

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. Theodore	Archprst. Stephen	Archprst. Elias	Mat. Marion	Irene
Laurie	Barbara	Tanya	Nicole & Noelle	Eli
Joshua	Mark	Nick	Nina	Charles
Gregory	Ronald	Tatiana	Nancy	Deanna
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Nicholas	Mary
Heike	Mikey	Patrick	Medhat	Richard
Kathy	Dolores	John	Taisa	Jerry
Emma & n.b. girl	Frank	Max	Nicholas	Karen

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Eugenia (ND) Konstantin (ND) Anna (ND)

May Birthdays:

Aubrey Roth (5/2)	Joseph Michael (5/2)	Radica Koutselas (5/14)
Jason Gentile (5/18)	Fr. Stephen Plumlee (5/25)	Edward Roth (5/25)
Ian Stefanescu (5/31)		

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

15	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith and Life Class (Rev. 9)
16	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
18	Saturday	3:30 AM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
19	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		1:00 PM	Men's Group Cookout

Sunday, May 12, 2024 Tone 1

Antipascha

2nd Sunday of Pascha

Thomas Sunday

Prokeimenon Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.

V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:5, 1)

Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those

who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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. See also www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch.
- **Quarterly Charity (April-June): Care Net**
- **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.
- Our extended **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.
- **A Baby Shower for Savanah Shanks** is planned for Saturday, May 18 9:30-11:30 AM at the home of Marsha Blazso. Please RSVP to Marsha at 941-704-1430.
- Fr. Jonathan will be **blessing graves** this afternoon beginning at 2:00 PM starting at Mansion Memorial Gardens (Ellenton), proceeding to Manasota Cemetery (Bradenton), The Palms (Sarasota), and the Sarasota National Cemetery. For a blessing at another location, please speak with Fr. Jonathan to make arrangements.
- **Men's Group Cookout** – next Sunday after Liturgy, beginning around 1:00 PM (to include cornhole and horseshoes). See Fr. Jonathan for details.



Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion (Tone 7)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God.
Renew in us through them an upright spirit,//
By the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever
and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
When Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors.//
He cried out with all: “Thou art my Lord and my God!”

* This Second Sunday of Pascha is called *Antipascha*, meaning “instead of Pascha.” In other words, this Sunday after Pascha has the same significance as Pascha itself, as does every Sunday as we gather for Divine Liturgy. Every Sunday is the Day of Resurrection in which we are given to have life in communion with our crucified and risen Lord Jesus, specifically as He gives us eat and drink His life-giving Body and Blood.

Also, this Sunday after Pascha we commemorate the “touching of Thomas” as the Risen Christ appeared again to His apostles a week following His Resurrection from the dead. This time Thomas was with the other apostles, and his doubts of the Resurrection were personally overcome witnessing Christ alive before him.