

**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:**

Archprst. Igor Andrei

**July Birthdays**

Nick Orras (7/6)	Ed Evancho (7/17)	Kylie Winters (7/17)
Dana Winters (7/19)	Xenia Valitzky (7/25)	

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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**This week at St. Mark**

7	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Vespers
8	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
10	Saturday	9:00 AM	Church Cleaning
10	Saturday	4:00 PM	Choir Practice
10	Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers
11	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, July 4, 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Tone 1**

**All Saints of America**

**Prokeimenon                      Tone 1                      (Resurrection)**

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps. 32:22)*

*V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

**Prokeimenon                      Tone 7                      (All Saints of America)**

*Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Ps. 115:6)*

**Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle)**

but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

**Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle, Saints)**

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 4:18-23 (Gospel)**

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

**Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel, Saints)**

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before 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.
- 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.
- Fr. 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).
- 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](http://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.
- Choir practice scheduled for every Saturday in July at 4:00 PM

### **Troparion      Tone 1      (Resurrection)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//  
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

### **Troparion      Tone 4      (All Saints of America)**

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation,  
the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them.  
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace//  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

### **Kontakion      Tone 1      (Resurrection)**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Thyself.  
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://  
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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

### **Kontakion      Tone 3      (All Saints of America)**

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America  
now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.  
With them the Angels glorify Him,  
and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them;//  
and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

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

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

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