

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	Dn. Michael
Irene	Carol	Laurie	Rose
Barbara	David	Tanya	Harrison
Thomas	Georgia	Craig	Kristi
Nina	Diane	Nicole and her newborn daughter	
Dean	Christopher	Anne	Athanasios
Mary Patricia			

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

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

Novewmber Birthdays

Sbden 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.

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This week at St. Mark

24	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespereal Liturgy
25	Thursday		Thanksgiving Day
27	Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
28	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour			

Sunday, November 21, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost Tone 5

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Entrance of the Theotokos Into The Temple

Prokeimenon Tone 5 (Resurrection)

*Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)*

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
(Lk. 1:46-47)*

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Hebrews 9:1-7 (Epistle, Theotokos)

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;

Luke 12:16-21 (Gospel)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Gospel, Theotokos)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who

also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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 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. 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 began 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.
- Vespers Liturgy for Thanksgiving scheduled for Wednesday, November 24 at 6:00 PM. There will be no Liturgy Thanksgiving morning. Those planning to receive Holy Communion remember to fast from the noon meal.
- St. Mark 2022 calendars are available on the desk in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.

Troparion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion Tone 4 (Feast)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment//
of the Creator’s dispensation!”

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

Kontakion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion Tone 4 (Feast)

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the angels of God praise her://
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

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

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

Theotokion **Tone 6**

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocator 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!