

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Tatiana (ND)

August Birthdays:

Kathy Johns (8/1)	Cara Kulikowski (8/2)	Diane Koory (8/13)
Matthew Grayton (8/14)	Margaret Michael (8/16)	Robert Koory (8/22)
Trudy Telychka (8/31)		

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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This week at St. Mark

14	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Great Vespers & Litya (Dormition)
15	Thursday	8:15 AM	Matins (Feast of Dormition)
		9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Dormition)
17	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
18	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 11, 2024 Tone 6

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania

Prokeimenon **Tone 6** *(Resurrection)*

*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)*

Prokeimon **Tone 4** *(Feast of Transfiguration)*

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

Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website is www.bradentonorthodox.org. Please give any feedback you might have to Fr. Jonathan or a Council member. See also 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.
- 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.
- The **MYRRHBEARERS** will meet today following Divine Liturgy. See Marsha Blazso for more information.
- A **Bridal Shower** is planned for Belle Hudson on Saturday, August 31, from 10:00 AM to Noon, at the home of Emma Bortins, 7525 Plantation Circle, Bradenton 34201. Please RSVP to Emma (318-355-8131) before August 26. Belle and fiancé Michael DeNardo are registered at Amazon.
- **Weekly CHOIR PRACTICE** resumes today following Liturgy, for general singing and in preparation for two upcoming weddings at Saint Mark Church. All interested in singing in the Choir are welcome to join the practices each Sunday.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //
glory to Thee.

Troparion Tone 7 (Feast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,
through the prayers of the Theotokos! //
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

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 6 (St. Euplus)

Thy holy martyr Euplus, O Lord,
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God.
For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //
Through his intercession, save our souls!

Kontakion Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 (St. Euplus*)

With the love of Christ as thine only defense,
thou didst stand in the midst of thy fight and didst say:
“I endure this struggle willingly and with confidence!”
Thou didst rejoice, O Euplus, to offer thy head to the sword //
and so thou didst complete thy course.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 7 (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,
and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;
so that when they would behold Thee crucified,
they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,
and would proclaim to the world //
that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

* The holy Martyr Euplus was a Deacon of the Church in Catania in Sicily. He went to the entrance of the tribunal of the city and declared: “I am a Christian, and desire to die for the name of Christ!” Holding the Book of the Gospels, a book forbidden by imperial decree, St. Euplus read from it at the magistrate Calvisianus’ suggestion. “*Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*”; and, “*If any man wishes to be My disciple, let him take up his cross and follow Me*” (Matt. 5:10 & Luke 14:27). St. Euplus testified these words to be those of “the Lord, my God, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God.” After 3 months of torture, St. Euplus was again brought before the tribunal, this time not holding the Book of the Gospels. “Where are they?” Calvisianus asked. “Within me,” replied St. Euplus, meaning he knew them by heart. Spurning the offer to sacrifice to the idols and spared his life, St. Euplus confessed the Holy Trinity and gave his head to the executioner and was beheaded on this day in the year 304. Christians later took his body and embalmed it before his burial.