

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	Eli
Joshua	Mark	Constance	Nick	Nina
Charles	Gregory	Ronald	Tatiana	Bradley
Nancy	Deanna	Bill	Kay	Larry
Lydia	Nicholas			

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Paul (ND) Vera (ND) Archpr. Ian (ND)

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)
Christian Cholcher (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. 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

18 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers, Faith/Life
19 Thursday 6:00 PM	Prayers for Peace
21 Saturday 3:30 PM	Intro To Orthodoxy
21 Saturday 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
22 Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
22 Sunday 11:15 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, October 15, 2023 Tone 2

19th Sunday After Pentecost (4th Sunday of Luke)

**Ven. Euthymius the New of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos
Martyr Lucian the Presbyter of Antioch**

Prokeimena: Tone 2 (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)

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

(Ps. 117:18)

Tone 3 (Baptism)

The Lord is my Light and my Savior: / whom shall I fear? (Ps. 27)

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle of the Day)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

& Romans 6:3-11 (Baptism)

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel of the Day)

The Lord said: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean? And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”

& Matthew 28:16-20 (Baptism)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website contains helpful information about our Church and the Orthodox Faith. Please check it out and give any feedback you might have to Fr. Jonathan or a Council member: **www.bradentonorthodox.org**.
- Parish Council is no longer utilizing PayPal as the service charge is lessening the donation.
- **Quarterly Charity:** Parish Council has opted to collect for charities every quarter. As of October 1, the charity is: **Tommy’s Angels**, a foundation established to research pancreatic cancer and provide relief for those families needing assistance. Please give generously in the Charity basket located on the desk in the Narthex.
- **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 a **prayer service for peace and protection** in these times of unrest and war. May God grant to us and our leaders the faith and wisdom to conduct ourselves in the peace of Christ.
- **Parish Council is planning a picnic for Sunday, Oct. 29 following Divine Liturgy.**
- **Baptized today during Divine Liturgy:** Talia Verdell Button, daughter of Daniel and Arlie Button born this past September 13. Talia’s Godparents are William and Emma Bortins. God grant the newly illumined Talia, her Godparents, parents, and family many years!
- **Divine Liturgy this coming Thursday (Oct. 19) will NOT BE SERVED as usual** because Fr. Jonathan will be attending the 10:00 AM funeral for the departed Archpriest Patrick Ian Hammett at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Venice.

During the Divine Liturgy with Holy Baptism:

1. The Great Litany includes blessing the Baptismal water.

2. After the First Antiphon & Little Litany, anointing with the Oil of the Catechumens is done.

3. The Second and Third Antiphons, and the Entrance with the Gospel, take place in their usual order.

Hymns 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 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 8 (St. Euthymius)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father,
for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ.
By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal//
Therefore thy spirit, venerable Euthymius, rejoices with the angels.

Troparion Tone 4 (St. Lucian)

Thy holy martyr Lucian, O Lord,
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God.
3. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons//
Through his intercession, 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

Kontakion Tone 2 (Ven. Euthymius)

Crossing dry-shod through the storms of life,
venerable and divinely wise Euthymius,
thou didst mightily drown the bodiless foe in the streams of thy tears;
thou didst receive the gift of miracles to heal all sufferings//
Unceasingly pray for us all!

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

Kontakion Tone 2 (St. Lucian)

We honor thee with hymns of glory,
Lucian, the radiant star.
First, thou didst become radiant by detachment from the things of this world,
then thou wast raised up by thy struggle//
Unceasingly pray for us all!

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!

4. The Baptism and Chrismation take place after the Hymns of the Day are sung; then, “As many as have been baptized...Alleluia” (3x) is sung instead of “Holy God...”

5. The Liturgy continues as usual; following the preparation of Communion, prior to Holy Communion of the people, the Priest takes the newly baptized child to the back of the Church for the Churching.

6. After singing “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” (2x), the Ablution and Tonsure takes place; then, we sing “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” (once) and proceed with the Dismissal.