

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	
Lydia	Nicholas	Mary		

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

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

Sbdcn. 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

14 Tuesday	6:30 PM	Men's Group Meeting
15 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers, Faith and Life
16 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
16 Thursday	6:00 PM	Prayers for Peace
18 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro To Orthodoxy
18 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
19 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
19 Sunday	11:15 AM	Church School

Sunday, November 12, 2023 Tone 6
23rd Sunday After Pentecost (8th Sunday of Luke)
St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria
Ven. Nilus the Faster of Sinai
(Parable of the Good Samaritan)

Prokeimenon Tone 6 (Resurrection)

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)


Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website is www.bradentonorthodox.org. Please check it out and give any feedback you might have to Fr. Jonathan or a Council member. You can also find Saint Mark online at www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch.
- 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!
- **A COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR SHEET** is located on the glass bookstore case in the Narthex. As we draw near to the end of this calendar year, please consider sponsoring Coffee Hour in 2024. Speak with Marsha Blazso for more information.
- **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.
- **Immediately following each Divine Liturgy as we venerate the Cross, we pray the Post-Communion Prayers. Please maintain quiet until the prayers are completed.** 
- **ST. MARK’S MEN’S GROUP** will meet *this Tuesday evening*, November 14, at 6:30 PM at the home of Bob Matzkevich (1314 Oakleaf Ct., Bradenton). All men of the parish are included for fellowship and discussion.
- **ANGEL TREE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN:** in the Narthex you will find little Christmas trees with boy and girl recipients for gifts this coming Christmas season. To provide a gift for a child in Manatee County, take a boy or girl from a tree and give it to Marsha Blazso who will supply the name of the child. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the Church by December 1. The Angel Tree program is administered by the Salvation Army and coordinated here by our Myrrhbearers. **THANK YOU** for giving this season!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead,//
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. John)

By endurance thou didst gain thy reward, venerable Father;
thou didst persevere in prayer unceasingly;
thou didst love the poor and provide for them in all things.//
Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Troparion Tone 8 (Ven. Nilus)

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 Nilus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Kontakion Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 (St. John)

Thou didst distribute thy wealth to the poor
and in return didst obtain wealth from heaven, O John the Merciful.
Therefore, we honor thee and celebrate thy memory.//
O namesake of mercy.

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

Kontakion Tone 8 (Ven. Nilus)

By thy vigilant prayer thou didst cut away the undergrowth of the body's insurgent
passions.
As thou hast boldness before the Lord, free me from every danger so that I may cry
to thee://
"Rejoice, universal father Nilus!"

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!