

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

November Birthdays:

Sbdn. James Abraham (11/6)	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.thatismybrick.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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"The Messenger"

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This week at St. Mark

No services are scheduled during this week due to Fr. Jonathan being out-of-town. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving Day as we rejoice in God's gifts to us in our country, our communities, and our families.

30	Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
1	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		11:30 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, November 24, 2024 Tone 5
22nd Sunday After Pentecost
10th Sunday of Luke; Afterfeast of the Entrance
Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria

Prokeimenon **Tone 5** **(Resurrection)**

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Prokeimenon **Tone 3** **(Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)


Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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. The first phase of the project is now in progress and fully funded: eliminating our current septic system and tying into the city sewer with a lift station. Please join us in prayer seeking God's will for the realization of this project.
- **QUARTERLY CHARITY (Oct.-Dec.): Hurricane and Disaster Relief through IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities).** Please give generously by designated check or offering envelope in the Narthex.
- **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:** this month we are collecting *canned meats and fruits* for our local food pantry. Place your donations in the marked baskets in the Narthex of the Church. Thank you!!!
- **A Children's Christmas Program** is planned for Sunday, December 22, following Liturgy. This will be an interactive program with singing of carols by everyone present. See Siobhan Awad or Fr. Jonathan for other details.
- **The Myrrhbearers** are *adopting a family* this coming Advent season, instead of participating in the Angel Tree program as in years past. See Marsha Blazso to get involved.
- **A Prayer for Thanksgiving:** We Your unworthy servants, O Lord, grateful for the blessings You have given to us, always praise, bless, and thankfully glorify Your lovingkindness, crying to You with love and humble submissiveness: O Savior and Benefactor, glory to You! Freely You grant us rich blessings, O Master, though we are unprofitable servants. In all our needs we run to You; You shower us with many gifts! Now we thank You with all our heart. We glorify You, our Creator and Defender! We cry to You from the depths of our souls: Glory to You, O God most bountiful: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion Tone 4 (Feast)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment//
of the Creator’s dispensation!”

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. Catherine)

By thy virtues as by rays of the sun thou didst enlighten the unbelieving
philosophers,
and like the most bright moon thou didst drive away the darkness of disbelief from
those walking in the night;
thou didst convince the queen, and didst also chastise the tyrant,
God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine.
Thou didst hasten with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest
Bridegroom Christ,
and thou wast crowned by Him with a royal crown://
Standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who keep thy most sacred
memory!

Kontakion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

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. Catherine*)

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs
form a great choir in praise of the most wise Catherine,
for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent//
despising the knowledge of the orators.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 4 (Feast)

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the angels of God praise her://
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

* Catherine was the daughter of a wealthy patrician in the Egyptian capital of Alexandria. She was known for her noble birth, exceeding beauty, and very learned intelligence. By the time she was eighteen, the most learned scholars were in awe of her accomplishments. Refusing all suitors not equal to her pursuit of purity, Catherine’s mother, a secret Christian, sent her to seek the advice of a Christian ascetic who told her the only Spouse she should seek is the Creator and Master of the universe, the Son and Word of God. Catherine abandoned all to follow Christ. When the Emperor Maxentius (305-311) ordered his subjects to offer sacrifices to idols, Catherine denounced his errors with unassailable arguments, shaming 50 of his wisest scholars in debate. The emperor ordered the 50 men to be burned who, by Catherine’s prayers, all confessed the name of Christ before their execution. Catherine was thrown into prison and tortured, converting the emperor’s wife, close friend Porphyrius, and 200 soldiers to the true Faith, who then all suffered for Christ. The holy martyr Catherine was eventually beheaded at the age of 18. Her miracle-working relics reside in the monastery on Mount Sinai now bearing her name.