

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	Stephen	Elizabeth	

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

September Birthdays:

Will Bortins (9/3)	Jessie Insley (9/7)	Kristy Kanellos (9/9)
Dylan Roth (9/9)	Laurie Kohanik (9/20)	Warren Catterson (9/23)
Larissa Ciampa (9/26)	George Cordero (9/27)	

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

06 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class
07 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
07 Thursday	6:00 PM	Great Vespers with Litiya
08 Friday	8:15 AM	Matins
	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Nativity of the Theotokos)
09 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
10 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 3, 2023 Tone 4

13th Sunday After Pentecost

Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia

Ven. Theoctistus

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Resurrection)

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)

1 Corinthians 16:13-24 (Epistle)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Matthew 21:33-42 (Gospel)

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?’ They said to Him, ‘He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website contains helpful information about our Church and the Orthodox Faith (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 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!
- 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 today, September 4.
- **Services for the Nativity of the Theotokos:** Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:00 PM Great Vespers with Litiya; Friday, Sept. 8 at 8:15 AM Matins, followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30. The Nativity (Birth) of the Virgin Mary Theotokos is the first major feast day of the Church Year.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 4 (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is 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 4 (St. Anthimus)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
thou didst become a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation,
O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the
shedding of thy blood.//
O Hieromartyr Anthimus, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

Troparia Tone 8 (St. Theoctistus)

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile,
and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.
By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe.//
Our holy Father Theoctistus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Kontakion Tone 4 (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

(over)

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,

Kontakion Tone 4 (St. Anthimus)

Living hon'rably as a priest,
thou didst complete the course of martyrdom;
thou didst extinguish the worship of idols
and didst become a champion of thy flock, O divinely wise one.
Therefore, we honor thee,
mystically crying out://
“Through thy prayers deliver us from calamity, ever-memorable Anthimus.”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Theotokion Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocate before the Creator
Do not despise 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!