

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. Dimitri	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
Mikey	Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy
Dolores	Savanah & newborn daughter	John	Jerry	
Sbdn. Joseph				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Taisa (ND)

July Birthdays:

Louisa Kosar (7/1) Fr. Jonathan Cholcher (7/5) Nick Orras (7/6) Abigail Michael (7/7)
Ed Evancho (7/13) Alexander Jebelev (7/19) Elena Grayton (7/22)

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.thatmybrick.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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"The Messenger"

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This week at St. Mark

17	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class (Rev. 17)
18	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		7:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting
20	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
21	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		5-8:00 PM	45 th Anniversary Dinner (at D's in Palmetto)

Sunday, July 14, 2024 Tone 2

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Prokeimenon Tone 2 (Resurrection)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)

V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:18)

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (Song of the Three Holy Children)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle, Fathers)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

John 17:1-13 (Gospel, Fathers)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your

name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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 (Fathers)
Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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 (Fathers)
The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology.//
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Theotokion Tone 6
Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocate before the Creator
Do not despise the cries of us sinners
But in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos!//
For you always protect those who honor you!

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 Bridal Shower for Alexys Siagel** will take place on Saturday, August 10, from 9:30-11:30 AM at Marsha Blazso's home. Please RSVP to Marsha at 941-704-1430. Alexys is registered at www.zola.com/registry/michaelandalexys2024. If you need to search by name, use Alexys Siagel.
- **Saint Mark's 45th Anniversary Dinner** will take place next Sunday, July 21, from 5-8:00 PM at D's in Palmetto. We are producing an Anniversary Booklet for the Dinner of which additional copies will be available for persons even if they are not able to attend the Dinner. Forty-five years ago our Parish was organized by a dedicated smaller group of Orthodox faithful in the Sarasota-Bradenton area. We thank God for their efforts and pray God's blessings into the future for the continued growth and success in the Gospel of Saint Mark Orthodox Church.
- Every Saturday afternoon, the **Introduction to Orthodoxy Class** meets at 3:30 PM prior to Great Vespers. The **Intro Class** addresses fundamental doctrines and practices of the Orthodox Church to any and everyone new to the Church using a catechism, *The Faith*, by Clark Carlton, as our manual (receive a copy upon request).
- **Back-to-School Backpacks:** again this summer we are preparing 24 backpacks with supplies for students at a local elementary school. To donate supplies, take the corresponding supply tags from the list in the Narthex and return the supplies to Church by Sunday, July 28.