

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	John	Jerry	Sbdcn. Joseph
Charlotte	John			

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

21	Wednesday	4:45 PM	Parish Council
		6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith and Life (Rev. 20)
22	Thursday	9:30 PM	Divine Liturgy
24	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
25	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 18, 2024 Tone 7
7th Sunday After Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Dormition
Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria

Prokeimenon **Tone 7** **(Resurrection)**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

Prokeimon **Tone 3** **(Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Epistle)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 14:14-22 (Gospel)

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and

children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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.
- **A Bridal Shower for Belle Hudson** will take place on Saturday, August 31, from 10 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.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** will be held after Liturgy each Sunday for general singing and in preparation for two upcoming weddings (Sept. 22 and Oct. 6). All interested in singing are welcome to join the practices; those who plan to sing for the wedding services are required to attend practices as we need to know who is committed to those services.
- Beginning in September, we will be collecting specific food items to donate monthly to the Food Bank of Manatee (in conjunction with Meals on Wheels). Our Myrrhbearers group will be coordinating this effort. In September we will be collecting Healthy Cereal and Peanut Butter.
- **Parish Council** meets this coming Wednesday at **4:45 PM (before Vespers)**. Please note the time change!



Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion Tone 1 (Feast)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity.
In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,//
and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death

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 (Martyrs Florus and Laurus)

Let us praise as is meet, O faithful,
the most comely, radiant and divinely wise martyrs:
Most blessed Florus and all-venerable Laurus,
who proclaimed to all the uncreated Trinity.
Suffering unto bloodshed,
they were adorned with brilliant crowns.//
Entreat Christ our God to save our souls!

Kontakion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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 8 (Martyrs Florus and Laurus*)

Today all the world honors in glory the divinely wise Florus and Laurus as pious
martyrs who suffered for Christ.
Through their prayers may we receive grace and mercy//
and be delivered from calamity and temptation, and from wrath and sorrow on the
Day of Judgment!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 2 (Feast)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,//
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

* Florus and Laurus were twin brothers who lived during the reign of the Roman Emperor Hadrian (117-138). They were stonecutters from the town of Byzantium (later Constantinople), having learned both their trade and faith from Saints Patroclus and Maximus who were themselves martyred for Christ. While living in Ulpiana in Dardania (Illyria), they acquired a good reputation for their work and were eventually summoned by the Empress's son, Licinius, to build an idol temple. Florus and Laurus pretended to accept the proposition, but gave their sizable pay away to the poor. Once the temple was completed, the saints gathered by night all the poor they had helped, tied ropes around the idol statues in the temple, and toppled them to the ground; they purified the temple and turned it into a church. Licinius, overwhelmed with rage, burned the accomplices in a furnace and had Florus and Laurus beaten without mercy while tied to a cartwheel. Ten soldiers seeing the saints' endurance themselves converted to the Faith and were immediately executed. Florus and Laurus were thrown into a deep well where they gave their souls to Christ. Their relics were discovered to be incorrupt, exuding a heavenly fragrance, and many miracles were worked through the relics of these martyrs.

COFFEE HOUR

PLEASE SIGN UP

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO
PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS
FOR COFFEE HOUR**

IT CAN BE AS SIMPLE AS BAGELS
OR DONUTS, OR YOU CAN BRING
YOUR FAVORITE FOOD



****IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, BUT DO NOT
WANT TO PURCHASE OR PREPARE FOOD,
YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION THAT WILL
GO TOWARD SPONSORING A COFFEE HOUR**