

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Archprst. Stephen	Archprst. Elias	Mat. Marion	Irene
Fran	Connie	Jessie	Abigail
Ron	William	Laurie	Rose
Barbara	David	Tanya	Andrew
Harrison	Bill	Kay	Heather
Rolando	Anisia	Dn. Paul	Savinian
Barbara	Darrell	Dn. George	Archprst. Alexander
Helen	Lana		

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

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

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, through participation in the Sacraments to come into close union with God.

St. Mark has been open during the pandemic; 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 close 5 minutes prior to the start of any service. Sbdcn. James can be reached at 336-337-1147or 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.

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"The Messenger"

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V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
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Office Hours: TuWF 10:00 AM – Noon

11/25: Vespers Liturgy – 6:30 PM
11/28: Great Vespers – 5:00 PM
11/29: Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM
Sunday School immediately after Liturgy
Adult Bible Study during coffee hour

Sunday, November 22, 2020 Tone 7
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos Into the Temple

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps. 28:11*)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

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*)

Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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.”

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.
- Willard Brown will be taking orders for Scrip cards on December 6 with delivery on December 13. 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 now be a regular coffee hour. All following Sundays will be Bible Study.
- Pledge Letters and Cards are available in the Narthex.
- 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.
- Vespertal Liturgy for Thanksgiving, Wed. at 6:30 PM - to prepare for reception of Holy Communion, fast from food after breakfast, or no later than 12 PM (noon) on, as you are able. Let us give thanks to God for all His gifts to us, our country, our families, and our Faith!

Tone 7 Troparion (Resurrection)
By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion (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!”

Tone 3 Troparion (Apostles)
Holy Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus,
entreat the merciful God//
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 7 Kontakion (Resurrection)
The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 2 Kontakion (Apostles)
Let us praise the Apostles of Christ,
who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars:
glorious Philemon and dedicated Archippus,
Onesimus, together with Mark and Apollos, and the all-wise Apphia.
Let us cry to them://
“Unceasingly pray for us all!”

Tone 4 Kontakion (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!”