

Announcements

- Marsha Blazso will be taking pictures for the Church Directory. Please cooperate with her in having your picture taken.
- Special thanks to all those who helped with the Yard Sale/Open House yesterday.
- Burn scheduled for Saturday, March 16.

Financials from 03/03/19:

Collection: \$3287; YTD Ave: \$2581; Budget: \$3486
Attendane: 81/9; YTD Ave: 71/8

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Fr. John	Christopher
Archpriest Dimitri	Mat. MaryAnn
McLeod Family	Sami
Mitchell	Irene
Fran	Willard (BD)

Prayers of Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Sbdcn Peter (ND)	Gregory
Mike	Andy (ND)

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 bread (*Antidoron*), following Divine Liturgy, is shared by all who worship with us

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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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 to be 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 10, 2019 Tone 8
Cheesefare Sunday
Expulsion of Adam and Eve From Paradise

Prokeimenon Tone 8

*Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

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.

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial
to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 6 Kontakion (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!

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