

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archprst. Peter	Diana (ND)	David (ND)	Gregory
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May Birthdays

Jacob Mueller (5/10)	Carol Gidus (5/11)	RadicaKoutselas (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.

Paschal Greetings

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! (English)

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek)

Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese! (Slavonic)

Hristo a inviat! Adeverat a inviat! (Romanian)

El Messiah kam! Hakken kam! (Arabic)

Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado! (Spanish)

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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"The Messenger"

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Office Hours: TuWF 10:00 AM – Noon

This week at St. Mark

12	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Daily Vespers
13	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
15	Saturday	4:00 PM	Choir Practice
15	Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers
16	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Sunday School immediately following Liturgy			
Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour			

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Antipascha Tone 1

2nd Sunday of Pascha

St. Thomas Sunday

Prophet Isaiah

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.

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.

Tone 8 **Kontakion** **(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!"

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 \$750. Again, thank you for participation. The staff at CareNet asked me to thank each of you for participating in the Baby Bottle Bank fund raiser. Thank you for your willingness to support our unborn children.
- 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.
- Annual Grave Blessings will take place this year on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers, May 16, beginning at 2:00 PM at Manasota Cemetery on 53rd Ave. E. (State Rd. 70). Please contact Fr. Jonathan for the blessing of specific graves perhaps not in his scheduled locations for that day.
- Parish Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 29, from 7:00 AM to noon. We have begun collecting items for the sale, so if you have donations, see Faith Abraham to donate and/or volunteer to work at the Sale.
- Thanks go out also to Nick Orras and crew, Michael Blazso and George Graban among others, for making the Table (tomb) and Cross used during Holy Week on which the Grave-cloth was placed. These are beautiful new additions for the services of our Church.

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