

Concerning Holy Communion:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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	Archpr. John
Pr. Jorge	Dn. John	Sbdn. Joseph	Irene	Laurie
Barbara	Tanya	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua
Mark	Nick	Nina	Charles	Gregory
Ricardo	Nancy	Deanna	Emily	Peter
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mike
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores
John	Jerry	Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina
Thomas	Katherine & newborn son Expecting mothers and unborn children:			
Wanda, Natalie, Moriah, and Cassia				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Mat. Jeanne (ND)	John (ND)	Ronald (ND)
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January Birthdays:

Heike Cordero (1/8)	Philip Grayton (1/9)	Tharika Brooks (1/15)
Abigail Insley (1/16)	Emilia Stankevskaya (1/16)	Sarah Hogan (1/21)
Bruna Jebelev (1/22)	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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Office Hours: W, Th, F 10:00 AM – Noon

This week at St. Mark

29	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class (Heb. 9-10)
30	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
1	Saturday	3:30 AM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers w/Litua
2	Sunday	8:15 AM	Matins (Feast of the Meeting)
		9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy & blessing of candles
		11:15 AM	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
		12:00 PM	Orthodox Ethos 4: Miscellaneous Q & A

Sunday, January 26, 2025 Tone 6

31st Sunday After Pentecost

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

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)

Prokeimenon **Tone 7** *(New Martyrs)*
God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us. (Ps. 45:1)

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Romans 8:28-39 (New Martyrs)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor

depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.


Matthew 15:21-28 (Gospel)

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Luke 21:8-19 (New Martyrs)

And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately." Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.

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.*
- **HOUSE BLESSINGS:** scheduled Blessings have concluded, but if you still desire a House Blessing, speak with Fr. Jonathan to arrange it.
- **Next Sunday**, February 2, is the **Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple**, also known as Presentation (40 days after Christmas). Instead of the usual 3rd and 6th Hour prayers prior to Liturgy, we will serve Matins for the Feast beginning at 8:15 AM followed by Divine Liturgy at the usual 9:30 AM.
- **Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 16 following Divine Liturgy;**
- **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);
 2. Fasts and Feasts of the Year (Jan. 19);
 3. Duties of Church Membership (Jan. 26, today);
 4. Miscellaneous Q & A (Feb. 2).

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 (New Martyrs)

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,
praising her new martyrs and confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. //
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

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.

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

Kontakion Tone 3 (New Martyrs)

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:
"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,
and power, and strength be to our God //
unto the ages of ages. Amen."

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.