

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 refrain from approaching the Chalice and speak with Fr. Jonathan following the Liturgy. If you are Orthodox, please introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan prior to the Liturgy, if possible, otherwise at the Chalice.**
3. **We come to Communion 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:

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:

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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Office Hours: W, Th, F 10:00 AM – Noon

This week at St. Mark

9 Wednesday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Glorification Of St. Herman)
9 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class
10 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
12 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
12 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
13 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 06, 2023 Tone 8
9th Sunday After Pentecost

Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

For the Divine Liturgy:

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Feast)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

(Ps. 103:26)

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

2 Peter 1:10-19 (Epistle, Transfiguration)

Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Matthew 17:1-9 (Gospel, Transfiguration)

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fr. Jonathan is publishing articles on various topics on the website (www.bradentonorthodox.org). Our website contains much useful information about our Parish and the Orthodox Faith.
- 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 Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)**, a service organization under the auspices of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the United States. See www.theocpm.org for more information about this 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!
- **Being the Feast of Transfiguration**, today fruits will be blessed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.
- **Potluck Lunch** will take place following Liturgy on Sunday, August 27, organized by the Myrrhbearers here at Church. Please speak with Marsha Blazso or one of the ladies for more information.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 7 (Feast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen*

Kontakion Tone 7 (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world//
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.