

**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, but speak with Fr. Jonathan after the Liturgy. If you are Orthodox and unfamiliar to the Priest, please introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan 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:**

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.thatismybrick.com/stmarkorthodox](http://www.thatismybrick.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.**

**St. Mark Orthodox Church**

*1517 57<sup>th</sup> Street E  
Bradenton, FL 34208*

***“The Messenger”***

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher  
Rector

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee  
Attached

Rev. Fr. Nicholas Roth  
Attached

Sub-Deacon James Abraham

Parish Phone: (941)-749-7662

Parish Website: [Bradentonorthodox.org](http://Bradentonorthodox.org)

Parish E-mail: [stmarkocarector@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkocarector@gmail.com)

Fr. Jonathan’s Cell: (941)-807-5393

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

**This week at St. Mark**

23 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class
24 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
26 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
26 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
27 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Pot Luck luncheon immediately following Divine Liturgy		

**Sunday, August 20, 2023 Tone 2**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Afterfeast of the Dormition**

**Prophet Samuel**

**Prokeimenon Tone 2 (Resurrection) (Ps. 117:14, 18)**

*The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.*

*V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

**Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos)**

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*

*(Lk. 1:46-47)*

*1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)*

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

*Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)*

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website contains helpful information about our Church and the Orthodox Faith ([www.bradentonorthodox.org](http://www.bradentonorthodox.org)). Please check it out and give any feedback you might have to Fr. Jonathan or a Council member.
- Parish Council is no longer utilizing PayPal as the service charge is lessening the donation.
- **August's charity is Orthodox Prison Ministry. Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry is under the auspices of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of America.**
- **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!
- **On September 10, Sunday School classes will resume** for all our children and adults. The theme this year will be: Repentance, Confession, and Reconciliation. A final planning meeting for children's classes will take place after Liturgy on Sunday, September 4.
- **Potluck luncheon on August 27:** People are free to bring whatever they want to share (no sign-up list); the Myrrhbearers will be providing dinnerware and set-up.
- **Saint Mark Church Bookmarks** are available for you to take and use. They are in a box on the desk in the Narthex. Please take and share. Thank you, Bob Matzkevich for having the bookmarks printed.

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

**Troparion      Tone 2      (*Resurrection*)**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

**Troparion      Tone 1      (*Feast*)**

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity.  
In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.  
Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,//  
and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

**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 2      (*Prophet Samuel*)**

We celebrate the memory  
of Thy prophet Samuel, O Lord;  
through him we beseech Thee://  
“Save our souls!”

**Kontakion      Tone 2      (*Resurrection*)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**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 8      (*Prophet Samuel*)**

Thou wast a precious gift given to God before thy conception.  
Thou didst serve Him like an angel from thine infancy, O blessed one.  
Thou wast granted the charism to announce beforehand future things//  
Therefore, we cry to thee: “Rejoice, Samuel, Prophet of God and great high priest.”

**Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen**

**Kontakion      Tone 2      (*Feast*)**

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,  
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.  
For being the Mother of Life,//  
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.