

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	Angie

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Arch. Peter (ND)	Arch. Antonio (ND)	David (ND)	Gregory
<i>April Birthdays</i>			
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

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		11:30 AM	Paschal Vespers (Gospel procession); egg hunt to follow)

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"

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher
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V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
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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 25, 2021 Tone 5
Sixth Sunday of Great Lent
Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem
Palm Sunday
St. Mark

Prokeimenon **Tone 4**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (*Ps. 117:26b, 27b*)

V. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*Ps. 117:1*)

Philippians 4:4-9 (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?

John 12:1-18 (Gospel)

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Tone 1 **Troparion**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.

Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:

"Hosanna in the highest!//

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

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

Tone 4 **Troparion**

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection.

Now we praise Thee and sing:

"Hosanna in the highest!//

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Tone 6 **Theotokion**

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven,
carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God,

accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing://

"Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

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.
- Thank you all for filling the baby bottles and supporting CareNet Crisis Pregnancy Center. We have raised \$614 as of Sunday April 18th. There are a few more bottles yet to be turned in so that amount might rise some. Again, thank you for participation.
- 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)
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14	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
15	Thursday	9:30 AM	Matins & Great Canon (Life of St. Mary of Egypt)
16	Friday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
17	Saturday	9:30 AM	Matins & Akathist to the Theotokos
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
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Tone 4 Troparion of 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 2 Kontakion of 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

Tone 6 Theotokion

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocator 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 faith
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos//
For you always protect those who honor you!