

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	Dn. Paul
Savinian	Barbara	Darrell	Dn. George
Archpriest Alexander		Helen	Lana
Cathy			

Prayers of Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Met. Theodosios (ND)	Mat. Elizabeth (ND)	Richard (ND)	Gregory
James	Wanda	Steve	

November Birthdays

Sbdcn. James (11/06)	Michael Mustic (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,
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, and hand washing. 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 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
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Nadya Golubov
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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, November 15, 2020 Tone 6
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa

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)

Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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.
- 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.
- Today, we begin the 40-day Nativity Fast prior to the Feast of Christmas. The Nativity Fast is also known as Advent, a Latin word meaning "arrival," a season preparing for the arrival of Christ Jesus at His birth from the Virgin Mary. During Advent, therefore, we Orthodox focus on repentance, prayer, and works of mercy, normal practices preparing for and resulting from our reception of Christ each week at Holy Communion."
- 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.
- First Sunday of every month will be a regular coffee hour. Every other Sunday will be Bible Study.
- Pledge Letters and Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex.
- This coming Saturday we celebrate the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. Great Vespers w/Litya will be served Friday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 PM; Divine Liturgy for the Feast begins Saturday, Nov. 21, at 9:30 AM. As a three-year old child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem where she would live until betrothed to live with Joseph. The Virgin Mary is the fulfillment of the Temple; she is the Holy of Holies who would literally hold the Son of God within her womb.
- During Advent we practice a "fasting rule" basic to spiritual growth. By controlling our appetites, we transform our desires away from self-gratification to wanting to please God to the best of our abilities. The Orthodox "fasting rule" is threefold: 1) eating simple, inexpensive foods (typically abstaining from meats, dairy products, and luxurious items); 2) reducing the quantity of food eaten (eating until satisfied); and 3) in guarding the stomach, we guard our other senses by avoiding frivolous entertainments which lead to other passions such as anger, lust, envy, vanity, and pride.

and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations.
Therefore, O saints, you freed a young woman from bitter death, //
and are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen!

Tone 6 Troparion (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.

Tone 4 Troparion for 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 well as a fellow laborer //
And you enlighten the world with your Holy Gospel

Tone 5 Troparion (Martyrs)

O Christ our God, Thou hast granted us the miracles of Thy holy martyrs
Gúrias, Samónas, and Abíbus,
as a stronghold and protection.
Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in ev'ry good deed, //
for Thou alone art merciful and lovest mankind!

Tone 6 Kontakion (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.

Tone 2 Kontakion for 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

Tone 2 Kontakion (Martyrs)

You received grace from on high, O all-praised martyrs,

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!