

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:

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| Archprst. Dimitri | Archprst. Stephen | Archprst. Elias | Mat. Marion | Dn, John |
| Sbdn. Joseph | Irene | Laurie | Barbara | Tanya |
| Joshua | Mark | Nick | Nina | Charles |
| Gregory | Ronald | Ricardo | Nancy | Deanna |
| Bill | Kay | Lydia | Mary | Mikey |
| Patrick | Maksim | Richard | Kathy | Dolores |
| John | Jerry | Eli | Nicole & Noelle | Charlotte |

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

October Birthdays:

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| 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 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:

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| 16 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Vespers/Faith & Life (<i>Hebrews 2</i>) |
| 17 | Thursday | 9:30 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| 19 | Saturday | 3:30 P M | Intro to Orthodoxy |
| | | 5:00 PM | Great Vespers |
| 20 | Sunday | 9:30 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| | | 11:30 AM | Sunday School |

Sunday, October 13, 2024 Tone 7

16th Sunday After Pentecost

4th Sunday of Luke

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

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)

Prokeimenon **Tone 4** **(Song of the Three Holy Children)**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle, Fathers)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel)

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

John 17:1-13 (Gospel, Fathers)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website is www.bradentonorthodox.org. See also www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch.
- 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. Our past Lenten project, the **lift station** needed to eliminate our current septic system and tie into the city sewer, has been fully funded and is proceeding without delay; this is the first phase of our fellowship hall project.
- **FOURTH QUARTER CHARITY (Oct.-Dec.): IOCC Hurricane and Disaster Relief;** IOCC is the International Orthodox Christian Charities. Please give generously by designated check or in a marked offering envelope.
- A **Church Picnic** is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, following Liturgy. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, but please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.
- **Church Cleaning – Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 AM;** come if you can to help maintain our beautiful Church prior to the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- **Hurricane Milton** caused a small leak to reappear in the dome and blew off one piece of roof flashing from the Church; however, we incurred no water damage or other serious concerns, especially any significant loss for parishioners. Truly God spared us from harm and danger! If you or someone you know has need for assistance or help in any way, please contact Fr. Jonathan or someone at the Church to relay the message. May the love of Christ abound in all we encounter and do.
- **Divine Liturgy of St. James** – Wednesday, October 23, at 9:30 AM; the Liturgy of St. James is appointed to be served twice a year, on St. James Day (Oct. 23) and the Sunday after Christmas on which St. James is commemorated.



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 8** *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,

Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//

O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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!”

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

Kontakion **Tone 6** *(Fathers*)*

The Son Who shone forth from the Father

was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,

but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith,//

the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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!

* On the Sunday occurring between October 13-19 we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787) who defended and affirmed the Orthodox veneration of icons (images) against the heresy of iconoclasm (lit., the smashing and denigration of icons). The Orthodox have always had icons beginning with the icon of the Theotokos painted by St. Luke the Gospel-writer and the Icon of the Face of Christ made by the Lord Himself on a cloth. In honoring the icons we give glory to God who became Man for our sake thus communicating to us the holiness of God.