

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	Dcn, John
Sbdcn. Joseph	Laurie	Barbara	Tanya	Irene
Joshua	Mark	Nick	Nina	Charles
Gregory	Ronald	Ricardo	Nancy	Deanna
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mikey
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores
John	Jerry	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Charlotte

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 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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Office Hours: W, Th, F 10:00 AM – Noon

This week at St. Mark:

23	Wednesday	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Liturgy of St. James Vespers & Faith and Life Class (<i>Hebrews 3</i>)
24	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
26	Saturday	3:30 PM 5:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy Great Vespers
27	Sunday	9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Divine Liturgy Sunday School

Sunday, October 20, 2024 Tone 8

17th Sunday After Pentecost

5th Sunday of Luke

Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch

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)*


2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

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.** 
- Anyone interested in helping count the Sunday collections, please see a Parish Council member.
- 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, eliminating our current septic system and tying into the city sewer via a lift station, has been fully funded and is proceeding as quickly as possible.
- **4TH Quarter Charity: IOCC Hurricane and Disaster Relief.** Please give generously by designated check or in a designated offering envelope. IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) provides assistance to those devastated and still recovering from the recent hurricanes in Florida and the US Southeast.
- **IOCC US Action Teams:** one opportunity to provide more than just monetary support to persons in need is to join an Action Team coordinated through IOCC. See www.iocc.or/actionteam for more information.
- **CHURCH PICNIC** – Sunday, November 3, following Liturgy; hamburgers and hot dos will be provided, but please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. We’re also planning some games, so plan to enjoy the food and fellowship.
- **Semi-annual Church Cleaning Day** – Saturday, November 16, beginning at 10:00 AM. All help is need and appreciated as we exercise our stewardship of God’s house, especially prior to the Christmas season.
- Next Sunday, October 27, following Divine Liturgy, Fr. Jonathan and Subdeacon James (Abraham) will be traveling to Richmond, VA, for the annual Diocese of the South Assembly. Subdeacon Jim serves on the Diocesan Council, and as Rector of the Parish, Fr. Jonathan is required to attend. They will return to Bradenton on Friday, November 1.
- This coming **Wednesday, October 23 at 9:30 AM**, we will serve the oldest Divine Liturgy appointed in the Orthodox Church, the **Liturgy of St. James**. The Liturgy of St. James is appointed to be served twice a year, on St. James Day (Oct. 23) and the Sunday after Christmas when St. James is also commemorated.

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 4** *(St. Artemius)*

Thy holy martyr Artemius, 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 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

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

Kontakion **Tone 2** *(St. Artemius*)*

Let us gather to sing worthy hymns in honor of Artemius,
the pious and victorious martyr who defeated his enemies.
He is great among martyrs
and generous in performing miracles//
and he intercedes with the Lord on behalf 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!

* St. Artemius was an Egyptian by birth and a chief commander under the Emperor Constantine the Great (d. 337). Eventually appointed Imperial Governor of Egypt, St. Artemius was responsible for bringing the relics of both the Apostle Andrew (from Patras) and Saint Luke (from Thebes) to Constantinople where they were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles. Constantine was succeeded in the East by his son Constantius, who was usurped by his cousin Julian, called the Apostate because he abandoned Christianity and reverted to the pagan religion of idolatry. The Emperor Julian called St. Artemius and his army to Antioch to prosecute the war against the Persians. When the Emperor seized two Christian priests and subjected them to torture, St. Artemius became disturbed and confronted the emperor, even prophesying his imminent death. The priests were sent into exile, and St. Artemius was himself tortured and thrown into prison, eventually smashed between two large stones and beheaded. The year was 362, and shortly thereafter the Emperor Julian went out personally against the Persians and was killed in battle, as St. Artemius had foretold.