

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
Eli	Joshua	Mark	Nick	Nina
Charles	Gregory	Ronald	Ricardo	Nancy
Deanna	Bill	Kay	Lydia	Mary
Mikey	Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy
Dolores	John	Jerry	Charlotte	John
Nicole & Noelle				

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. 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

13	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class <i>(Hebrews 4)</i>
14	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
15	Friday	6:00 PM	Akathist to the Theotokos <i>(beginning of the Nativity Fast/Advent)</i>
16	Saturday	10:00 AM	Church cleaning
		3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
17	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		11:30 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, November 10, 2024 Tone 3

20th Sunday After Pentecost

8th Sunday of Luke

**Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion,
Sospater, Quartus, and Tertius**

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

(Ps. 46:6)

V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)


But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said

to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.** 
- **Church Cleaning Day** – next Saturday, November 16, at 10:00 AM; please come and help if you are able as we maintain our Church.
- 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, is fully funded and proceeding as planned.
- **QUARTERLY CHARITY (Oct.-Dec.):** post-hurricane disaster relief through **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**; please make your donation by designated check or offering envelope.
- We are planning a **Children's Christmas Program** to take place after Liturgy on Sunday, December 22. Siobhan Awad is coordinating this effort, and we will have our first practice for the program next Sunday, November 17. Parents, see Siobhan or Fr. Jonathan for details and to involve your children in the program.
- **The Nativity Fast (season of Advent)** begins this coming Friday, November 15, 40 days before Christmas. We will begin the season with an Akathist service to the Theotokos beginning at 6:00 PM on Friday evening. During Advent, make an effort to fast with both your body and soul, abstaining not only from various foods (e.g., meat, animal products, dairy, alcoholic drinks, etc.), but refraining from over-indulgence in all the senses (e.g., restricting use of social media, cellphone, computers, and mindless entertainment). We do this to prepare the way of the Lord in humility, repentance, prayer, and the care of our neighbor.
- **LOCAL FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Canned meats and fruits;** we are collecting these during November. You can place your donations in the designated baskets in the Narthex. Thank you!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 3 (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

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 (*Apostles*)

Holy Apostles, Erástus, Olýmpas, Ródion, Sosipáter, Qúartus and Tértius,

entreat the merciful God,//

to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion Tone 3 (*Resurrection*)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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 (*Apostles)**

Illumined by divine light, O holy Apostles,

you wisely destroyed the works of idolatry.

When you caught all the pagans you brought them to the Master//

and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

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!

* These apostles were among the Seventy so designated in Luke 10, and are all mentioned by Saint Paul in Romans 16. Olympas and Herodion (Rodion) followed Saint Peter to Rome where they were beheaded under the emperor Nero's persecution (54 A.D.). Sosipater became bishop of Iconium and died peacefully. Tertius succeeded Sosipater and likewise died in peace. Erastus was the city treasurer of Corinth and fulfilled a similar office in the Church of Jerusalem, later becoming the bishop of Paneas (Caesarea Philippi), reposing in peace. Quartus became the bishop of Beirut and suffered greatly for the faith, converting most of the pagans to Christ before also departing this life in peace.