

**Prayers of Oblation are offered for the Health of:**

Fr. Stephen	Fr. Elias	Mat. Marion	Irene
Fran	Connie	Jessie	Abigail
Ron	William	Laurie	Rose
Barbara	David	Tanya	Andrew
Harrison	Herman	Julie	James
Bill	Kay	Elizabeth	Penny
Heather	Rolando	Anisia	Dcn.Paul
Savinian	Barbara	Darrell	
Met.Theodosius	Archpriest Alexander	Sunnie	

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

Gregory	James	Wanda	Steve
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**October Birthdays**

Vera Bourenina (10/1)	Gary Babin (10/1)	Faith Abraham (10/5)
Fr. Elias Mitchell (10/9)	Don Beardsley (10/10)	Nina Balikowsky (10/13)
John Veselenak (10/17)	Ruth Traycoff (10/19)	George Nartsissov (10/22)
Kathy Piston (10/25)	Fran Pouget (10/31)	Christian Cochlear (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, and through participation in the Sacraments to come into close union with God.

*St. Mark Orthodox Church*

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*"The Messenger"*

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher  
Rector

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee  
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Service Times: Saturday Great Vespers - 5:00 PM

Wednesday Daily Vespers - 6:30 PM

Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM

Thursday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM

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**Sunday, October 4, 2020 Tone 8**

**17th Sunday After Pentecost**

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

## **Prokeimenon Tone 8**

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

## **2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

## **Luke 6:31-36**

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**

- St. Mark has been open for several weeks; however, we are following certain guidelines because of COVID-19, especially social distancing, masks, hand washing, and using two spoons at Communion. With these guidelines, we can only accommodate 50 people in the Nave and Narthex. If you wish to attend any service, it's important to contact Sub-deacon James to reserve a spot. For Saturday Vespers and Sunday Liturgy, please contact Sbdcn. James by Thursday evening. The doors will be closed and locked 5 minutes prior to the start of any service. Sub-deacon James can be reached at 336-337-1147 or [jim.abraham51@gmail.com](mailto:jim.abraham51@gmail.com).
- If you are unable to attend services, but wish to continue your Stewardship contributions, send them to PO Box 1315, Bradenton, FL 34206
- Sunday School classes continue today for our children immediately after Divine Liturgy and Bible class for adults during coffee hour.. Children and teachers will receive a blessing first at Dismissal and proceed directly to class. Adults will meet in the Narthex with Fr. Jonathan.
- 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.
- Daily Vespers continue every Wednesday Service will begin at 6:30 PM.
- Weekday Liturgy continue Thursdays, at 9:30 AM (with Hours at 9:10 AM) and every Thursday thereafter.
- Icons of Christ and the Theotokos have been placed on the front analogia for prayer and veneration. For right now, refrain from actually kissing the icons, being mindful of others. We will be wiping the icons after Liturgy to meet COVID-19 guidelines.
- St. Mark will be holding it's Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, November 7. Details to follow. For information or to sign up to help, contact Faith Abraham.
- A SPECIAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY TO DISCUSS THE SALE A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY.

**Tone 8            Troparion            (Resurrection)**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial  
to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Tone 4 Troparion for St. Mark**

**Tone 1            Troparion            (Hieromartyr Hierotheus)**

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul,  
Hierarch of ^Athens,  
the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith,  
who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries  
and poured forth streams of godly ^doctrine.//  
His life was well-pleasing to God, Who is greatly merciful.

**Tone 8            Kontakion            (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//  
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Tone 2 Kontakion for St. Mark**

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

**Tone 8            Kontakion            (Hieromartyr Hierotheus)**

Hierarch of Athens, we praise thee for thou hast instructed us in  
awesome and ineffable things,  
and thou wast revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns.  
Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may  
cry to thee://  
Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierotheus!

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

**Troparion of St. Mark (Tone 4)**

From your childhood the of truth enlightened you, O Mark  
And you loved the labor of Christ the Savior.  
Therefore you followed Peter with zeal  
And served Paul well as a fellow laborer!//  
And you enlighten the world with your Holy Gospel

**Kontakion of St. Mark (Tone 2)**

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