

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	Lisa
Lydia	Nicholas	Mary		

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpr. Sergius (ND)

December Birthdays:

Dan Telychka (12/2)	Barb McKenzie (12/3)	Nancy Serko (12/5)
Barb McCollum (12/10)	Tim Lurowist (12/12)	Ivan Ciampa (12/15)
Kim Moroz (12/17)	Karen Moroz (12/17)	Bob Matzkevich (12/17)
Bryan I. Ewers (12/22)	Daniel Cholcher (12/24)	Michael Pisansky (12/24)

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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"The Messenger"

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

This week at St. Mark

13	Wednesday 8:15 AM	Matins/ St. Herman
13	Wednesday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
13	Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers Faith/Life Class
14	Thursday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
14	Thursday 6:00 PM	Akathist to St. Herman
16	Saturday 3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
16	Saturday 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
17	Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
17	Sunday 11:15 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Tone 2

27th Sunday After Pentecost (12th Sunday of Luke)

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus of Alexandria

Prokeimenon 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)


Ephesians 6:10-17 (Epistle)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

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.
- **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.** 
- **2023 Contribution Statements** will be available *upon request* from our Treasurer Willard Brown. If you would like a Contribution Statement for 2023, please speak with Willard who will generate one for you.
- **Today following Liturgy**, the children will be visited by St. Nicholas and then listen to a reading of the story of St. Nicholas's life before decorating the Church Christmas Tree. During Coffee Hour for the Adults, Carol Skinner and Fr. Jonathan will lead a presentation on the proposed ministry of a St. Mark Burial Society discussing funeral and burial arrangements from an Orthodox perspective and practice.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE for Christmas services** will take place after Coffee Hour for the next couple of Sundays. All Choir singers are encouraged to stay for a short practice of specific Christmas service music.

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 (Martyrs)

Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the passions through their
ascetic labors,
the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus,
received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work wonders both while
alive and after death.
It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing//
Glory to our only God and Creator!

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 1 (Martyrs)

Let us sing praise in honor of the glorious Menas,
and of his companions, the holy Hermogenes and Eugraphus.
For they have honored the Lord and fought for His glory.
They are worthy of numbering with the Angels in ^heaven//
and are bountiful in their miracles.

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

Kontakion Tone 4 (Martyrs)

The Lord snatched thee from the temporal army,
making thee a fellow inheritor of the eternal, O Menas;
together with Hermogenes and Eugraphus
with whom thou didst suffer,//
thou art granted an incorruptible crown.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Theotokion Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocate before the Creator
Despise not 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!