

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. Sergius (ND)

December Birthdays:

Dan Telychka (12/2)	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.thatismybrick.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

6	Wednesday 8:15 AM	Matins/ St. Nicholas
6	Wednesday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
6	Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers Faith/Life
7	Thursday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
7	Thursday 6:00 PM	Akathist to St. Nicholas
9	Saturday 3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
9	Saturday 5:00 PM	Vespers
10	Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
10	Sunday 11:15 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, December 3, 2023 Tone 1
26th Sunday After Pentecost (11th Sunday of Luke)
Prophet Zephaniah

Prokeimenon Tone 1

(Resurrection)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!

(Ps. 32:22)

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)


Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

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. The next three Thursday evenings we will pray three Akathists: to St. Nicholas, St. Herman, and the Theotokos, respectively, to complete our season of Advent. [N.B. *Akathist* (Gk.) means "not-sitting," that is, standing at attention during prayer.]
- **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.
- **THANK YOU** to Kim Moroz and family for providing the poinsettias for the Church's Christmas season. Our parish Christmas tree will go up this week to be decorated next Sunday by the children of the parish.
- **Twenty Five** children will receive **Angel Tree** gifts from our parish this coming Christmas. Thank you to all who provided the gifts, and to Marsha Blazso, Denise Jacobs, and the Myrrhbearers for coordinating the effort. May these gifts be multiplied here in Bradenton and throughout the world in Christ our Lord.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 1 (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

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 2 (*Prophet Zephaniah*)

We celebrate the memory

of Thy prophet Zephaniah, O Lord;

through him we beseech Thee://

“Save our souls!”

Kontakion Tone 1 (*Resurrection*)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,

raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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

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

Kontakion Tone 4 (*Prophet Zephaniah*)

Thou hast been revealed by the Spirit of God to be brilliant, O Prophet Zephaniah,
for thou didst proclaim the coming of God:

“Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

Proclaim Him, O Jerusalem!//

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Theotokion Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians

Constant Advocate before the Creator

Despise not the cry 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!