

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	Logan
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 Cholcher (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 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.

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

Sub-deacon James Abraham

Nadya Golubov
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Assistant Director

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Office Hours: TuWF 10:00AM - Noon
Service Times: Saturday Great Vespers - 5:00 PM
Sunday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM
Wednesday Daily Vespers - 6:30 PM
Thursday Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM
Sunday School classes immediately after Divine Liturgy
Bible class for adults during coffee hour
Parish E-mail: stmarkocarector@gmail.com

Sunday, October 18, 2020 Tone 2
19th Sunday After Pentecost
Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Prokeimenon Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:18)

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Luke 8:5-15 (Gospel)

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no

root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

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.
- 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 its 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 TODAY, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY.
- Willard Brown will be taking orders for Scrip cards Nov.1 and 8 (delivery Nov. 15) and Nov.29 and Dec. 6 (delivery Dec.13) These cards make great Holiday gifts for family and friends. For a list of available cards and the percentage they pay to St. Mark, see the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, see Willard Brown.
- On Friday, October 23, we will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy of St. James at 9:30 AM. (No Liturgy on Thursday). The Liturgy of St. James is appointed for two days a year - St. James day and the Sunday after Nativity (on which St. James is also commemorated). The Liturgy of St. James is the oldest of the three Liturgies served in the Orthodox Church.

