

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 your 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	Kathy	Dolores
John				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpr. Moses (ND)	Rose (ND)	Kevin (ND)	Anna (ND)
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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. 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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Office Hours: W, Th, F 10:00 AM – Noon

This week at St. Mark

28	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life (<i>Book of Revelation</i>)
29	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
2	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro To Orthodoxy
2	Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
3	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
3	Sunday	11:30 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, February 25, 2024 Tone 5
38th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion

Prokeimenon Tone 5 (Resurrection)

*Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)*

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)


“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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Today with the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, we begin the **Lenten Triodion**, so-called because the Canons of the services for the season consist of *three* main parts known as *odes*. The Lenten Triodion encompasses 9 weeks: 3 weeks of Pre-Lent and 6 weeks (40 days) of Great Lent. Pre-Lent is as follows:

1. Publican and Pharisee (*fast-free* week);
2. Prodigal Son
3. Last Judgment (*meatfare*, “fare-well to meat” until Pascha);
4. Expulsion of Adam from Paradise/Forgiveness Sunday (*cheesefare*, “fare-well to cheese” and dairy until Pascha).

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**
- **FAITH AND LIFE CLASS** meets after Vespers every Wednesday evening. This past Wednesday, the Class began a study of the *Book of Revelation*. All are invited and welcome to join the discussion.
- **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, 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.** 
- Anyone interested in helping count the Sunday collections, please see a Parish Council member.
- New Parish Council members are: Sbdcn. James Abraham, Will Bortins, Bob Matskevich, Michael Kulisz. Other members of the Parish Council are Joseph Ciampa, Cara Kulikowski, and Carol Skinner. May God bless the work of the Council and our Parish community!
- **The Lenten Project** this spring is the lift station needed to tie into the Manatee County sewer system, as required by the County with any new construction. This will need to be completed before a new hall can be built.
- **Proposed Fellowship Hall** architectural drawings and renderings are on display in the Narthex. The wooden stakes with pink ribbons behind the Church outline the rough perimeter of the proposed structure. If you have questions or comments about the plan, speak with Fr. Jonathan, Michael Kulisz, or George Nartsissov who head up the Building Committee.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 5 (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

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

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

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

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 4 (*Lenten Triodion*)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us,/
O only merciful One!”