

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	Tatiana	Eugenia
Irene	Laurie	Barbara	Tanya	Charles
Kevin	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua	Gregory
Mark	Constance	Nick	Nina	Ronald
Bradley	Nancy	Kay	Lydia	Nicholas
Deanna	Bill	Mary	Heike	Mikey
Patrick	Medhat	Richard	Caitlin & n.b. child	

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpr. Moses (ND)	Rose (ND)	Archpr. Sergius (ND)	Juliette (ND)
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February Birthdays:

Lois Evancho (2/12)	Daniel Button (2/17)	Joe Ciampa (2/20)
Logan Kulikowshi (2/20)		

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

31 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life
1 Thursday	6:00 PM	Great Vespers/Litya
2 Friday	8:05 AM	Matins
2 Friday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy w/blessing of candles (Meeting of Our Lord In The Temple)
3 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
3 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
4 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
4 Sunday	11:30 AM	Sunday School

**Sunday, January 28, 2024 Tone 1
34th Sunday After Pentecost
Ven. Ephraim the Syrian**

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)

Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.


Matthew 22:35-46 (Gospel)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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Previously scheduled annual HOUSE BLESSINGS have concluded, but if you would still care to have a Blessing of your Home, contact Fr. Jonathan as soon as possible to arrange for that to be done.

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 Prison Ministry**
- **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** 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. These will coincide with the Thursday that Parish Council meets.
- **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.
- **General Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 11 immediately following Liturgy. All are welcome to attend, and parishioners in good standing are eligible to vote.**
- Anyone interested in helping count the Sunday collections, please see a Parish Council member.
- **A Baby Shower for Emma Bortins** will take place at the home of Arlie Button (in Wimauma) on Saturday, February 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Please RSVP to Arlie if you plan to attend.
- **Saint Mark Burial Society** is in need of several items which can be purchased on Amazon. The internet address to make these purchases is printed on slips of paper on the Sharing Table in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!

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 8 (Ven. Ephraim)

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 Ephraim, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!//

Through his intercession, 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 2 (Ven. Ephraim)

Ever anticipating the hour of Judgment,

thou didst lament bitterly, venerable Ephraim.

Through thy deeds thou wast a teacher by example//

Therefore, universal Father, thou dost rouse the slothful to repentance.

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!