

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Archprst. Stephen	Archprst. Elias	Mat. Marion	Irene
Ron	William	Laurie	Rose
Barbara	David	Tanya	Harrison
Anisia	Dn. Paul	Savinian	Barbara
Amber	Helen	Archprst. Alexander	
Lana	Dennis	James	Kristi
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

21	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
23	Friday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy (last day of Lent)
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

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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This week at St. Mark

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 18, 2021 Tone 4
Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
St. Mary of Egypt**

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Resurrection)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
(Ps. 103:26)

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (St. Mary of Egypt)

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:35a)

Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Galatians 3:23-29 (Epistle, Saint)

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and

be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Luke 7:36-50 (Gospel, Saint)

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting 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 8 Troparion (St. Mary)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother,
for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ.
By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//
Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

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.

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

Tone 3 Kontakion (St. Mary)

Having been a sinful woman,
thou becamest through repentance a bride of Christ.
Having attained angelic life,
thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross.//
Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages.

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

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.
- 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.
- 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 sheets are in the Narthex for soups and a dessert.
- Sunday Adult Bible Study (after Liturgy) is considering the topic: "Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in the Orthodox Tradition." Class will not meet Palm Sunday and Pascha mornings, but will resume on May 9. All are welcome.
- Confessions are not scheduled, and Fr. Jonathan does not normally hear Confessions, during Holy Week (beginning April 24), so please plan to come to Confession before Pascha this week, the final week of Lent. Fr. Jonathan is available for Confession one hour before each Presanctified Liturgy, or by appointment.

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)
7	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
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15	Thursday	9:30 AM	Matins & Great Canon (Life of St. Mary of Egypt)
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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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