

**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
Arlie & newborn	Larry			

**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](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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**"The Messenger"**

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**This week at St. Mark**

28 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	7:00 PM	Parish Council
29 Friday	6:00 PM	Prayer Service for Appeas- ing Discord and Strife
30 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
30 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
1 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, September 24, 2023 Tone 7**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke)**

**Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut**

**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)*

**2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)**

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

**Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel)**

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

**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!
- **Sunday School classes** have begun for all our children and adults. The theme this year will be: Repentance, Confession, and Reconciliation.
- **The former Saint Mark Facebook page is no longer our official Parish Facebook page, and all postings on that page do not have the blessing of our church. We have a new Facebook page managed by Cara Kulikowski and are in the process of shutting down the previous one.**
- As Fr. Jonathan is returning this Wednesday, Vespers and Faith Class will not take place Wednesday evening; however, Divine Liturgy will be served Thursday morning as usually scheduled.
- This Friday evening, Sept. 29, at 6:00 PM, we will gather for a **Prayer Service (*molieben*) for the Salvation of our Land and the Appeasing of Discord and Strife**. Due to the escalation of the war in Ukraine and growing unrest in our country, we will gather each Friday evening for special prayers to God for de-escalation of conflict, a cease-fire, and peace. Please come as you are able and invite your friends and neighbors in our community to join us in prayer to God Almighty.
- **Thank you Fr. Nicholas Roth for serving Vespers and Divine Liturgy this weekend in Fr. Jonathan's absence.**

*Hymns 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 4      (New Martyrs)**

Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates,  
for the New World has been sanctified by martyrdom.  
Kodiak echoes with songs of thanksgiving,  
Iliamna and Kenai observe the festival of faith.  
The apostle and martyr Juvenaly is glorified,  
and Peter the Aleut is exalted by his voluntary sacrifice.  
In their devotion and love for the Lord  
they willingly endured persecution and death for the truth.//  
Now in the kingdom of heaven they intercede for our souls.

**Kontakion      Tone 7      (Resurrection)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith://  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

**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      (New Martyrs )**

Today Valaam joins Alaska in celebrating this joyous feast,  
as her spiritual son Juvenaly embraces the New-Martyr Peter with love.  
Together they suffered for the Lord in America  
and united the Old World with the New by their voluntary sacrifice.//  
Now forever they stand before the King of glory and intercede for our souls.

**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!