

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	Jerry	Mary
Mikey	Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy
Dolores	Savanah & newborn daughter	John	John	Charlotte
Sbdcn. Joseph	Ricardo	Zina		

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Taisa (ND)

July Birthdays:

Luisa 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.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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"The Messenger"

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

This week at St. Mark

23	Tuesday	9:00 AM	40 th Day Panikhida: Taisa Clark
24	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class (Rev. 17)
25	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
27	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
28	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 21, 2024 Tone 3

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Prophet Ezekiel

Ven. Simeon of Emessa, Fool-for-Christ and his fellow ascetic Ven. John

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)


Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

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 (April-June): FOCUS North America** (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve)
- **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 Lenten Project was 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. Do to the generous donation from an anonymous donor, we have met our financial goal for this project and hope to begin work as soon as possible. Thanks be to God!
- 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.
- **45th Anniversary Dinner** at D’s in Palmetto from 5:00 – 8:00 PM; if you would like a copy of the Anniversary Booklet prepared for the occasion, please see Fr. Jonathan.
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS:** once again this summer we are providing fully supplied Backpacks for school children at Manatee Elementary School (on Manatee Ave. E). You can help by donating supplies; *take supply tabs from the table in the Narthex, and return the items to Church by Sunday, July 28*. We will assemble the Backpacks at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 31, and they will be delivered to the School the next day, August 1. Thank you!!!
- **A Bridal Shower for Alexys Siagel** is planned for August 10 from 9:30-11:30 AM at the home of Marsha Blazso (RSVP at 941-704-1430). Alexys is registered at www.zola.com/registry/michaelandalexys2024.
- **Sunday School Organizational Meeting – Sunday, August 4, following Divine Liturgy;** if you are interested in our Sunday School program, please come to be informed and/or volunteer to help. Classes will resume on Sunday, September 8.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to 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

Troparion Tone 4 (Sts. Simeon and John)

O God of our Fathers,

always act with kindness towards us;

take not Thy mercy from us,

but guide our lives in peace//

`through the prayers of Venerable Simeon and John!

Troparion Tone 2 (Prophet Ezekiel)

We celebrate the memory

of Thy prophet Ezekiel, O Lord;

through him we beseech Thee://

“Save our souls!”

Kontakion Tone 3 (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

Kontakion Tone 2 (Sts. Simeon and John)

Let us praise the venerable Simeon

as an equal to the angels,

for he walked in the flesh upon the earth as a bodiless angel

shining forth to all as an example of the virtues;

and with him let us honor his companion,

the ever memorable and God-bearing Father John,//

for they ceaselessly pray to the Lord for us with faith and love!

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

Kontakion Tone 4 (Prophet Ezekiel)

Thou hast been revealed as a Prophet of God, wondrous Ezekiel,

proclaiming to all the incarnation of the Lord, the Lamb and Creator,//

the Son of God, Who has ever revealed Himself.

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!