

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	Maksim	Nicholas	Frank	

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Vasiliy (ND)

May Birthdays:

Aubreigh 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:

22	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class (Rev. 11)
23	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
25	Saturday	3:00 PM	Baptism of Ia Violet Bortins
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
26	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 19, 2024 Tone 2
3rd Sunday of Pascha
Myrrhbearing Women

Prokeimenon

Tone 6

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle)

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Mark 15:43-16:8 (Gospel)

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is

going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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.
- We are continuing our **Lenten Project: 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 cookout for the Men’s Club is planned for today immediately following Liturgy. All men are invited and welcome!
- **Baptism of Ia Violet Bortins:** next Saturday, May 25, at 3:00 PM. Ia is the newborn daughter of Will and Emma Bortins; her Godparents will be Matthew and Patty Bianco of Concord, NC. You are invited to attend the Baptism with a reception to follow in the Church narthex.
- For the 40 days from Pascha until its Leavetaking (the day before the Feast of Ascension, this year, June 13), it is customary to greet one another with **the Paschal greeting:** Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen! Also, from Pascha to Pentecost (50 days after Pascha, this year, June 23), we **refrain from kneeling and prostrations** in honor of the Resurrection; as a matter of fact, the Greek word for resurrection – *anastasis* – literally means “to stand up.”



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 2 (*Pentecostarion*)

The noble Joseph,
when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree,
wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,
and placed it in a new tomb.
But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion Tone 2 (*Pentecostarion*)

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said:
“Myrrh is fitting for the dead;
but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption!
So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen,//
granting the world great mercy.’”

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

Kontakion Tone 2 (*Pentecostarion*)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God.
By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first
mother.
Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles://
“The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 8 (*Pascha*)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,
Thou didst destroy the power of death.
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the myrrhbearing women,//
granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.