

To Our Guests and Visitors about Receiving Holy Communion:

1. In Orthodox churches, Holy Communion is given to and received only by members of the Orthodox Church (the baptized and chrismated who strive to live in repentance, faith, and godliness).
2. One must properly prepare to receive Communion, and there are negative consequences for improper reception. Also, the Priest administering Communion is responsible for the well-being of those receiving Holy Communion (see 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 11:27-32; Heb. 13:17).
3. *If you are non-Orthodox*, please speak with Fr. Jonathan after Liturgy without approaching the Chalice. *If you are Orthodox*, please introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan, if possible, prior to the Liturgy, otherwise, at the Chalice.

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

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| Archprst. Stephen | Archprst. Elias | Mat. Marion | Archprst. John | |
| Archprst. Joseph | Irene Laurie | Rose | Barbara | Tanya |
| Eugenia | Kevin | Nicole & Noelle | Frances | Vladimir |
| Paisley | Eli | Adam | Elise | Laura |
| Robert | Joshua | Darla | Mark | Gary |
| Constance | Nick | Miriam&Son | Nina | Tanya |
| Suzanne | Nadezhda | | | |

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Odette (ND)

May Birthdays:

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| Aubreigh Roth (5/2) | Radica Koutselas (5/14) | Jason Gentile (5/18) |
| Fr. Stephen Plumlee (5/25) | Edward Roth (5/25) | Ian Stefanescu (5/31) |

TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR, please sign up on the calendar book on the glass case. Keep it simple – donuts, coffee cake, bagels, etc. IF NO ONE SIGNS UP, THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR.

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.

Memorial Bricks for the St. Mark Memorial Garden can be ordered at www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox. You can order a 4"x 8" or 8"x8" brick with or without an Orthodox Cross, the number of characters vary accordingly. If you have any questions about the ordering process, see Fr. Jonathan.

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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"The Messenger"

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Rector

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
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This week at St. Mark

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| 30 | Sunday | 2:00 PM | Grave Blessings |
| 03 | Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Daily Vespers/Faith & Life Class |
| 04 | Thursday | 9:30 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| 06 | Saturday | 3:30 PM | Intro to Orthodoxy |
| 06 | Saturday | 5:00 PM | Great Vespers |

**Sunday, April 30, 2023 Tone 2
3rd Sunday of Pascha
Holy Myrrhbearing Women
Apostle James, brother of St. John the Theologian**

Prokeimenon Tone 6

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle)

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Mark 15:43-16:8 (Gospel)

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.

So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fr. Jonathan is publishing weekly meditations on the St. Mark website (stmarkorthodox.org). Please take some time to read them.
- Please keep in mind that Liturgy is not officially over until the reading of the Post-Communion prayers. It is important that we stay respectful during the reading of these prayers by maintaining silence.
- May’s Charity – CareNet
- St. Mark will be contributing \$100.00 per month for two years to the clergy of Alaska to help support them as the average salary is only \$7,000.00. If you wish to contribute additional funds, feel free to do so.
- As of July 1, 2023, we will discontinue donations via PayPal as there is a service charge that decreases the donation. We are looking for an alternative method of payment.
- Three Lenten Projects have been approved. Two (Litya Tray and Theophany Holy Water font) have donors. The third is sealing and striping the parking lot. The lowest bid for this project was just under \$7,000.00. If you wish to contribute, write “Lenten Project” in the “memo” line of your check or for cash donations simply write “Lenten Project” on the envelope.
- The Myrrhbearers will meet on the 1st Sunday of the month following Divine Liturgy. All ladies are invited to attend and participate.
- Anyone wishing to volunteer to be a money counter, please see any member of Parish Council to sign up.
- Grave Blessings will take place this Sunday afternoon, April 30, beginning at 2 PM in Ellenton, then proceeding to Manasota (53rd Ave. E in Bradenton), Fruitville and Honore in Sarasota, and the National Cemetery in Sarasota. If you would like graves blessed at other locations, please inform Fr. Jonathan.
- Vacation Church School is scheduled for Pentecost week, June 6-9, for the children of our Parish. If you would like to help, speak with Fr. Jonathan.

Troparion Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion Tone 2 (Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph,
when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree,
wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,
and placed it in a new tomb.
But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion Tone 8 (St. James)

Thou wast called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of
Apostles.
With thy brother John, thou didst abandon all to follow the Master, O James;
thou wast filled with the Holy Spirit and didst proclaim Him to all.
Thou didst bow thy head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed thy blood!//
We celebrate thy memory, O blessed one!

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

Kontakion Tone 2 (St. James)

O James, when thou didst hear the voice of the Word calling thee,
thou didst abandon thy father’s love and ran to Christ, together with thy brother
John.
With him thou wast accounted worthy//
to behold the divine Transfiguration of Christ.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion Tone 2 (Pentecostarion)

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God.
By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother.
Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles://
“The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,
thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.”
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of thy Son!

English: Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!
Russian: Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!
Greek: Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Romanian: Hristos a inviat! Adeverat a inviat!
Arabic: El Messieh kahm! Hakken kahm!
Spanish: Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!

Troparion **Tone 4** **(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

Kontakion **Tone 2** **(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

Theotokion **Tone 6**

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