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**The Holy Apostles Mark, Aristarchus and Zenas**

Mark, Aristarchus and Zenas were apostles of the Seventy. St. Mark was also known as John. The holy apostles gathered for prayer at the house of his mother Mary in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). He preached the Gospel with the Apostles Paul and Barnabas (Acts 12:25). After that, Mark was bishop in the town of Byblos. St. Aristarchus, a fellow traveler of the Apostle Paul, was bishop in Syrian Apamea (Acts 19:29). St. Zenas (or Zena) was described as a lawyer by the Apostle Paul (Titus 3:13). He was bishop in Palestinian Lydda. They shone as stars in the darkness of paganism, and brought many to the Christian Faith. Now they shine as stars in the Kingdom of Christ, their Beloved.

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**Antiochian**  
**Orthodox Church**



**September 27, 2020**  
**The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**In our tradition...** *the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** II Corinthians: 6:1-10

**Gospel Reading:** St. Luke 5:1-11

## Saints of the Day

Martyr Kallistratos; the Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon and Mark of the Seventy; New-martyr Aquilina of Thessalonica; Venerable Ignatius, abbot in Asia Minor; Venerable Savvatos of Solovky.

## A New Message from the Parish Council on the Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners,

As far as we know, the Lord has blessed our Parish with no active cases of the corona virus. In response to the pandemic, we have made the weekly Liturgy available on the internet and offered face masks. Many of you have observed social distancing and worn face masks. We appreciate your efforts. We are especially thankful that your financial support of the Parish has remained steady during this time. Our Governor has now relaxed the earlier limitations on crowd size. However, the virus has not gone away. Please continue to observe all reasonable precautions until

this threat to our health subsides. Thank you and God bless our Parish—Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions  
Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Paraclesis Service, 6:30 P.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



The Orthodox possum family under your altar can see what is happening in the church through small cracks. We are very moved by the devotion shown by all of you as you venerate the icons and receive the Holy Gifts. Many of you light candles. This is a very important part of Orthodox worship. We have a possum-sized candle stand in our own icon corner. We light them as we pray, making this an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles when coming into the church and that is usually the best time to light them. There are times when candles should not be lit. It is not proper to light candles during the Epistle or Gospel readings, during the Little or Great Entrances and most of the times when the faithful are standing. If you find yourself entering the church after the Liturgy has begun, it's best to wait until everyone is seated to light a candle. A good rule of thumb is to avoid lighting a candle if folks are standing or a sermon is in progress. May you and your family find this helpful as you worship our Lord. Blessings to all—Theo

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## ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“The hotheaded man provokes disputes, the equable man allays dissension.” – Prov. 15:18

**Today's Ushers:** Mihai Leustean. **Next Week:** Greg Lindley.

**Today's coffee hour:** Team #3. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team #4.

As of Sept 11, 2020, 44 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$86,950. The donations for August 2020 totaled \$9,832.65. The expenses were \$10,290.28, for an end-of-month balance of \$25,564.94. Thank you.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The altar candle is sponsored today by **Greg** and **Jane Shamitko** for the repose of **Glen** and **Mary Conklin**, **John Kanzios**, **Harry** and **Helen Ezersky**, **Sylvester** and **Katherine Kanzius**, and **Russ** and **Marianna Womack**. May their memory be eternal.