

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	Frances		

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Tatiana (ND) Katherine (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

28	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith and Life Class (Rev. 21)
29	Thursday	8:15 AM 9:30 PM	Matins (Beheading of St. John) Divine Liturgy
31	Saturday	3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy Great Vespers
1	Sunday	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Catechumen Prayers & Exorcisms Divine Liturgy w/Baptism of Xenia Shanks

**Sunday, August 25, 2024 Tone 8
9th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari
Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete**

Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)

V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)


1 Corinthians 3:9-17 (Epistle)

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Matthew 14:22-34 (Gospel)

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

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 (July - Spetember): 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 we hope to begin the work 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.
- **A Bridal Shower for Belle Hudson** will take place this coming Saturday, August 31, from 10:00 AM to Noon, at the home of Emma Bortins (7525 Plantation Circle, Bradenton 34201). *Please RSVP to Emma at 318-355-8131 BY TOMORROW, August 26.* Belle and fiancé Michael DeNardo are registered at Amazon.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE** takes place after Liturgy each Sunday. Come and sing if you want to contribute; those planning to sing for the Wedding(s) must attend practices!
- This coming Thursday, August 29, we commemorate the **Beheading of St. John the Baptist**, the last of the Old Testament prophets and greatest of those born of women (Matt. 11:11). Matins at 8:15 AM will precede the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM.
- **Sunday School organizational meeting today following Liturgy** – anyone interested in our Sunday School program is welcome to attend. Sunday School classes will resume on September 8: 4-7 year-olds, Belle Hudson, teacher; 8-12 year-olds, Siobhan Awad, teacher; Teens, Subdn. James Abraham, teacher.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 3 (Apostles)

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus,
entreat the merciful God,//
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion Tone 8 (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection//
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

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 4 (St. Bartholomew*)

Thou hast appeared to the universe as a great sun,
shining with the radiance of thy teachings and awesome miracles//
Thou dost enlighten those who honor thee, O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.

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

Kontakion Tone 2 (St. Titus*)

Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ's mysteries,
thou wast Paul's companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God.
Therefore we cry out to thee://
"Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!"

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!

* The holy Apostle Bartholomew (Heb., *Bar Tolmai*, that is, "son of Tolmai"; Matt. 10:3) died by crucifixion in Armenia (June 11). The faithful placed his body in a lead coffin and hid it in Urbanopolis. Because healings were constantly being worked by the saint's relics, the pagans threw the coffin in the sea, but the coffin floated. Crossing the Black Sea and the Hellespont, St. Bartholomew's relics passed through the Aegean and the Adriatic and came to rest on the coast of the island of Lipari. The saint appeared in a dream to the local Bishop Agathon alerting him to his coffin which was eventually interred in a church on an islet near Lipari. When the island was captured by the Arabs in the early ninth century, Christians went from Amalfi to take the coffin. In 983, St. Bartholomew's relics were taken to an island in the Tiber River at Rome.

* The holy Apostle Titus was the spiritual son of the Apostle Paul and Bishop of Gortyna on the island of Crete. St. Titus, of Gentile and pagan origin, was left uncircumcised in the flesh to prove the freedom of the Gospel (Gal. 2:3), and he became a travelling companion and emissary for the Apostle Paul. Being with St. Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome, St. Titus accompanied him when he went back east, staying on Crete to supervise the organization of the Church there. Bishop Titus fell asleep in peace, and his body was placed in the cathedral at Gortyna, his episcopal seat. When the island was liberated from its Arab occupiers, both the capital and cathedral (the relics of St. Titus) were moved to Candaque; this church remained the principal pilgrimage center during the Venetian occupation (1210-1669). Driven from Crete by the Turks, the Venetians took the skull of St. Titus to St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, from which it was returned to the Church of Crete on May 12, 1966.