

**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	Archprst. John	
Archprst. Joseph	Irene	Laurie	Rose	Barbara
Tanya	Eugenia	Kevin	Nicole & Noelle	Frances
Vladimir	Paisley	Eli	Adam	Elise
Laura	Joshua	Darla	Mark	Gary
Constance	Nick	Nina	Tanya	Suzanne
Charles	Christina	Katey	Gregory	

**Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:**

Odette (ND)

**June Birthdays:**

Lara Ciampa (6/5)	Emilia Kulikowski (6/10)	Michael Winters (6/12)
Siobhan Awad (6/13)	Marsha Blazso (6/17)	Henry Pouget (6/18)
Maxine Lurowist (6/22)	Larysa Khalifa (6/28)	

**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](http://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.**

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**This week at St. Mark**

31 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers
1 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
3 Saturday	8:30 AM	Post-Paschal Church cleaning
3 Saturday	3:30 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
3 Saturday	5:00 PM	Vigil of Pentecost
4 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Pentecost)
4 Sunday		Immediately following Divine Liturgy: Vespers of Pentecost with the kneeling prayers

**Sunday, May 28, 2023 Tone 6**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha**

**Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

**Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Song of the Three Holy Children)**  
*Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!*  
*V. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)*

*Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (Epistle)*

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

*John 17:1-13 (Gospel)*

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them I world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none

of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

## 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 June 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.
- Anyone wishing to volunteer to be a money counter, please see any member of Parish Council to sign up.
- 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. The theme will be “Gifts of the Spirit”. If you plan to send your child(ren), please contact Fr. Jonathan.
- Parish Council would like to thank Michael and Marsha Blazso for the new bell and stand in the Narthex.
- Parish Council has decided to add approx. 10-15 more chairs to the Nave of the Church. If you would like to sponsor a chair (about \$140.00), see Fr. Jonathan, Sbdn. James, or any Council member.
- There will be a Vigil Service of Pentecost on Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 PM.
- The Vesper Service of Pentecost with the kneeling prayers will immediately follow Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 4.
- There will be a Post-Paschal Church cleaning on Saturday, January 3 at 8:30 AM. Come by and help.

**Troparion      Tone 6      (Resurrection)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, //  
glory to Thee.

**Troparion      Tone 4      (Ascension)**

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
Through the blessing, they were assured  
that Thou art the Son of God, //  
the Redeemer of the world!

**Troparion      Tone 8      (Fathers)**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,  
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.  
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. //  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

**Kontakion      Tone 8      (Fathers)**

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for  
the Church.  
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, //  
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen**

**Kontakion      Tone 4      (Ascension)**

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,  
and united earth to heaven,  
Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,  
not being parted from those who love Thee,  
but remaining with them and crying: //  
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

**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!