

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)	Archpr. Sergius (ND)	Juliette (ND)
Kevin (ND)	Anna (ND)		

March Birthdays:

Michael Blazso (3/06)	Willard Brown (3/09)	Marina Proskurina (3/15)
Karen Skinner (3/28)	Sue Brown (3/29)	

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

This week at St. Mark

13 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life (<i>Book of Revelation</i>)
14 Thursday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
16 Saturday 3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
16 Saturday 4:15 PM	Panikhida for Kevin Mitchell
16 Saturday 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
17 Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
17 Sunday 11:30 AM	Sunday School
17 Sunday 12:00 PM	Saint Mark Teens
17 Sunday 5:00 PM	Forgiveness Vespers

Sunday, March 10, 2024 Tone 7

Meatfare Sunday

Sunday of the Last Judgement

Prokeimenon

Tone 3

(Lenten Triodion)

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (Ps. 146:5)

V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)


1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.
- **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 Blaszo for more information.
- **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.
- Anyone interested in helping count the Sunday collections, please see a Parish Council member.
- **Lenten Project** 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.
- Forty-day Panikhida for Kevin Mitchell on Saturday, March 16, at 4:15 PM. Fr. Elias and Mat. Marian invite all parishioners to attend.
- The Myrrhbearers are planning a **Potluck Lunch Sunday, March 24**. You are free to bring a fast-friendly, Lenten dish to share along with the dish's recipe. "Fast-friendly" means no meat or dairy products included. If you have any questions, contact Marsha Blaszo.
- The Myrrhbearers are also spearheading a **Children's Book Drive** for children ages 1 - 7. These books should be Bible Stories, books about Saints, or books about the Orthodox Faith. We would like books that have thicker pages or cardboard pages so little hands don't rip them. These books will be available to the young children to use on Sunday.
- Architectural drawings and an artist's rendition of a **proposed Fellowship Hall** for St. Mark Church are on display in the Narthex. Please join us in prayer seeking God's will for the realization of this project.
- **Saint Mark Teens** will meet next Sunday following Sunday School. All teens are invited and welcome to attend.

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 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 1 (*Lenten Triodion*)

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory,

all things shall tremble,

and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat;

the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;

then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, //

and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!