

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	Constance	Nick
Monica & Son				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archprst. Daniel Ludmilla

March Birthdays:

Michael Blazo (3/6)	Willard Brown (3/9)	Darice Rickes (3/19)
Marina Proskurina (2/20)	Carol Skinner (3/28)	Sue Brown (3/29)

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.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

5	Sunday	5:00 PM	Vespers (Venice)
8	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy/Lenten Meal/Faith & Life Class
10	Friday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
11	Saturday	9:30 AM	Memorial Divine Liturgy
11	Saturday	3:30 AM	Intro to Orthodoxy
11	Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
12	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Bible Study resumes this Sunday following Liturgy			

**Sunday, March 5, 2023
Tone 5
Sunday of Orthodoxy
First Sunday of Great Lent**

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Song of the Fathers)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)
V. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)*

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (Epistle)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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.
- March's Charity – money to help defray cost of Youth Summer Camp.
- 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.
- As of July 1, 2023, we will discontinue donations via PayPal as there is a service charge that decreases the donation.
- Parish Council has opted to discontinue yard sales. Please do not bring any items to the Church. Those items already in our storage sheds will be donated to local charities.

Troparion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion Tone 2 (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One;
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.
Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh
and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy.
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:
“Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,//
by coming to save the world.”

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

Kontakion Tone 8 (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

No one could describe the Word of the Father;
but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described,
and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty.//
We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

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!