

Financials: 3/01/2020

Collection: \$2,283

2020: Budget Collection - \$2,653

Avg. Weekly Collection - \$2,596

Attendance: 73/12 (YTD Avg. 72/10)

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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"The Messenger"

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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, and through participation in the Sacraments to come into close union with God

Sunday, March 8, 2020 Tone 5
38th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday of Orthodoxy
First Sunday of Great Lent

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Fr. John	Christopher	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Elias
Mat. Marion	Irene	Fran	Connie
Jessie	Abigail	Ron	William
Laurie	Joe	Carol	Nancy
Kathy	Charles	Mary	Trevor
Barbara	David	Tanya	Carol
James	Andrew	Harrison	Herman
Alexandra			

Prayers of Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Gregory	James	Wanda	Steve
Winnie	Minnie	Milos	Igor

Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through fasting and confession. In keeping with ancient Traditions and the injunction of St. Paul, the blessed (*Antidoron*), following Divine Liturgy, is shared by all who worship with us.

Prokeimenon Tone 4

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."

March Birthdays

Michael Blazso 3/6
Darice Rickes 3/19

Willard Brown 3/9
Sue Brown 3/29

Marina Proskurina 3/15

Fr. Stephen and Fr. Elias have completed the blessing of homes. A total of 28 homes were blessed.

On Sunday, March 15, St. Mark will be honoring Irene Zarnoski as she prepares to move north to be near family.

Immediately following Divine Liturgy today, we will have a procession with icons.

Fr. David Rucker and Mat. Rozanne will be joining us during the month of April to assist in the services of Holy Week.

We usually celebrate the 50th occasion of events in our lives. Next Sunday (3/15), we will be celebrating the following wedding anniversaries:

Mitch and Mary Jane Chlus

59 years in September

Ed and Lois Evancho

60 years in July

Chris and Ruth Traycoff

60 years in April

Fr. Elias and Marion Mitchell

62 years in September

Robert and Nancy Serko

67 years in July

Tim and Maxine Lurowist

Tone 5 Troparion (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.

Tone 2 Troparion (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.”

Tone 8 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

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
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We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

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Wednesday, March 11 @ 6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy
Wednesday, March 18 @ 6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy
Wednesday, March 25 @ 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the
Annunciation
Wednesday, April 1 @ 6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy
Wednesday, April 8 @ 6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Week Services

Saturday, April 11 @ 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday)
5:00 PM - Great Vespers/Blessing of Palms
Sunday, April 12 @ 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Palm Sunday)
6:00 PM - Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 13 @ 6:00 PM - Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 14 @ 6:00 PM - Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 15 @ 6:00 PM - Anointing Service
Thursday, April 16 @ 9:30 AM - Vespereal Liturgy (St. Basil)
6:00 PM - 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 17 @ 3:00 PM - Vespers: Burial of Jesus
6:00 PM - Lamentations/Reading at the Tomb:
Gospel of Nicodemus
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