

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	Nicholas
Lydia	Sbdn. James			

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpr. Ian (ND)	Paul (ND)	Vera (ND)	Larry (ND)
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November Birthdays:

Sbdn. James Abraham (11/6)	Philip Grayton (11/9)	Moriah Hastings (11/14)
Will Brown (11/16)	Mat. Mary Roth (11/20)	Becket Button (11/21)
Helen Moroz (11/24)	Connie Insley (11/25)	Deborah Graban (11/26)
Abram Button (11/29)	Eugenia Golobov (11/30)	

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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"The Messenger"

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Office Hours: W, Th, F 10:00 AM – Noon

This week at St. Mark

1	Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers, Faith/Life
2	Thursday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
2	Thursday 6:00 PM	Prayers for Peace
4	Saturday 3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
4	Saturday 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
5	Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
5	Sunday 11:15 AM	Church School

Sunday, October 29, 2023 Tone 4
21st Sunday After Pentecost (6th Sunday of Luke)

Martyr Anastasia the Roman

Ven. Abramius the Recluse

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)

Galatians 2:16-20 (Epistle)

[K]nowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website is: www.bradentonorthodox.org. It 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.
- Parish Council is no longer utilizing PayPal as the service charge is lessening the donation.
- **Quarterly Charity (Oct. – Dec.): 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.
- **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.
- **Saint Mark Men’s Group** will meet at 6:30 PM on **Tuesday, Nov. 14**, at the home of Bob Matzkevich (1314 Oak Leaf Ct., Bradenton). All men of the parish are included.
- 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 December 1.



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. Anastasia)

Thy lamb Anastasia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice:
“I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering.
In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee,
and I died so that I might live with Thee.
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,
for I have offered myself in love.”//
Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

Troparion Tone 8 (Ven. Abramius)

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 Abramius, rejoices with the angels.

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!

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 4 (St. Anastasia)

Purified by the waters of virginity,
righteous Anastasia, thou wast crowned by the blood of martyrdom.
Thou dost grant healing and salvation to those in need,
and who call on thee from their hearts,//
for Christ gives thee strength, pouring out on thee ever-flowing grace.

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

Kontakion Tone 3 (St. Abramius)

Thou didst live in the flesh on earth as an angel,
and through thy ascetic life thou didst become like a tree nourished by
the waters of abstinence and didst flourish.
Thou hast washed away stains with the streams of thy tears
and so thou hast been revealed, O Abramius,//
to be a God-like vessel of the Spirit.

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!