

**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	Heather	Rolando	Anisia
Dn. Paul	Savinian	Barbara	Amber
Archprst. Alexander	Helen	Lana	Dennis
James	Evangelina	Larissa	Nina

**Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:**

Darrell (ND) Gregory

**February Birthdays**

Lois Evancho (2/12)	Irene Zarnoski (2/12)	Joe Ciampa (2/20)
Logan Kulikowski (2/20)	Elizabeth Ries (2/20)	Ann Nartsissov (2/21)
Sunnie Beardsley (2/23)	Paul Mueller (2/26)	Chloe Beardsley (2/28)

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 Sbdn. James by Thursday evening. The doors will be close 5 minutes prior to the start of any service. Sbdn. James can be reached at 336-337-1147 or [jim.abraham51@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**St. Mark Orthodox Church**

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*"The Messenger"*

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher  
Rector

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

02/24: Daily Vespers – 6:30 PM
02/25: Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM
02/27: Great Vespers – 5:00 PM
02/28: Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM
Sunday School immediately following Liturgy
Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

**Sunday, February 21, 2021 Tone 4**  
**37<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**  
**Beginning of the Lenten Triodion**

**Prokeimenon****Tone 4****(Resurrection)**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

*(Ps. 103:26)*

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps.103:1)*

**2 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)**

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)**

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**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.
- Choir rehearsals will be held each Saturday in February, beginning at 4:00 PM (before Vespers). Everyone interested in singing in the Choir, please come if you are able.  
As Orthodox Christians we sharpen our focus on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during the Lenten Season. We do this with increased services, fasting, and almsgiving. Please consider Care Net Pregnancy Center as an option for your almsgiving. Please take one of the baby bottle banks home with you and fill it with coins, cash, and/or checks (made out to CareNet). There are plenty for each individual (including children) to take one. Filled bottles will be collected by Marsha Blazso on April 11th and 18th. Thank you for helping to save the lives of our unborn children.
- **Next week (Monday, 2/21 to Sunday, 2/27) is a fast-free week.**

**Tone 4                    Troparion                    (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!”

**Tone 4                    Troparion                    (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

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

**Tone 2                    Kontakion                    (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

**Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.**

**Tone 4                    Kontakion                    (From the Lenten Triodion)**

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!  
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!  
Let us cry to our Savior:  
“Have mercy on us,//  
O only merciful One!”

**Services for March**

3	Wed.	6:30 PM	Vespers
4	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
6	Sat.	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Faithful Departed)
		4:15 PM	40 day Panikhida (Oleg Schidlowsky)
		5:00 PM	Vespers
7	Sun.	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Final Judgement)
10	Wed.	6:30 PM	Vespers
11	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
13	Sat.	3:00 PM	Chrismation of Carol Skinner
		5:00 PM	Vespers
14	Sun.	9:30 AM	Liturgy (Forgiveness Sunday)
		11:30 AM	Forgiveness Vespers & Rite of Mutual Forgiveness
15	Mon.	6:30 PM	Compline & Great Canon I (first day of Lent)
16	Tues.	6:30 PM	Compline & Great Canon II
17	Wed.	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
		6:30 PM	Compline & Great Canon III
18	Thurs.	6:30 PM	Compline & Great Canon IV
19	Fri.	6:30 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
20	Sat.	9:30 AM	Blessing of Koliva (St. Theodore the Recruit)
		5:00 PM	Vespers
21	Sun.	9:30 AM	Liturgy of St. Basil (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
		5:00 PM	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers @ Holy Spirit, Venice
24	Wed.	6:30 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
25	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Liturgy of St. John (Fest of Annunciation)
26	Fri.	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
27	Sat.	9:30 AM	Memorial Saturday (2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Lent)
		5:00 AM	Vespers
28	Sun.	9:30 AM	Liturgy of St. Basil (St. Gregory Palamas)
31	Wed.	6:30 PM	Presanctified Liturgy

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**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 faiHasten to  
hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos//  
For you always protect those who honor you!