

**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	Nicole & Noelle	Eli
Joshua	Mark	Constance	Nick	Nina
Charles	Gregory	Ronald	Tatiana	Bradley
Nancy	Deanna	Bill	Kay	Lydia
Nicholas	Mary	Heike	Mikey	Patrick
Medhat	Richard	Caitlin & n.b. son	Cathy	Dolores

**Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:**

Archpr. Moses (ND)	Rose (ND)	Juliette (ND)	Kevin (ND)
Anna (ND)			

**February Birthdays:**

Lois Evancho (2/12)	Daniel Button (2/17)	Joe Ciampa (2/20)
Logan Kulikowshi (2/25)		

**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](http://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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**This week at St. Mark**

21 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life
22 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	6:00 PM	Prayers for Peace
	7:00 PM	Parish Council
24 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro To Orthodoxy
24 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
25 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
25 Sunday	11:30 AM	Sunday School/Choir Rehearsal & Teens

**Sunday, February 18, 2024 Tone 4  
37<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday of Zacchaes  
St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome**

**Prokeimenon                      Tone 4                      (Resurrection)**

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
(Ps. 103:26)*

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!  
(Ps. 103:1)*


**1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)**

**This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.**

**Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)**

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham: for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our Parish website is [www.bradentonorthodox.org](http://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](http://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** before the Parish Council meeting we gather for a *Prayer Service for Peace and Protection* in these times of unrest and war.
- **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.
- **Due to a lack of a quorum last week, the General Parish Meeting will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy today.**
- Anyone interested in helping count the Sunday collections, please see a Parish Council member.
- **A baby shower of 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 (231-286-8564) if you plan to attend.
- **TEENS will meet next Sunday, February 25**, for a picnic lunch and discussion. See Fr. Jonathan for more details.
- **Next Sunday, February 25, we begin the three weeks of Pre-Lent (Lent begins March 28). Pre-Lent consists of the following:**
  1. **Publican and Pharisee** (Lk. 18:10-14) – *fast-free week*;
  2. **Prodigal Son** (Lk. 15:11-32);
  3. **Last Judgment** (Matt. 25:31-46) – *meatfare* (last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha);
  4. **Expulsion of Adam from Paradise/Forgiveness Sunday** – *cheesefare* (last day for eating cheese and dairy products until Pascha).

*Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:*

**Troparion      Tone 4      (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,//  
granting the world great mercy!”

**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 3      (St. Leo)**

Thou wast the Church's instrument  
in strengthening the teaching of true doctrine;  
thou didst shine forth from the West like a sun  
dispelling the errors of heretics//  
Righteous Leo, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

**Kontakion      Tone 4      (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master,//  
He has risen on the third day!

**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 3      (St. Leo)**

Seated upon the throne of the priesthood, glorious Leo,  
thou didst shut the mouths of the spiritual lions.  
With divinely inspired teachings of the honored Trinity,  
thou didst shed the light of the knowledge of God upon thy flock.//  
Therefore, thou art glorified as a divine initiate of the grace of God.

**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!