

**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	Paisley

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

**September Birthdays**

Jessie Insley (9/7)	Ali Wilcoxson (9/8)	Kristi Kanellos (9/9)
Dylan Roth (9/9)	Chase Winters (9/12)	Bryan Ewers (9/17)
Laurie Kohanik (9/19)	Larisa Ciampa (9/26)	George Cordero (9/27)

**TO SPONSOR 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.**

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.**

**St. Mark Orthodox Church**

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**"The Messenger"**

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

7 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Great Vespers/Litiya
8 Thursday	8:15 AM	Matins
8 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy/Nativity of the Theotokos
10 Saturday	4:30 PM	Choir Practice
10 Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
11 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
11 Sunday		Church School begins following Divine Liturgy
Choir practice immediately following Liturgy/coffee hour.		
Adult Bible Sunday following Divine Liturgy will resume in September.		

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**  
**12th Sunday After Pentecost Tone 3**  
**Hieromartyr Babylas**  
**Holy Prophet and God-seer Moses**

Prokeimenon Tone 2

**(Resurrection)**

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*  
(Ps. 46:6)

*V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)*

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Epistle)**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**Matthew 19:16-26 (Gospel)**

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” “The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 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)
- Choir practice will be Saturdays at 4:30 PM before Vespers as well as Sundays following Divine Liturgy
- 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 will be studying St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans
- We will be taking donations for the Altar and Proskomedia Table to send to the church in Waterbury CT.
- Parish Council has voted to identify a specific charity for each month’s charity offering. September’s charity is OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship), a college-based organization that keeps our youth in touch with their Orthodox heritage.

**Troparion**      **Tone 3**      *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

**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. Babylas)*

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,  
thou didst become a successor to their throne.  
Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O  
inspired one of God;  
by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the  
shedding of thy blood.//  
O Hieromartyr Babýlas, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

**Troparion**      **Tone 2**      *(Prophet Moses)*

Thou didst ascend to the heights of the virtues, O Prophet Moses;  
therefore, thou wast deemed worthy to see the glory of God.  
Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law,  
and bearing the grace of the writing within thyself,  
Thou wast the honorable praise of prophets.//  
and a great mystery of piety.

**Kontakion**      **Tone 2**      *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

**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

**Kontakion**      **Tone 4**      *(St. Babylas)*

Thou didst guard the mighty works of faith in thy heart,  
therefore, thou didst not fear the tyrant.//  
preserve us as well, Hieromartyr Babýlas, good servant of Christ!

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

**Kontakion**      **Tone 2**      *(Prophet Moses)*

The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today,  
for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst:  
the Cross, by which Thou hast saved us, shines forth today.//  
By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

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

**Theotokion**      **Tone 6**

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!

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