

**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	Dn. Michael	Irene
Laurie	Rose	Barbara	Tanya	Thomas
Kristi	Nina	Diane	Kevin	Cody
Nicole&Noelle	John	Athanasios	Mary Patricia	Frances
Vladimir				

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

Radmila (ND)      Angela      Stacey

**July Birthdays**

Fr. Jonathan (7/5)      Nick Orras (7/6)      Ed Evancho (7/17)  
Kylie Winters (7/17)      Dana Winters (7/19)

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 varying accordingly. If you have any questions about the ordering process, see Fr. Jonathan.**

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**"The Messenger"**

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**This week at St. Mark**

9	Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
10	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
			Choir Practice immediately following
			Divine Liturgy/Coffee Hour

Adult Bible Sunday following Divine Liturgy will resume in September.

Fr. Jonathan will be out of town July 5-10.

No weekday services.

Fr. Nicholas will serve Vespers and Divine Liturgy (July 9/10)

No Scripture Survey class Saturday July 9.

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**

**3rd Sunday After Pentecost Tone 2**

**Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea**

Prokeimenon Tone 2

**(Resurrection)**

*The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)  
V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.  
(Ps. 117:18)*

**Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)**

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

## 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. IF NO ONE SIGNS UP, THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE HOUR.
- First Sunday of every month will now be a regular coffee hour. All following Sundays will be Bible Study.
- Fr. Jonathan is publishing weekly meditations on the St. Mark website (stmarkorthodox.org) Please take the time to read these.
- 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.
- Faith and Life classes have resumed on Wednesday evenings following Daily Vespers.
- The Scripture Survey Course of 12 lessons is offered Saturdays at 3:30 PM exploring in broad outline the contents of the entire Bible, from Creation (Genesis) to the End Times (Revelation). All are welcome to participate.
- Peter and Sharon Georges will be sharing their work of St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund in Kampala, Uganda. The Georges are from St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Mentor, OH, and have been working with children in Uganda for years. Please plan to welcome the Georges and hear of their ministry in the love of Christ. Rescheduled for August 7.
- Choir practice will be immediately following Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour. Anyone wanting to become involved with the choir is invited to attend.
- We will be taking donations for the Altar and Proskomidia Table to send to the church in Waterbury CT.

**Troparion Tone 2 (Resurrection)**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,  
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.  
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

**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

**Troparion Tone 4 (St. Hyacinth)**

Thy holy martyr Hyacinth, O Lord,  
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God.  
For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons//  
Through his intercession, save our souls!

**Kontakion      Tone 2                      (Resurrection)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, //  
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

**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

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

**Kontakion      Tone 3                      (St. Hyacinth)**

Come, you faithful,  
plait a crown of unfading hyacinths today for the Martyr Hyacinth,  
and let us cry to him: //  
“Rejoice, glory of martyrs!”  
**Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen**

**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!

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