

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	Thomas
Kristi	Nina	Diane	Kevin	Cody
Nicole&Noelle	John	Athanasios	Mary Patricia	Frances

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

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

May Birthdays

Aubrey Roth (5/2)	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

11 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Daily Vespers (Faith and Life Life Class following Vespers Acts 17)
12 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
14 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
15 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Adult Bible Sunday following Divine Liturgy]		

Sunday, May 8, 2022

3rd Sunday of Pascha Tone 2

Myrrhbearing Women

Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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

- 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.
- Faith and Life classes have resumed on Wednesday evenings following Daily Vespers.
- Beginning on Saturday, May 14, at 3:30 PM, a Scripture Survey Course of 12 lessons will be offered exploring in broad outline the contents of the entire Bible, from Creation (Genesis) to the End Times (Revelation). All are welcome to participate.

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 2 (St. John)

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!
He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast,
receives thee as thou dost bow before Him.
Implore Him, O John the Theologian,
disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//
entreating for us peace and great mercy!

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

Kontakion Tone 2 (St. John)

Who shall declare thy greatness,
O virgin disciple,
for thou dost pour forth wonders and art a source of healings,//
and prayest for our souls as theologian and friend 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!"

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!