

**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	Thomas
Georgia	Craig	Kristi	Nina
Diane	Nicole and her newborn daughter	Dean	
Christopher	Anne	Athanasios	

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

Archprst. Peter	Matthew	Christine (ND)	Nikolai (ND)
Olga (ND)			

**Novewmber Birthdays**

Sbdcn James Abraham (11/6)	Vicki Anderson (11/6)	Moriah Hastings (11/14)
Helen Moroz (11/24)	Connie Insley (11/25)	Deb Graban (11/26)
Eugenia Golubov(11/30)		

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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**This week at St. Mark**

15	Monday	Advent Fast Beegins
17	Wednesday	6:00 PM Vespers followed by Faith and Life Class
18	Thursday	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
20	Saturday	5:00 PM Great Vespers/Litiya
21	Sunday	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Feast of Entrance of the Theotokos Into the Temple

Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Tone 4**

**Eighth Sunday of Luke**

**Holy Apostle Philip**

**Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Resurrection)**

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.*

*(Ps. 103:26)*

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)*

**Galatians 2:16-20 (Epistle)**

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)**

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**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](http://stmarkorthodox.org)) Please take the time to read these.
- We are 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](http://www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox). 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.
- Any male over the age of 8 who would like to serve, please see Fr. Jonathan or Subdeacon James. There will be a meeting for all interested and current servers on Sunday, December 5 immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- Advent Fast begins Monday, November 15, forty days before Christmas. During this Fast we join together as a Church to focus on a life of repentance, control of sinful passions, and expectation of God's grace in Christ in prayer. General guidelines of the Fast include abstaining from these foods (to the best of one's abilities): all animal flesh and meat products; eggs, milk, cheese, and dairy products; olive oil; and wine and alcoholic drinks. The Fast is between you and God, so practice the Fast in humility and faith! Advent is also a good time to prepare for and come for Confession. God grant us a profitable Advent season prior to the Feast of our Lord's Birth.
- Willard Brown will be taking Scrip orders this Sunday for delivery next Sunday (Nov. 21).

**Troparion      Tone 4      (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen, //  
granting 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 3      (St. Philip)**

Holy Apostle Philip,  
entreat the merciful God //  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

**Kontakion      Tone 4      (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master, //  
He has risen on the third day!

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

**Kontakion      Tone 8      (St. Philip)**

Thy disciple, friend and imitator of Thy passion,  
the God-preaching Philip, proclaimed Thee to the universe.  
By his prayers deliver Thy Church from her enemies;  
through the Theotokos protect every city, O most merciful Christ!

**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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**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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