

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:

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

December Birthdays:

Dan Telychka (12/2)	Barb McKenzie (12/3)	Nancy Serko (12/5)
Barb McCollum (12/10)	Tim Lurowist (12/12)	Ivan Ciampa (12/15)
Bob Matzkevih (12/17)	Kim Moroz (12/17)	Karen Moroz (12/17)
Bryan I. Ewers (12/22)	Daniel Cholcher (12/24)	Michael Pisansky (12/24)

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.thatmybrick.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.

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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This week at St. Mark:

4	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class (<i>Hebrews 5</i>)
<i>[Note: Liturgy will not be served on Thursday morning, as usual.]</i>			
6	Friday	8:15 AM	Matins (<i>St. Nicholas of Myra in Lycia</i>)
		9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
7	Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
8	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		11:30 AM	Story of St. Nicholas and special "visit"

Sunday, December 1, 2024 Tone 6

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

11th Sunday of Luke

Prophet Nahum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prokeimenon

Tone 6

(Resurrection)

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)


V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

- 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, a lift station to tie into the city sewer, is fully funded and in progress. Please join us in prayer seeking God's will for the realization of this project.
- This Advent we are **sponsoring the Booth Family**, a family in need from Palmetto. Items to donate are indicated on an Angel bulletin board in the Narthex. Please return all donated items to Church by Sunday, December 15. The Myrrhbearers are coordinating this effort, so see Marsha Blazso for more details. May God bless the Booth family through our humble efforts.
- Next Sunday following Liturgy, Siobhan Awad will share *the story of Saint Nicholas* with our children and parish, and afterwards we are expecting a *"visit" from St. Nicholas to the children*. Saint Nicholas Day is this coming Friday, Dec. 6, on which we will serve Matins and Divine Liturgy, at 8:15 AM and 9:30 AM respectively.
- **Saint Mark Men's Group** will meet on Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 PM. All the men of the parish are welcome and invited for dinner, fellowship, and discussion. As of now the meeting will take place at the Church.
- The Children's Christmas Program planned for December 22 has been postponed until next Advent due to difficulties with having most of the children altogether at the same time for practices and performance. This is a peculiarity of Florida living! Next Advent, we plan to present the Christmas Program on the Sunday after Saint Nicholas Day.
- This weekend we welcome Fr. Brendan Dougherty serving in Fr. Jonathan's absence, who will be returning today from Thanksgiving with his mother in Arkansas. Fr. Brendan is an attached Priest at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church (OCA) in Venice. *Thank you, Fr. Brendan, for leading our worship at Saint Mark Church!*

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //
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 2 (Prophet Nahum)

We celebrate the memory
of Thy prophet Nahum, O Lord;
through him we beseech Thee: //
“Save our souls!”

Kontakion Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 4 (Prophet Nahum*)

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy,
seeing far-off things as though they were present. //
Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet Nahum.

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!

* The holy Prophet Nahum (6th century B.C.) is the first of three Old Testament prophets commemorated on the first three days of December. He is the seventh of the so-called “minor” prophets, not because they were less significant, but because their books are shorter in length than the “major” prophets, e.g., Isaiah and Jeremiah. Nahum came from the village of Elkosh in Galilee, from the tribe of Simeon. He foretold the immanent destruction of Ninevah (by the Medes, occurring in 612 B.C.), the capital of the powerful Kingdom of Assyria (modern day Iraq), and the restoration of the Kingdom of Judah. From afar the Prophet sees Christ who will bring everlasting peace to the people of God: “Behold on the mountains the feet of him that brings good tidings (the “gospel”) and proclaims peace” (Nah. 2:1; see Rom. 10:15). The name *Nahum* (Hebrew) means “consolation, repose,” and is itself prophetic of the mercy of God. The Prophet Nahum fell asleep in peace and was buried in the land of his fathers.