

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
Carol	Laurie	Rose	Barbara
David	Tanya	Harrison	Willard
Georgia	Craig	Kristi	Nina
Diane	Nicole and her unborn child		Dean
Christopher			

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Richard (ND)	Ioan (ND)	Archprst. Anastasy (ND)
Emelia (ND)		

September Birthdays

Jessie Insley (9/7)	Kristi Kanellos (9/9)	Chase Winters (9/12)
Bryan Ewers (9/17)	Laurie Kohanik (9/20)	Larissa Ciampa (9/26)

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.

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

30	Thursday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith & Life Class following Vespers
1	Friday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy/Protection Of the Theotokos
2	Saturday	5:00 PM	Vespers
3	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 26, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 5

**Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the
Theologian**

Prokeimenon Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Epistle)

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

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.
- Nut rolls, apricot rolls, and poppy seed rolls for sale. Price is \$15.00. Please see George Graban.
- Fr. Jonathan is publishing weekly meditations on the St. Mark website (stmarkorthodox.org) Please take the time to read these.
- 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.
- Choir practice scheduled for every other Saturday at 4:00 PM.
- Beginning Wednesday, September 22, an Orthodox Faith and Life Class will be offered after Vespers at the Church. The Class will start its study with the New Testament *Acts of the Apostles*. Come explore and deepen your understanding of our life together in Christ in His holy Church.
- There will be a Church picnic after Liturgy on Sunday, October 3. Council will supply the hot dogs/hamburgers.
- The Fall yard sale will be held Saturday, October 30.
- **This week there will be no service on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Vesper are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30 with the Faith and Life class immediately following. Friday will be a Divine Liturgy at 9:30 commemorating the Protection of the Theotokos.**
- Saturday, October 9, 10am - 12 Marsha Blazso will be hosting a Brunch for the women of the church. Please RSVP to Marsha before October 3rd. You can reach Marsha at 941-755-0297. At that time Marsha will give you any information you may need regarding the day.

Troparion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death, and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion Tone 2 (St. John)

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!
He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast,
receives thee as thou dost bow before Him.
Implore Him, O John the Theologian,
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//
entreating for us peace and great mercy!

Kontakion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

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

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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!

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

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

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