

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Archprst. Stephen	Archprst. Elias	Mat. Marion	Irene
Fran	Connie	Jessie	Abigail
Ron	William	Laurie	Rose
Barbara	David	Tanya	Andrew
Harrison	Anisia	Dn. Paul	Savinian
Barbara	Amber	Helen	Archprst. Alexander
Lana	Dennis	James	Evangelina
Larissa	Nina	Archprst. Peter	Dan
Paul	Taisa	Tina	

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Mat. Sonja (ND)	Arch. Antonio (ND)	David (ND)	Gregory
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April Birthdays

Mat. Marion Mitchell (4/1)	Nate Kulikowski (4/10)	Brendan Wilcoxson (4/10)
Cristina Stefanescu (4/12)	Elaine Mueller (4/14)	George Graban(4/21)
Mark Giverc (4/24)		

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.

This Week at St. Mark

14	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
15	Thursday	9:30 AM	Matins & Great Canon (Life of St. Mary of Egypt)
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		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
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In addition to Saturday after Vespers, Fr. Jonathan will be available in the Church for Confession one hour before each Presanctified Liturgy during Lent.

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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"The Messenger"

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For a schedule of this week's services, see the list in the bulletin.

Sunday School immediately following Liturgy
Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

**Sunday, April 11, 2021 Tone 2
Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
St. John Climacus (of The Ladder)**

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
(Ps. 46:6)

V. *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!* (Ps. 46:1)

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (St. John Climacus)

Let the saints exult in glory; / let them sing for joy on their couches! (Ps. 149:5)

Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle, Saint)

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with

you? Bring him to Me.” Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.”

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel, Saint)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.
He has trampled down death by death.
He has become the first born of the dead.
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (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

Tone 1 Troparion (St. John)

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body,
thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John.
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer,
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!
Glory to Him Who granted thee a ^crown!//
Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 4 Kontakion (St. John)

The Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence,
to be a guiding star, showing the way to the universe//
O our father and teacher John.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Tone 2 Kontakion (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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Anyone interested in sponsoring coffee hour, please sign up on the calendar book on the glass case. Keep it simple – donuts, coffee cake, bagels, etc.
- Icons of Christ and the Theotokos have been placed on the front analogia for prayer and veneration. For right now, refrain from actually kissing the icons, being mindful of others. We will be wiping the icons after Liturgy to meet COVID-19 guidelines.
- First Sunday of every month will now be a regular coffee hour. All following Sundays will be Bible Study.
- Choir rehearsals will be held each Saturday in April, beginning at 4:00 PM (before Vespers). Everyone interested in singing in the Choir, please come if you are able.
- Please consider Care Net Pregnancy Center as an option for your almsgiving. Please take one of the baby bottle banks home with you and fill it with coins, cash, and/or checks (made out to CareNet). There are plenty for each individual (including children) to take one. Filled bottles will be collected by Marsha Blazso on April 11th and 18th. Thank you for helping to save the lives of our unborn children.
- Nut rolls, apricot rolls, and poppy seed rolls for sale. Price is \$15.00. Please see George Graban.
- The Youth Group will be serving bowls of soup on Palm Sunday (April 25). Sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to contribute a pot of soup. More details to follow.

Services for April/May

April:

2	Friday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
3	Saturday	9:30 AM	Memorial Liturgy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
4	Sunday	9:30 AM	Liturgy of St. Basil (Veneration of Cross)
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24	Saturday	9:30 AM	Liturgy of St. John (Raising of Lazarus)
		5:00 PM	Vigil of Palm Sunday
25	Sunday	9:30 AM	Liturgy of St. John (Palm Sunday)
		5:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
26	Monday	6:30 PM	Bridegroom Matins
27	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bridegroom Matins
28	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy (final one of year)
		4:00 PM	Holy Unction
		6:30 PM	Matins of Holy Thursday
29	Thursday	9:30 AM	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
		6:30 PM	Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)
30	Friday	4:00 PM	Great Vespers (carrying-out of Gravecloth)
		6:30 PM	Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations)

May:

1	Saturday	9:30 AM	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil (beginning of Paschal Vigil)
		11:30 PM	Midnight Office (beginning of Paschal service)
2	Sunday	12:00 AM	Matins & Divine Liturgy of Pascha
		11:30 AM	Paschal Vespers (Gospel procession); egg hunt to follow)
3	Monday	9:30 AM	Liturgy & Gospel procession (Bright Monday)
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Tone 6 Theotokion

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 fai
 Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos//
 For you always protect those who honor you!