

**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
Laurie	Rose	Barbara	Tanya	Thomas
Kristi	Nina	Diane	Kevin	Cody
Nicole&Noelle	John	Athanasios	Mary Patricia	Frances
Vladimir	Nicholas	Christopher	Paisley	Willard
Sunnie	Siobhan	Moriah	Eli	Adam
Elise				

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

Priest Andrew    Sophia (ND)    James

**December Birthdays**

Dan Telychka (12/2)	Nancy Serko (12/5)	Tim Lurowist (12/12)
Ivan Ciampa (12/15)	Bob Matzkevich (12/17)	Kim Moroz (12/17)
Karen Moroz (12/17)	Aiden Beardsley (12/18)	Aleksandra Dorofi (12/19)
Eden Wilcoxson (12/19)	Brian Isaac Ewers (12/22)	Daniel Cholcher (12/24)
Michael Pisansky (12/24)		

**TO SPONSOR 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.**

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.

**Memorial Bricks for the St. Mark Memorial Garden can be ordered at [www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox](http://www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox). You can order a 4"x 8" or 8"x8" brick with or without an Orthodox Cross, the number of characters varying accordingly. If you have any questions about the ordering process, see Fr. Jonathan.**

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**"The Messenger"**

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**This week at St. Mark**

6	Tuesday	8:15 AM	Matins
6	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas)
7	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Faith and Life Class
8	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
10	Saturday	3:30 PM	Introduction to Orthodoxy
10	Saturday	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
11	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Adult Bible Study Sunday following Divine Liturgy.			

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Tone 8**  
**Great Martyr Barbara & Martyr Juliana**  
**Ven. John of Damascus**  
**Glorification of New Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander**

**Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Resurrection)**

*Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)*

*V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

***Ephesians 4:1-6 (Epistle)***

**I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

***Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)***

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Fr. Jonathan is publishing weekly meditations on the St. Mark website (stmarkorthodox.org). Please take some time to read them.
- Please keep in mind that Liturgy is not officially over until the reading of the Post-Communion prayers. It is important that we stay respectful during the reading of these prayers by maintaining silence.
- Faith and Life classes will be studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Classes are held Wednesdays following Daily Vespers.
- Introduction to Orthodoxy class will meet at 3:30 PM on Saturdays prior to Vespers. We will discuss the basics of Orthodox Faith and Practice. All are invited, especially those considering becoming Orthodox, or those relatively new to the Faith.
- December's charity is a Bradenton/Manatee Food kitchen.
- Parish Council has adopted a ***Parish policy regarding the posting of informational materials*** either in the St. Mark Church building (e.g. on a bulletin board on the welcome desk of the Church) or on St. Mark Church social media platforms such as Facebook of our Parish website. All such materials or postings must be pre-approved by the Parish Council or Fr. Jonathan prior to posting.
- Tuesday, December 6 we celebrate St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. Services on that day are Matins at 8:15 AM followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM.
- On Tuesday, December 13 we celebrate the repose of St. Herman of Alaska. Hours at 9:05 AM followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM.
- On Sunday, December 11, immediately following Divine Liturgy, St. Marks is expecting a visit by St. Nicholas. Children are reminded to leave a shoe outside the Church in hopes that he will leave a little something.

**Troparion      Tone 8      (Resurrection)**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!  
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**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 8      (St. Barbara)**

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara,  
for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy,//  
and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

**Troparion      Tone 8      (St. John)**

O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,  
the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs;  
all wise Father John, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.//  
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

**Kotakion      Tone 8      (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.  
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//  
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**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

**Kontakion      Tone 4      (St. Barbara)**

Singing the praises of the Trinity,  
thou didst follow God by enduring suffering;  
thou didst renounce the multitude of idols,  
O holy martyr Barbara.  
In thy struggles, thou wast not frightened by the threats of thy torturers,  
but cried out in a loud voice://  
“I worship the Trinity in one Godhead.”

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

**Kontakion      Tone 4      (St. John)**

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor,  
the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church,  
the defender of her doctrines:  
through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error,//  
and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins may be  
granted to all!

**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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