

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)	Christine (ND)	

October Birthdays

Gary Babina (10/1)	Vera Bourenina (10/1)	Faith Abraham (10/5)
Fr. Elias Mitchell (10/9)	Don Beardsley (10/10)	John Veselenak (10/17)
Ruth Traycoff (10/19)	George Nartsissov (10/21)	Fran Pouget (10/31)

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.

St. Mark Orthodox Church

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"The Messenger"

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher
Rector

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
Attached

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This week at St. Mark

5 – 7 Diocese of the South Meeting Miami Lakes

9 Saturday 5:00 PM Vespers
10 Sunday 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

Sunday, October 3, 2021
15th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 6
Second Sunday of Luke
Hieromartyr Dionysius

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)

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

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.
- **There will be no weekday service the week of Oct. 5-9 as Fr. Jonathan and Subdeacon James will be attending the Diocese of the South Conference in Miami. If an emergency arise, please call Fr. Jonathan on his cell phone.**
- 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 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 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. Dionysius)

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things,
thou wast arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest.
From the Chosen Vessel thou didst draw ineffable mysteries;
thou didst keep the Faith, and didst finish a course equal to his. //
Hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls 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 8 (St. Dionysius)

As a disciple of the Apostle caught up to the third heaven,
thou didst spiritually enter the gate of heaven, O Dionysius.
Thou wast enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries
and didst enlighten those who sat in the darkness of ignorance. //
Therefore we cry to thee: “Rejoice, universal Father!”

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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