

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Archprst. Stephen	Archprst. Elias	Mat. Marion	Irene
Fran	Connie	Jessie	Abigail
Ron	William	Laurie	Rose
Barbara	David	Tanya	Andrew
Harrison	Bill	Kay	Heather
Rolando	Anisia	Dn. Paul	Savinian
Barbara	Darrell	Archprst. Alexander	Vasily
Helen	Lana	Dennis	Amber
Vera	Vladimir	Svetlana	

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archbp. David (ND)	Hildegard (ND)	Kh. Ruth (ND)
Herman (ND)	Irina (ND)	Archprst. Ernesto (ND)
Gregory	James	

January Birthdays

Phillip Chernaya (1/11)	Abigail Insley (1/16)	Emilia Stankevskaya (1/16)
Robert Serko (1/25)	Galina Tschursin (1/28)	Angela Orras (1/29)
Chris Traycoff (1/31)		

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.

St. Mark has been open during the pandemic; however, we are following certain guidelines because of COVID-19, especially social distancing, masks, and hand washing. With these guidelines, we can only accommodate 50 people in the Nave and Narthex. If you wish to attend any service, it's important to contact Sub-deacon James to reserve a spot. For Saturday Vespers and Sunday Liturgy, please contact Sbdcn. James by Thursday evening. The doors will be close 5 minutes prior to the start of any service. Sbdcn. James can be reached at 336-337-1147 or jim.abraham51@gmail.com.

If you are unable to attend services, but wish to continue your Stewardship contributions, send them to PO Box 1315, Bradenton FL, 34206.

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"The Messenger"

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V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
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This week at St. Mark

01/13: Daily Vespers – 6:30 PM
01/14: Divine Liturgy – 9:30
01/16: Great Vespers – 5:00 PM
01/17: Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM
Sunday School immediately following Liturgy
Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 10, 2021 Tone 6
31st Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday after Theophany
St. Gregory of Nyssa

Prokeimenon Tone 1 (Sunday After)

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*)

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, or 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*)

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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anyone interested in sponsoring coffee hour, please sign up on the calendar book on the glass case. Keep it simple – donuts, coffee cake, bagels, etc.
- Icons of Christ and the Theotokos have been placed on the front analogia for prayer and veneration. For right now, refrain from actually kissing the icons, being mindful of others. We will be wiping the icons after Liturgy to meet COVID-19 guidelines.
- First Sunday of every month will now be a regular coffee hour. All following Sundays will be Bible Study.
- **The Annual Parish meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2021 immediately following Divine Liturgy**
- **House Blessings will begin this Friday, January 8. Please sign up on the list in the Narthex to have your house blessed this Theophany season according to the following schedule: 1) January 8-11 East Bradenton & Lakewood Ranch; 2) January 12-15 Palmetto/Ellenton/Parrish north; 3) January 16-19 West Bradenton & Anna Maria Island; 4) January 20-23 Sarasota south; 5) January 25-29 any others. It is Fr. Jonathan's intention and hope to visit every home in the Parish for blessing and mutual conversation.**

Tone 6 Troparion (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.

Tone 1 Troparion (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.

Tone 4 Troparion (St. Gregory)

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
thy humility exalted thee;
and thy poverty enriched thee.
O Hierarch Father Gregory,
entreat Christ our God //
that our souls may be saved!

Tone 6 Kontakion (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

Tone 1 Kontakion (St. Gregory)

Thou didst keep watch with the eyes of thy soul, O holy bishop,
revealing thyself as a watchful pastor for the world.
With the staff of thy wisdom and thy fervent intercession,
thou didst drive away all heretics like wolves, //
and didst preserve thy flock free from harm, O most wise Gregory.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Tone 1 Kontakion (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

Tone 6 Troparion of 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 as a fellow laborer//
And you enlighten the world with your Holy Gospel

Tone 2 Kontakion of 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

Tone 6 Theotokion

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocator 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!