

**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 front 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	Bradley	Nancy	Nathaniel	Deanna
Bill	Kay	Larry	Lydia	Nicholas

**Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:**

**October Birthdays:**

Gary Babina (10/1)	Jonathan Orras (10/2)	Faith Abraham (10/5)
Ruth Traycoff (10/7)	Fr. Elias Mitchell (10/9)	Nina Balikowski (10/13)
John Veselenak (10/17)	George Nartsissov (10/22)	Fran Pouget (10/31)

**TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR, please sign up on the calendar book on the glass case. 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](http://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**

4	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers, Faith/Life Class
5	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		6:00 PM	Prayers for Peace
7	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro To Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
8	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		11:15 AM	Sunday School

**Sunday, October 1, 2023 Tone 8**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke)**

**Protection of the Theotokos**

**Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Resurrection)**

*Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)*

*V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**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)*

**2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Hebrews 9:1-7 (Epistle, Theotokos)**

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance;

**Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Gospel, Theotokos)**

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care

that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

## 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.
- **September’s charity** is The Blue Butterfly Grief Center through Tidewell Hospice Grief Care
- 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!
- **Each Thursday evening at 6:00 PM**, we gather for prayer for peace throughout the world and the cessation of war and violence both at home and abroad. These prayer services (e.g., *moliebens*, Supplicatory Canon to the Theotokos [*paraklesis*]) will be served each Thursday at 6:00 PM.
- Today we commemorate the **Protection of the Theotokos**, also called *Pokrov* (veil) as the Theotokos was seen holding up her veil in protection of the people of God during an attack on the city of Constantinople in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. The Theotokos was seen as the faithful gathered for vigil in the Blachernae Church.

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

**Troparion      Tone 8            (Resurrection)**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Troparion      Tone 4            (Protection)**

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,  
illuminated by thy coming, O Mother of God.  
Beholding thy pure image, we fervently cry to thee:  
“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of thy protection;  
deliver us from every form of evil  
by entreating Christ, thy Son and our God,//  
that He may save our souls.”

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

**Kontakion      Tone 8            (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//  
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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

**Kontakion      Tone 3            (Protection )**

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,  
and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.  
Angels and bishops worship,  
Apostles and Prophets rejoice together,//  
since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.