

**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	Irene
Ron	William	Laurie	Rose
Barbara	David	Tanya	Harrison
Anisia	Dn. Paul	Savinian	Barbara
Helen	Archprst. Alexander		Lana
James	Kristi	Nina	Diane
Dan	Paul		

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

Diana (ND)      David (ND)      Gregory

**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)
Michael Valitzky (6/20)	Maxine Lurowist (6/22)	Derek Cartwright (6/23)
Larysa Khalifa (6/28)		

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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Rector

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**This week at St. Mark**

16	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Vespers/Litya
17	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Ascension)
19	Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers
20	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Pentecost)
20	Sunday		Immediately following Liturgy Vespers of Pentecost (Kneeling Service)
			Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**7th Sunday of Pascha Tone 6**

**Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

**Prokeimenon                      Tone 4**

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)  
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 in the 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**

- 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, 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.
- Sunday Adult Bible Study (after Liturgy) is considering the topic: "Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in the Orthodox Tradition." All are welcome.
- Jonathan is publishing weekly meditations on the St. Mark website (stmarkorthodox.org) Please take the time to read these.
- We received updated COVID-19 directives from Archbishop Alexander. They are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the Church. A copy of the new directives is available upon request.
- Fr. Jonathan will be printing service books of the Divine Liturgy and Vespers/Litiya/Matins. Anyone wanting their own copy is asked to pay \$5.00 per copy. Sign-up sheets are located on the desk in the Narthex. There are two sizes of print.
- Choir practice will not be scheduled every Saturday during the summer, but the Choir will meet occasionally on Saturdays for practice (see Nadya for details).

**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.

**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 6**                            *(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!"

**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 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!