

**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
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	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Charlotte
John				

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

*November Birthdays:*

Sbdn. James Abraham (11/6)	Moriah Hastings (11/14)	Will Brown (11/16)
Arlie Button (11/19)	Beckett Button (11/21)	Helen Moroz (11/24)
Connie Insley (11/25)	Deb Graban (11/26)	Abram Button (11/28)

**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**

3 Sunday	11:30 PM	Church Picnic
6 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class ( <i>Hebrews 4</i> )
7 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
9 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
10 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:30 AM	Sunday School

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 Tone 2**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**Martyrs Acepshimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter,**

**Aithalas the Deacon of Persia**

**Dedication of the Church of the Great Martyr George in Lydda**

**Prokeimenon            Tone 2            (Resurrection)**

*The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)*

*V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:18)*

**2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)**


The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)**

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus’ feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” Now when the woman

saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.” While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house, saying to him, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.” But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.” Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **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, tying into the city sewer with a lift station, is fully funded and proceeding according to county guidelines.
- **Semi-annual Church Cleaning Day** – Saturday, November 16, at 10:00 AM; please come help if you can to maintain our Church facilities for worship and fellowship.
- The **Nativity Fast, or Advent, begins on November 15**, 40 days before Christmas. Throughout this particular season we follow the general fasting guidelines of the Church and give ourselves to prayer, meditation on God’s Word, and helping the needs of others.
- **QUARTERLY CHARITY (Oct.-Dec.): IOCC Hurricane/Disaster Relief**; please give generously by check or designated envelope to assist those in need through the International Orthodox Christian Charities.

*Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:*

**Troparion**      **Tone 2**      (*Resurrection*)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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**      (*Martyrs*)

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness,  
and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire.  
Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aethalas the deacon,  
pray to Christ our God//  
to grant us His great mercy!

**Troparion**      **Tone 4**      (*St. George*)

O liberator of captives, defender of the poor,  
physician of the sick, and champion of kings,  
trophy-bearer, great martyr George,  
intercede with Christ God//  
that our souls may be saved!

**Kontakion**      **Tone 2**      (*Resurrection*)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, //  
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**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 2**      (*Martyrs*)

Thou didst celebrate the mysteries blamelessly, O wise one,  
and became thyself an acceptable sacrifice, O divinely blessed one.  
Thou didst gloriously drink of the cup of Christ, Holy Aképsimas//  
Together with thy fellow sufferers thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us  
all.

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

**Kontakion**      **Tone 8**      (*St. George*)

As we the faithful  flee to thee for refuge and seek thy protection and speedy help,  
We entreat thee, O Champion of Christ, that we who sing thy praises may be  
delivered from the snares of the enemy  
and from every peril and adversary//  
that we may cry: “Rejoice, O martyr George!”

**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 Persian emperor Sapor (4<sup>th</sup> century) ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Eighty-year-old Bishop Aképsimas also was arrested and taken to Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. For refusing to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods, he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aeithalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst. Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire near Arbela, and wanted to see the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead. The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned. The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared. Deacon Aeithalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint’s grave, and its fruit brought healings.