

Financials: 3/0108/2020

Collection: \$2,501

2020: Budget Collection - \$2,653

Avg. Weekly Collection - \$2,596

Attendance: 66/9 (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 6
39th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Gregory Palamas
Second Sunday of Great Lent

Parish Council Meeting Thursday, March 19 @ 6:30 PM

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	Matthew Philip	Michael	Rose

Prayers of Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Gregory	James	Wanda	Steve
Winnie	Minnie	Milos	Igor

March Birthdays

Michael Blazso 3/6	Willard Brown 3/9	Marina Proskurina 3/15
Darice Rickes 3/19	Sue Brown 3/29	

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

We will be celebrating the following wedding anniversaries:

Tim and Maxine Lurowitz	50 years in October
Mitch and Mary Jane Chlus	59 years in September
Chris and Ruth Traycoff	60 years in April
George and Ann Nartsissov	60 years in June
Ed and Lois Evancho	60 years in July
Michael and Xenia Valitzky	62 years in April
Fr. Elias and Marion Mitchell	62 years in September
Robert and Nancy Serko	67 years in July

Prokeimenon Tone 5

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

(Ps 11/12:7)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)

Prokeimenon Tone 1

My mouth shall speak wisdom, / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

(Ps 48/49:3)

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)

And: “You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.”

But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Epistle, Saint)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel)

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they

reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

John 10:9-16 (Gospel, Saint)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Nancy Serko has provided a basket of greeting cards for purchase. Proceeds to benefit the Lenten Project. Please make a small donation for each card.

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.

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //
glory to Thee.

Tone 8 Troparion (St. Gregory Palamas)

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation,
O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians,
O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of
grace, //
always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

Tone 4 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

Now is the time for action!
Judgment is at the doors!
So let us rise and fast,
offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:
“Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea;
but forgive us, O Master of all, //
so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!”

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Lenten Services

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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
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Gospel of Nicodemus

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