch

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

SMG Bookshop



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) or Raymond Haddad (raymondhaddad5@gmail.com)

- Recent release book titles
- New range of jewellery including handmade crosses, bracelets and prayer ropes

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.

Event details can also be found on our calendar here:

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