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                  Heather                    Rolando         Anisia
Dn. Paul                  Savinian                    Barbara         Amber
Archprst. Alexander       Helen                      Lana            Dennis
James                     Evangelina                 Larissa         Nina

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:
Darrell (ND)             Gregory                     Irene

February Birthdays
Lois Evancho (2/12)      Irene Zarnoski (2/12)       Joe Ciampa (2/20)
Logan Kulikowski (2/20)  Elizabeth Ries (2/20)      Ann Nartsissov (2/21)

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 336-337-1147 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.

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Rector

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This week at St. Mark
03/03: Daily Vespers – 6:30 PM
03/04: Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM
03/06: Great Vespers – 5:00 PM
03/07: Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM
Sunday School immediately following Liturgy
Adult Bible Study during Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 28, 2021 Tone 5
38th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
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)  

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle)  
All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel)  
Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

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.
- First Sunday of every month will now be a regular coffee hour. All following Sundays will be Bible Study.
- Choir rehearsals will be held each Saturday in February, beginning at 4:00 PM (before Vespers). Everyone interested in singing in the Choir, please come if you are able.
- Please consider Care Net Pregnancy Center as an option for your almsgiving. Please take one of the baby bottle banks home with you and fill it with coins, cash, and/or checks (made out to CareNet). There are plenty for each individual (including children) to take one. Filled bottles will be collected by Marsha Blazso on April 11th and 18th. Thank you for helping to save the lives of our unborn children.
- A picnic is scheduled for March 7. Please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex.
Tone 5
Troparion (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.

Tone 4
Troparion (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

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

Tone 2
Kontakion (St. Mark)
You did receive the grace of the Spirit from on high Destroying the snares of the sorcerors You did hunt all the nations O Apostle And led them to your Master// O glorious Mark the preacher of the Gospel of God

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Tone 3
Kontakion (From the Lenten Triodion)
I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: “I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

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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
to hear our petitions and to intercede for us, O Theotokos
For you always protect those who honor you!