

To Our Guests and Visitors about Receiving Holy Communion:

- 1. In Orthodox churches, Holy Communion is given to and received only by members of the Orthodox Church (the baptized and chrismated who strive to live in repentance, faith, and godliness).**
- 2. If you are non-orthodox, please introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan, if possible prior to the Liturgy, otherwise at the Chalice.**
- 3. Please approach the Chalice in the following order: children first; then row-by-row from the back of Church, going to the Chalice on the side you are positioned (if there are two Chalices), returning to you place by the outside aisle past the table with the *antidoron* (bread and wine).**

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

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| Archprst. Stephen | Archprst. Elias | Mat. Marion | Archprst. John | |
| Archprst. Joseph | Irene | Laurie | Rose | Barbara |
| Tanya | Eugenia | Kevin | Nicole & Noelle | Frances |
| Vladimir | Paisley | Eli | Adam | Laura |
| Joshua | Mark | Gary | Constance | Nick |
| Nina | Tanya | Charles | Gregory | Ronald |
| Tatiana | | | | |

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

August Birthdays:

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| Cara Kulikowski (8/2) | Diane Bender (8/12) | Diane Koory (8/13) |
| Matthew Grayton (8/14) | Margaret Michael (8/16) | Robert Koory (8/22) |
| Trudy Telychka (8/31) | | |

TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR, please sign up on the calendar book on the glass case. Keep it simple – donuts, coffee cake, bagels, etc. IF NO ONE SIGNS UP, THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR.

St. Mark is a Parish of the OCA Diocese of the South under the leadership of Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Alexander. Our mission is to be a spiritual home to all who enter; to be a Christ-like community of Orthodox Christians; to be active in worship, fellowship, and witness, through participation in the Sacraments to come into close union with God.

If you are unable to attend services, but wish to continue your Stewardship contributions, send them to PO Box 1315, Bradenton FL, 34206.

Memorial Bricks for the St. Mark Memorial Garden can be ordered at www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox. You can order a 4"x 8" or 8"x8" brick with or without an Orthodox Cross, the number of characters vary accordingly. If you have any questions about the ordering process, see Fr. Jonathan.

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This week at St. Mark

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| 1 | Tuesday | Beginning of the Dormition Fast |
| 2 | Wednesday | 6:30 PM Vespers/Faith & Life Class |
| 3 | Thursday | 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy |
| 5 | Saturday | 3:30 PM Intro to Orthodoxy |
| | | 5:00 PM Great Vespers/w Litiya |
| 6 | Sunday | 8:15 AM Matins |
| | | 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy/Blessing of fruits |

Sunday, July 30, 2023 Tone 7

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy and those with them

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Epistle)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 14:14-22 (Gospel)

And When Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We have a new website for the Parish, listed on the front of the bulletin: www.bradentonorthodox.org. Take a look and offer any feedback to Fr. Jonathan as we are still in the process of building the site.
- Parish Council is no longer utilizing PayPal as the service charge is lessening the donation.
- Parish Council is looking to purchase 10-12 new chairs for the Nave. If you would be interested in making a donation for a chair (approx. \$140.00), just write "chair" in the memo line on your check or on an envelope.
- **August's charity is Orthodox Prison Ministry.**
- A volunteer sign-up sheet for various weekly helping jobs is located on the table in the Narthex. If you are able, please give of your time to help keep our Church neat and clean. Routine jobs include: taking out trash, sweeping and vacuuming where needed, picking up table cloths, putting away Coffee Hour tableware, etc. Thank you for your help!
- An organizational meeting for our Sunday Church School follows Liturgy today. Anyone interested in helping or participating in the program is encouraged to stay. Sunday School classes resume September 10.
- **Back-to-school Backpacks** will be filled this coming Wednesday at 10 AM here at Church. You are welcome to come and help. The backpacks will then be delivered to Manatee Elementary School prior to their first day of school on August 10.
- **The Dormition Fast (August 1-14)** begins this Tuesday, the fourth fasting season of the Church year. During the fast we: abstain from gluttony by restricting our intake of meats, dairy, and fatty foods; limit pointless and sensual entertainments by focusing instead on prayer, the Word of God, and the wisdom of the Fathers; and seek to serve God by loving our neighbor.
- **Feast of Transfiguration, next Sunday, August 6:** as is customary on the Feast, we will bless fruits at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. *Please bring fruits to be blessed and shared in the joy of the Feast.* Note that instead of the usual Third and Sixth Hour prayers before Liturgy, being Transfiguration, prior to Liturgy we will serve Matins beginning at 8:15 AM.

Hymns of the Day sung after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion Tone 4 (St. Mark)

From your childhood the light of truth enlightened you, O Mark
And you loved the labor of Christ the Savior
Therefore you followed Peter with zeal
And served Paul well as a fellow laborer//
And you enlighten the world with your Holy Gospel

Troparion Tone 3 (Apostles)

Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus,
entreat the merciful God//
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion Tone 2 (St. Mark)

You did receive the grace of the Spirit from on high
Destroying the snares of the orators
You did hunt all the nations O Apostle
And led them to your Master//
O glorious Mark the preacher of the Gospel of God

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

(over)

Kontakion Tone 4 (Apostles)

You were revealed to be branches of the vine of Christ, O wise ones,
bearing clusters of virtues that pour out on us the wine of salvation.
Receiving it, we are filled with gladness,
and we celebrate your most honored memory, Apostles of the Lord, Silas
and Silvanus.//
Therefore, intercede that great mercy and remission of sins may be granted
to us.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Theotokion* Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocate before the Creator
Despise not the cries of us sinners
But in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos//
For you always protect those who honor you!

***Alternate arrangement:**

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
Constant advocate before the Creator,
Do not despise the cry of us sinners,
But in your goodness come speedily
To help us who call on you in faith.
Hasten to hear our petition
And to intercede for us, O Theotokos,//
For you always protect those who honor you.