

**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. One must properly prepare to receive Communion, and there are negative consequences for improper reception. Also, the Priest administering Communion is responsible for the well-being of those receiving Holy Communion (see 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 11:27-32; Heb. 13:17).
3. *If you are non-Orthodox*, please speak with Fr. Jonathan after Liturgy without approaching the Chalice. *If you are Orthodox*, please introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan, if possible, prior to the Liturgy, otherwise, at the Chalice.

**Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:**

Archprst. Stephen	Archprst. Elias	Mat. Marion	Archprst. John	Irene
Laurie	Rose	Barbara	Tanya	Diane
Kevin	Nicole&Noelle	Athanasios	Mary Patricia	Frances
Vladimir	Paisley	Sunnie	Eli	Adam
Elise	Kim	Laura	Robert	Joshua
Darla	Mark	Gary		

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

Archprst. Daniel Ludmilla

**February Birthdays:**

Lois Evancho (2/12)	Daniel Button (2/17)	Joe Ciampa (2/20)
Betty Ries (2/20)	Sunnie Beardsley (2/23)	Logan Kulikowski (2/25)
Chloe Beardsley (2/28)		

**TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR, please sign up on the calendar book on the glass case. Keep it simple – donuts, coffee cake, bagels, etc. IF NO ONE SIGNS UP, THERE WILL BE NO 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.thatismybrick.com/stmarkorthodox](http://www.thatismybrick.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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**This week at St. Mark**

27 Monday	6:00 PM	Compline/Great Canon 1
28 Tuesday	6:00 PM	Compline/Great Canon 2
1 Wednesday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
1 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Compline/Great Canon 3
2 Thursday	6:00 PM	Compline/Great Canon 4
3 Friday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
4 Saturday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Koliva
5 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
5 Sunday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**Tone 4**

**Cheesefare Sunday**

**Forgiveness Sunday**

**Expulsion of Adam and Eve From Paradise**

**Prokeimenon Tone 8 (From the Lenten Triodion)**

*Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)*

*V. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

**Romans 13:11-14:4 (Epistle)**

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

**Matthew 6:14-21 (Gospel)**

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fr. Jonathan is publishing weekly meditations on the St. Mark website (stmarkorthodox.org). Please take some time to read them.
- Please keep in mind that Liturgy is not officially over until the reading of the Post-Communion prayers. It is important that we stay respectful during the reading of these prayers by maintaining silence.
- During Lent beginning Wednesday, March 8, the Faith and Life Class will continue to meet after the Presanctified Liturgy studying 1 Corinthians. Each Wednesday we will also share a Lenten supper during the Class. All are welcome to stay for the fellowship and discussion.
- February's charity is Focus North America.
- St. Mark will be contributing \$100.00 per month for two years to the clergy of Alaska to help support them as the average salary is only \$7,000.00. If you wish to contribute additional funds, feel free to do so.

- Great Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy (March 5 at 5:00 PM) will be held at Holy Spirit Church, Venice, with His Grace Bishop Gerasim. Please bring an icon for the procession.

**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!”

**Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

**Kontakion Tone 6 (From the Lenten Triodion)**

O Master, Teacher of wisdom,  
Bestower of virtue,  
Who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor,  
strengthen and enlighten my heart!  
O Word of the Father,  
let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee:  
“Have mercy on me, a transgressor,//  
O merciful Lord!”

**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 as a fellow laborer//  
And you enlighten the world with your Holy Gospel

**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

**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!