

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	Irene	Laurie
Barbara	Tanya	Eugenia	Tatiana	Frances
Kevin	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua	Mary
Mark	Constance	Nick	Nina	Charles
Gregory	Ronald	Tatiana	Bradley	Nancy
Deanna	Bill	Kay	Lydia	Nicholas
Richard				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpr. Sergius (ND) Juliette (ND) Rose (ND)

January Birthdays:

Heike Cordero (1/8)	Philip Grayton (1/9)	Abegail Insley (1/16)
Emilia Stankevskaya (1/16)	Robert Serko (1/25)	Galina Tschursin (1/28)
Angela Orras (1/29)	Chris Traycoff (1/31)	

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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"The Messenger"

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

This week at St. Mark

17 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life
18 Thursday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
20 Saturday 3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
20 Saturday 5:00 PM	Vespers
21 Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
21 Sunday 11:30 AM	Sunday School

**Sunday, January 14, 2024 Tone 7
32nd Sunday After Pentecost)
Leavetaking of Theophany**

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Feast)

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (Ps. 117:26b, 27b)

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 18:35-43 (Gospel)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to 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 (Jan.-March): Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)**

- **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.
- **One Thursday evening a month at 6:00 PM** (before the Parish Council meeting) 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.
- **The Myrrhbearers** (Ladies Group) will meet next Sunday, January 21, following Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the Parish are invited!
- **A Baby Shower for Emma Bortins** will take place on Saturday, February 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the home of Arlie Button (16919 Trite Bend St., Wimauma). *Please RSVP to Arlie at 231-286-8564.* Emma is registered on Amazon (baby girl).

HOUSE BLESSINGS 2024

Each year following the Feast of Theophany (Jan. 6; also the Blessing of Water in Church), opportunity for House Blessings occurs. The House Blessing consists of the Parish Priest visiting one's home for Prayer and Blessing the house with Holy Water. The House Blessing confirms each Christian home as a *little church* with the person(s) and family dwelling there pursuing a genuine life of faith, hope, and love in Christ.

To schedule a House Blessing, just sign up on the list in the Narthex for a specific date and time, or speak with Fr. Jonathan at your convenience. The House Blessing also provides a dedicated time for the Priest and parishioners to deepen their relationship in a personal and meaningful way. God bless our Parish and its family homes in peace!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 7 (*Resurrection*)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.

To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,

and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,

to proclaim that Thou art risen,//

granting the world great mercy.

Troparion Tone 1 (*Feast*)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.

For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,

and called Thee His beloved Son;

and the Spirit in the form of a dove

confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//

and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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

Kontakion Tone 7 (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,

for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

“The Savior has come to those in faith;//

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 4 (*Feast*)

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,

and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.

Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:

“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,//

O unapproachable Light.”