

**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	Jerry	Nancy	Deanna
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mikey
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores
Savanah & newborn daughter	John	Sbdcn. Joseph	Charlotte	
Ricardo				

**Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:**

Tatiana (Komar; ND)

**August Birthdays:**

Cara Kulikowski (8/2)	Diane Koory (8/13)	Matthew Grayton (8/14)
Margaret Michael (8/16)	Robert Koory (8/22)	

**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](http://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.**

**St. Mark Orthodox Church**

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**“The Messenger”**

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher  
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V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee  
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Sub-Deacon James Abraham

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**This week at St. Mark**

30	Tuesday	11:00 AM	School Backpacks assembly
31	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Tatiana Komar viewing/visitation
		10:00 AM	Tatiana Komar Funeral
		6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class (Rev. 18)
1	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy ( <i>Dormition fast begins</i> )
3	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
4	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, July 28, 2024 Tone 4**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons:**  
**Prochorus, Nicanor, Timor, and Parmenas**

**Prokeimenon****Tone 4****(Resurrection)**

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
(Ps. 103:26)*

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!  
(Ps. 103:1)*


**Romans 10:1-10 (Epistle)**

**Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Gospel)**

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our Parish website is [www.bradentonorthodox.org](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch).
- **Quarterly Charity (July-September): 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. Due to a sizeable, anonymous donation, we have reached this goal, and work will begin as soon as possible.
- 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.
- Our sister in Christ, Tatiana Komar, 87, fell asleep in the Lord this past Wednesday evening in Sun City Center where she resided. The **Funeral Service** for Tatiana will take place at Saint Mark Church this Wednesday, July 31, at 10:00 AM with a viewing beginning at 9:00 AM; her burial will follow at Manasota Cemetery in Bradenton. May her memory be eternal!
- **Saint Mark Church celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Parish this past Monday, July 22, 2024. Anniversary Books are available from the dinner for a \$5.00 donation; they are on a table in the Narthex.**
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS:** this coming Tuesday, July 30, at 11:00 AM we will be filling 24 backpacks with school supplies to be delivered to Manatee Elementary School on Thursday, August 1. If you forgot to return school supplies to Church today, please make arrangements with Fr. Jonathan to bring them to Church by Wednesday morning. Thank you for your contributions to this project!
- **The Dormition Fast** begins this Thursday, August 1, continuing until the Feast of the Dormition (lit., "falling-asleep") of the Theotokos on Thursday, August 15. The Fast is a two-week long season of moderation in food and drink, and a time for renewed prayer and exercise of righteousness.

*Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:*

**Troparion      Tone 4      (*Resurrection*)**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen, //  
granting 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 3      (*Apostles*)**

Holy Apostles Próchorus, Nícanor, Tímon, and Parménas,  
entreat the merciful God, //  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

**Kontakion      Tone 4      (*Resurrection*)**

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master, //  
He has risen on the third day!

**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

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

**Kontakion      Tone 1      (*Apostles*)**

The glorious Nícanor, Próchorus, Parménas, and Tímon,  
the honored deacons and eyewitnesses of the Word,  
have been revealed as chosen vessels of the Faith.  
Therefore, we celebrate your holy memory today, //  
blessing you with gladness of heart.

**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!

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\* Ss. Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas, four of the original 7 deacons mentioned in Acts 6, are also apostles of the group of 70 sent by Christ as recorded in Luke 10.