

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:

Archpr. Ian (ND)	Paul (ND)	Vera (ND)
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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 (1022)	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.thatmybrick.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

25 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers, Faith/Life
26 Thursday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
26 Thursday 6:00 PM	Prayers for Peace
28 Saturday 3:30 PM	Intro To Orthodoxy
28 Saturday 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
29 Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
29 Sunday	Church Picnic Following Liturgy

Sunday, October 12, 2023 Tone 3

**20th Sunday After Pentecost (5th Sunday of Luke)
Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis
Holy Seven Youths (Seven Sleepers) of Ephesus**

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Ps. 46:6)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website contains helpful information about our Church and Orthodoxy at 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.
- Parish Council has opted to collect for charities every quarter. Beginning October 1, the charity will be Tommy's Angels, a foundation established to research pancreatic cancer and provide relief for those families needing assistance.
- **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.
- **A Church Picnic** is planned for next Sunday, Oct. 29, following Divine Liturgy. Parish Council will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- **Please remember that following Liturgy during the veneration of the Cross, we pray the Post-communion Prayers. Be respectful and maintain quiet for the prayers until they are completed.**
- **On Saturday, November 11, from 9:30 AM to Noon**, the Myrrhbearers will be hosting a **Pre-Holiday Women's Brunch** at the home of Denise Jacobs. All ladies of the Church are invited. Please RSVP to Denise (906-396-7716) or Marsha Blazso (941-704-1340) prior to November 5. Denise's address is 5028 Peridia Blvd. E, in Bradenton.
- We will be participating in the **Angel Tree Christmas program** this coming Nativity Fast. The program is coordinated through the Salvation Army and set up here by our own Myrrhbearers. In the Narthex on the closet doors, you will find Christmas trees which will eventually have children and gifts attached to them. You will be free to take one and return that gift to Church by a date sometime in November or early December.



Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to 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 5 (St. Abercius)

Thou didst emulate the zeal of the Apostles

and shone forth like a morning star,

and thy works showed thy God-given power:

thou didst guide the erring to God,//

O hierarch Abercius.

Troparion Tone 4 (Holy Youths)

Thy seven holy martyrs, O Lord,

through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God.

For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries,

and shattered the powerless boldness of demons//

Through their intercession, save our souls!

Kontakion Tone 3 (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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 8 (St. Abercius)

The whole Church honors thee as a great hierarch

and as a companion to the Apostles.//

By thy prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, O glorious
Abercius.

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

Kontakion Tone 4 (Holy Youths)

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world,
preferring the eternal things of Heaven.

They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead

and buried the snares of the devils!//

O faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

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!