

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	Moriah	Christopher	Eva	

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archimandrite Frank (ND)	Radmila (ND)	Angela	Stacey
Mary			

August Birthdays

Jonathan Taleff (8/1)	Cara Kulikowski (8/2)	Patrice Taleff (8/5)
Peter Taleff (8/6)	Nadya Golubov (8/10)	Diane Koory (8/13)
Robert Koory (8/22)	Trudy Telychka (8/31)	

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.thatmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox. You can order a 4"x 8" or 8"x 8" 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.

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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"The Messenger"

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Rector

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This week at St. Mark

3	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Daily Vespers Faith/Life
4	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
5	Friday	6:30 PM	Vespers/Litiya Eve of Transfiguration
6	Saturday	9:30 PM	Divine Liturgy Feast of Transfiguration
6	Saturday	3:30 PM	Scripture Survey Class
6	Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
7	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy Peter and Sharon Georges presentation

Choir Practice immediately following Divine Liturgy/Coffee Hour
Adult Bible Sunday following Divine Liturgy will resume in September.

Sunday, July 31, 2022

**7th Sunday After Pentecost Tone 6
Forefeast of the Procession of the Lifegiving Cross
Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia**

Prokeimenon Tone 6

(Resurrection)

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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 Proskomedion Table to send to the church in Waterbury CT.
- Tomorrow on August 1 we begin the two week-long fasting season of the Dormition Fast which concludes with the Feast of Dormition on August 15. During this Fast all in the Church are enjoined together to abstain from meat, dairy products, and usual entertainments in order to practice greater attention to God in prayer, meditation on God's word, and care of others. Another aspect of the Fast is greater participation in the Church's services such as the Feast of Transfiguration. Let us lay aside fleshly and worldly pursuits and put on the things of the Spirit.
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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 1 (Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people,
and bless Thine inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Thy Cross,//
preserve Thy habitation!

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. Eudocimus)

He Who called thee from earth to heaven
keeps thy body unharmed after death, holy Eudocimus;
for thou didst live a sober and holy life
and didst not defile thy flesh;//
so with boldness intercede with Christ that we may be saved!

Kontakion Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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. Eudocimus)

Today thine honored memory
has assembled us at the holy shrine of thy sacred relics;
all then who approach and venerate them
are rescued from the evil malice of demons//
and are swiftly delivered from various diseases, blessed Eudocimus.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

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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!