

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:

Archprst. Stephen	Archprst. Elias	Mat. Marion	Dn. Michael	Irene
Laurie	Rose	Barbara	Tanya	Harrison
Thomas	Kristi	Nina	Diane	Kevin
Nicole & Noelle	Cody	John	Athanasios	Mary Patricia
Francis				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archbp. Paul (ND)	Georgia (ND)	Anne (ND)	Anastassios (ND)
Alexander (ND)			

May Birthdays

Radica Koutselas (5/14) Fr. Stephen Plumlee (5/25) Ian Stefanescu (5/31)

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.

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“The Messenger”

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This week at St. Mark

1 Sunday	2:00 PM	Grave Blessings
4 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Daily Vespers (Faith and Life Life Class following Vespers)
5 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
7 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
8 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Adult Bible Sunday following Divine Liturgy]		

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Antipascha

2nd Sunday of Pascha Tone 1

Thomas Sunday

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Prokeimenon Tone 3

*Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure.
(Ps. 146:5)*

V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)

Acts 5:12-20 (Epistle)

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

John 20:19-31 (Gospel)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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. IF NO ONE SIGNS UP, THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR.
- First Sunday of every month will now be a regular coffee hour. All following Sundays will be Bible Study.
- Fr. Jonathan is publishing weekly meditations on the St. Mark website (stmarkorthodox.org) Please take the time to read these.
- St. Mark Memorial Garden – Pavers for the Memorial Garden have been laid. Memorial bricks for the Garden can still be ordered at www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox. See Fr. Jonathan if you have any questions about the Memorial Garden or the ordering process.
- 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.
- Council has approved two Lenten projects. One is the purchase of four processional torches/candles and stands at a cost of approx. \$1370.00. The second is a camera security system which is still being priced.
- Father Jonathan will be blessing graves today at 2:00 PM. Blessings will be as follows: Mansion Memorial Park (Ellenton); Manasota Memorial Park (53rd Ave. E & 15th St. E); The Palms (Fruitville & Honore); and Sarasota National Cemetery. If you have graves at other locations you would like blessed, please contact Fr. Jonathan to make arrangements.
- Faith and Life classes will resume on Wednesday, May 4 following Daily Vespers.

Troparion Tone 7 (Pentecostarion)

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life!
Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God.
Renew in us through them an upright spirit,//
by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen**

Kontakion Tone 8 (Pentecostarion)

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God,
when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors.//
He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

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 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!