

**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	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	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](http://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**

There will be no weekday services this week as Fr. Jonathan will be attending the annual Diocese of the South Assembly in Richmond, VA.		
2 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
3 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:30 AM	Church Picnic

**Sunday, October 27, 2024 Tone 1  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica**

**Prokeimenon            Tone 1            (Resurrection)**

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps. 32:22)*

*V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)**


**But this I say: “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.**

**Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)**

**Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to**

**depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Our Parish website is [www.bradentonorthodox.org](http://www.bradentonorthodox.org). See also [www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch](https://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 with a lift station, is now fully funded and proceeding according to county guidelines.
- The **Myrrhbearers** will meet today following Liturgy. See Marsha Blazso for more information and details concerning the Myrrhbearers’ activities in the Parish.
- **CHURCH PICNIC** – next Sunday, November 3, following Divine Liturgy; hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, but please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. We also are planning games for children and adults alike.
- **Diocese of the South Annual Assembly**, this coming week in Richmond, VA; Fr. Jonathan and Subdn. James (Abraham) will be attending, leaving today and returning on Friday. Please pray for their safe travel and a successful Assembly. Because of Fr. Jonathan’s absence, there will be no usual services or classes this week at Saint Mark’s.
- **Semi-annual Church Cleaning** – Saturday, November 16, beginning at 10:00 AM. Please come and help if you are able as we maintain our Church facilities for worship and fellowship.

*Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:*

**Troparion      Tone 1      (Resurrection)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Thy Kingdom!//

Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

**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. Nestor)**

Thy holy martyr Nestor, 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 1      (Resurrection)**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,

raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://

“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**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. Nestor)**

Having fought the good fight,

thou didst win immortal glory, O Nestor.

Thou didst become a perfect soldier for the Master

through the prayers of the martyr Demetrius//

Together with him thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for 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!

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\* The holy Martyr Nestor was a spiritual child of St. Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer of Thessalonica (+306; Oct. 26). The Emperor Maximian organized gladiatorial games for the people’s amusement featuring his favorite, a huge Vandal named Lyaaios. The emperor built a special raised stage for Lyaaios’s bouts of single combat from which he would throw his defeated opponents onto a forest of spears. Christians were frequently forced to duel with him. Seeing this, Nestor went to St. Demetrios in prison and obtained his blessing to fight Lyaaios. St. Demetrios signed him with the Cross and said, “You will defeat Lyaaios, but you will suffer for Christ.” Young Nestor entered the arena, crossed himself, and said: “O God of Demetrios, help me!” He knocked Lyaaios down and threw him onto the spears where Lyaaios perished. All the people watching cried out: “Great is the God of Demetrios!” The emperor, greatly shamed and sorrowing his favorite, commanded Nestor to be beheaded and St. Demetrios run through with lances. Thus the Martyr Nestor ended his earthly life with his spiritual father.