#### 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).
- 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 rowby-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	Den, John	
Laurie	Barbara	Tanya	Irene	Sbdcn. Joseph	
Joshua	Mark	Nick	Nina	Charles	
Gregory	Ronald	Ricardo	Nancy	Deanna	
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mikey	
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Eli	
John	Jerry	Dolores	Nicole & Noelle	Charlotte	
Tharika & newborn daughter					

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

#### October Birthdays:

Gary Babina (10/1)	Jonathan Orras (10/3)	Faith Abraham (10/5)
Ruth Traycoff (10/7)	Fr. Elias Mitchell (10/9)	Nina Balikowsky (10/13)
John Veselenak (10/17)	George Nartsissov (10/22)	Fran Pouget (10/31)

# 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 <a href="https://www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox">www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox</a>. 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

6 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
-	12:30 PM	Wedding of Michael DeNardo/Belle
		Hudson
9 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life (Hebrews 2)
10 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
12 Saturday	3:30 P M	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
13 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:30 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, October 6, 2024 Tone 6 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke Glorification of St. Innocent 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)

Prokeimenon Tone 1 (St. Innocent)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Ps. 48:3)

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed - always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Epistle, St. Innocent)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her

and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

John 10:9-16 (Gospel, St. Innocent)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ➤ Our Parish website is <u>www.bradentonorthodox.org</u>. Also see <u>www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch</u>.
- ➤ 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.
- 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 first phase of the project, a lift station and tie-in to the city sewer, is fully funded and proceeding.
- ➤ **Baby Shower for Siena Brooks**, next Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 AM to Noon; at the home of Cathy Johns (3003 93<sup>rd</sup> St. E, Palmetto). Siena is the newborn daughter of Tharika and Jordan Brooks, registered at Amazon under the name of Tharika Brooks.
- ➤ October-November Food Bank Collection: Canned Meats and Fruits (place donations in the designated baskets in the Narthex thank you!)
- ➤ Fourth Quarter Charity (Oct.-Dec.): IOCC Hurricane and Flood Relief (International Orthodox Christian Charities)

## 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 <u>rise</u> from the dead,//

glory to Thee.

## Troparion Tone 4 (St. Innocent)

O Holy Father Innocent,

in obedience to the will of God,

thou didst accept dangers and tribulations,

bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.

Thou didst show us the way;

now by thy prayers help <u>lead</u> us//

into the Kingdom of Heaven!

# Troparion Tone 2 (St. Innocent)

Thou didst e<u>vangelize</u> the Northern people of America and <u>Asia</u>, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their <u>own</u> tongues, O Holy Hierarch, Father Innocent,

Enlightener of Alaska and All America, whose ways were <u>or</u>dered by the Lord.// Pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His Heavenly Kingdom!

## 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.

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

# Kontakion Tone 2 (St. Innocent\*)

Thy <u>life</u>, O holy Father Innocent, a<u>pos</u>tle to our land, proclaims the dispensation and grace of God!

For,  $\underline{la}boring$  in dangers and hardships for the  $\underline{Gos}pel$  of Christ,

thou wast kept unharmed and exalted in humility.//

Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

# Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

#### Theotokion Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of <u>Christians</u>
Constant Advocate before the Creator
Do not despise the cries of us <u>sin</u>ners
But in your goodness come speedily to help us who <u>call</u> on you in faith Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theo<u>to</u>kos//
For you always protect those who <u>hon</u>or you!

<sup>\*</sup> Saint Innocent was born John Popov in 1797 in Irkutsk (far-eastern Russia) and was given the surname Veniaminov in 1814 by the rector of the seminary in Irkutsk. Ordained to the priesthood at the age of 24, St. Innocent labored as a missionary in eastern Russia and Alaska for the next 45 years, taking the name Innocent when tonsured a monastic after the death of his wife in 1840; the next month he was elevated as Bishop of Kamchatka. Known as a tremendous preacher of the Gospel, St. Innocent learned the native Alaskan languages, composed an Aleut alphabet and grammar, and translated the Scriptures and services into that language as well as writing a catechism and other works of instruction. After the repose of St. Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow, St. Innocent was chosen as his successor in 1868, where he continued his missionary efforts by, among other things, setting up the Orthodox Missionary Society in Japan. St. Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, and was glorified as a saint by the Russian Orthodox Church on October 6, 1977.