

Concerning Holy Communion:

- If you are a communicant member of an Orthodox parish**, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Saint Mark's. If possible, and this is preferred, announce your intention to receive Communion to Fr. Jonathan prior to the Liturgy, or at the Chalice.
- If you are not a member of the Orthodox Church**, please refrain from approaching the Chalice for Communion. Instead, you are welcome to receive some of the blessed bread (*antidoron*) from a small side table, and introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan following the Liturgy.

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Archpr. Dimitri	Archpr. Stephen	Archpr. Elias	Mat. Marion	Pr. Jorge
Dn. John	Sbdn. Joseph	Irene	Laurie	Barbara
Tanya	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua	Mark
Nick	Nina	Charles	Gregory	Ronald
Ricardo	Nancy	Deanna	Emily	Peter
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mikey
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores
John	Jerry	Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina
Katherine & newborn son	Wanda & unborn child	Natalie & unborn child		
Moriah & unborn child				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Mat. Jean (ND)

January Birthdays:

Heike Cordero (1/8)	Philip Grayton (1/9)	Abegail Insley (1/16)
Emilia Stankevskaya (1/16)	Sarah Hogan (1/21)	Robert Serko (1/25)
Galina Tschursin (1/28)	Angela Orras (1/29)	Chris Traycoff (1/31)

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. 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

14	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Men's Group (at Bob Matzkevich's)
15	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class (Heb. 8)
16	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
18	Saturday	3:30 AM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
19	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		11:15 AM	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
		12:00 PM	Orthodox Ethos 1

Sunday, January 12, 2025 Tone 4

29th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday After Theophany

Martyr Tatiana Of Rome and those who suffered with her

Prokeimenon (Tone 1) [Sunday After Theophany]

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)

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After Theophany)


But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After Theophany)*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

* *Theophany* (Gk.) means "the appearance of God" the Holy Trinity, which took place when Christ Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by John. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was in the water. The Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove and rested on Christ. The Father spoke from heaven, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The Feast of Theophany is celebrated each year on January 6.

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 Cathy Johns 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.** 
- Architectural drawings and an artist's rendition of a **proposed fellowship hall** for St. Mark Church are on display in the Narthex. Join us in seeking God's will for the realization of this project.
- **Quarterly Charity (Jan.-Mar.): Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**, an organization of Orthodox student groups on college and university campuses throughout the country. You can give by designated check or marked envelope.
- *Any male eight years and older, interested in serving, please see Fr. Jonathan or Subdeacon James, likewise anyone interested in serving as a reader during the various services.*
- **The MYRRHBEARERS (ladies' group)** will meet today during Coffee Hour. See Marsha Blazso for more information.
- **Saint Mark's MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming Tuesday evening, January 14, at 6:30 PM at the home of Bob Matzkevich (1314 Oakleaf Ct., Bradenton). All men of the parish are invited for food, fellowship, and discussion.
- **HOUSE BLESSINGS have begun for the season.** See the sign-up lists on the table in the Narthex for areas (e.g., Bradenton, Sarasota, etc.) and dates of Blessing. If a Blessing needs to be scheduled other than the days and times listed, see Fr. Jonathan to make arrangements.
- **ORTHODOX ETHOS SERIES** (*Sundays at Noon, following Sunday School and Coffee Hour*); all are welcome and invited to participate:
 1. Behaviors and Customs of the Church (Jan. 12, today);
 2. Fasts and Feasts of the Year (Jan. 19);
 3. Duties of Church Membership (Jan. 26);
 4. Miscellaneous Q & A (Feb. 2).

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 4 (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion Tone 1 (Feast)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,
and called Thee His beloved Son;
and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//
and hast enlightened the world, 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

Kontakion Tone 4 (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
‘He has risen on the third day!

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 (Martyr Tatiana*)

In thy sufferings thou didst shine brightly
in the royal purple of thy blood,
and like a beautiful dove thou didst fly to heaven,
passion-bearer Tatiana.//
Therefore, always pray for those who honor thee!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion Tone 4 (Feast)

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:
“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,//
O unapproachable Light.”

* Tatiana was the daughter of a rich and illustrious Roman. She became a deaconess of the Church of Rome and was renounced as a Christian during the reign of Alexander Severus (222-235). When taken to the pagan temple, she cast the idols to the ground by her prayer. Hung on a stake, her body was mangled by claws and iron combs. After remaining unharmed by being thrown into a furnace and to the wild beasts, this bride of Christ was beheaded and so entered the Kingdom of God.