

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:

Archhp. Nathaniel	Archpr. Stephen	Archpr. Elias	Mat. Marion	Irene
Laurie	Tanya	Eugenia	Nicole & Noelle	Eli
Joshua	Mark	Nick	Nina	Charles
Gregory	Ronald	Tatiana	Nancy	Deanna
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Nicholas	Mary
Heike	Mikey	Patrick	Medhat	Richard
Barbara	Kathy	Dolores	John	Michael

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpr. Moses (ND) Anna (ND)

April Birthdays:

Mat. Marion Mitchell (4/1)	Nate Kulikowski (4/10)	Christina Stefanescu (4/12)
Clyde McKenzie (4/15)	Fr. Nicholas Roth (4/19)	George Graban (4/21)
Mark Giverc (4/24)	Sarah Taylor (4/24)	Diane Cholcher (4/26)

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.

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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"The Messenger"

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


This week at St. Mark

3 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
5 Friday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
6 Saturday	9:30 AM	Memorial Liturgy
6 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
6 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers (Carrying out of the Cross)
7 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Veneration of the Cross)
7 Sunday	1:00 PM	Teen Ice Skating

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Tone 2

**St. Gregory Palamas
Repose of St. Innocent**

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. Please consider sponsoring Coffee Hour in 2024. Speak with Marsha Blazso 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.** 
- 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.
- 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.
- **Teen Ice Skating** is planned for next Sunday, April 7, following Liturgy. The rink in Ellenton in the outlet mall opens at 1:00 PM; admission is \$16/skater. The Teen fund at Church will pay for \$8/person. See Fr. Jonathan for details. All teens are invited!

Prayer for Building (of a Fellowship Hall; please include in your daily prayers):

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Cornerstone of Your holy Church, Giver of every good gift, the One who first loved us, look down upon us Your people who desire to build a hall unto Your glory and grant us the wisdom, strength, and resources to accomplish this task in accordance with Your will. Remember the friends and benefactors of this parish who support the construction of this hall and bless them with Your good things. And as You did proclaim that even if Your disciples were silent, the very stones would cry out, so also grant that this hall may proclaim You and draw all who dwell in this city and county to worship You in spirit and in truth. In flame our hearts with love for You that we may offer to You ourselves and all You have given us to the glory of Your holy Name. For You are the true Philanthropist—the Lover of Mankind—and to You we send up glory, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 2 (Resurrection)
When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion Tone 8 (St. Gregory Palamas)
O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation,
O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians,
O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace,//
always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion Tone 2 (Resurrection)
Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior
Seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee//
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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

Kontakion Tone 8 (St. Gregory Palamas)
No one could describe the Word of the Father;
but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described,
and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty.//
We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 4 (From the Lenten Triodion)
Now is the time for action!
Judgment is at the doors!
So let us rise and fast,
offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:
“Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea;
but forgive us, O Master of all, //
so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!