

**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	Nicole and her unborn child	

**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

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee  
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**This week at St. Mark**

23	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Vespers/
24	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
26	Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers
27	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
			Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

**Sunday, June 20, 2021**  
**8th Sunday of Pascha Tone 7**  
**Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity**

**Prokeimenon**                      **Tone 8**

*Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)*

*V. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)*

**Acts 2:1-11 (Epistle)**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

**John 7:37-52, 8:12 (Gospel)**

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man! Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees

believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

**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.
- 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](http://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 8                            (Pentecost)**

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,  
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise  
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,  
and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//  
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

**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                            (Pentecost)**

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,  
He divided the nations;  
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//  
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

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