

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)

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

28	Monday	6:30 PM	Vespers/Litiya
29	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy Feast of SS Peter and Paul
3	Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers
4	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 27, 2021

1st Sunday after Pentecost Tone 8

All Saints

Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Resurrection)

*Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)
V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (All Saints)

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:35a)

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle)

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 (Gospel)

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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) 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/Litija/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).
- There will be a Church cleaning on Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 AM. Everyone welcome to participate.
- We are now taking orders for memorial bricks to be placed in our new St. Mark Memorial Garden. Orders can be placed by returning the form in the brochure to the Church, or by going to our ordering website: www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox. The deadline for ordering will be October 1, 2021. A diagram of the Memorial Garden is on the bulletin board in the Church Narthex. Please direct any question to Fr. Jonathan or a Parish Council member.
- Due to the late date of Pascha and Pentecost, the Apostle Fast will be Monday, June 28. The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul will be Tuesday, June 29. Vespers with Litiya scheduled for Monday at 6:30 PM with Divine Liturgy on Tuesday at 9:30 AM.

Troparion Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion Tone 4 (All Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world.
She cries to Thee, O Christ God:
"Send down Thy bounties on Thy people,//
grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

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 (All Saints)

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.
By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

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!