

Concerning Holy Communion:

1. **If you are a communicant member of an Orthodox parish**, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Saint Mark's. If possible, and this is preferred, announce your intention to receive Communion to Fr. Jonathan prior to the Liturgy, or at the Chalice.
2. **If you are not a member of the Orthodox Church**, please refrain from approaching the Chalice for Communion. Instead, you are welcome to receive some of the blessed bread (*antidoron*) from a small side table, and introduce yourself to Fr. Jonathan following the Liturgy.

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered for the Health of:

Archpr. Dimitri	Archpr. Stephen	Archpr. Elias	Mat. Marion	Mat. Mary
Sbdn. Joseph	Irene	Laurie	Barbara	Tanya
Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua	Mark	Nick
Nina	Charles	Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy
Deanna	Karen	Peter	Bill	Kay
Lydia	Mary	Mike	Patrick	Maksim
Richard	Kathy	Dolores	John	Jerry
Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina	Grant	Faith
Madison	Heather	Nicholas	George	Gregory

Expecting mothers and unborn children: Natalie, Moriah, Cassia, and Arlie

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

June Birthdays:

Lara Ciampa (6/5)	Emilia Kulikowski (6/10)	Siobhan Awad (6/13)
Marsha Blazo (6/17)	Henry Pouget (6/18)	Larysa Khalifa (6/28)

TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR, please sign up on the calendar book on the glass case. COFFEE HOUR.

Memorial Bricks for the St. Mark Memorial Garden can be ordered at 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 vary accordingly. If you have any questions about the ordering process, see Fr. Jonathan.

Financial Donations can now be made via PayPal by clicking the link on our parish webpage, or by scanning this QR code. ➡

You may also mail donations to: P.O. Box 1315, Bradenton, FL 34206.



St. Mark Orthodox Church

1517 57th Street E
Bradenton, FL 34208

"The Messenger"

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher
Rector

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
Attached

Sub-Deacon James Abraham

Parish Phone: (941)-749-7662
Parish Website: Bradentonorthodox.org
www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch
Parish E-mail: stmarkocarector@gmail.com
Fr. Jonathan's Cell: (941)-807-5393
Usual Weekly Office Hours:
Wed. 11 AM-1 PM & Fri. 9:00 AM to Noon

This week at St. Mark

7 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Vigil of Pentecost
8 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:30 AM	Vespers of Pentecost (w/kneeling prayers)

Sunday, June 1, 2025 Tone 6

7th Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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.

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Song of the Three Holy Children)
*Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is
Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*
V. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (Epistle)

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

John 17:1-13 (Gospel)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name.

Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 6 (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.

Troparion Tone 4 (Ascension)

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing, they were assured
that Thou art the Son of God,//
the Redeemer of the world!

Troparion Tone 8 (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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

Kontakion Tone 8 (Fathers)





The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one
Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology.//
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 6 (Ascension)

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven,
Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love Thee,
but remaining with them and crying://
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website is www.bradentonorthodox.org. See also www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch.
- **A COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR SHEET** is located on the glass bookstore case in the Narthex. Please consider sponsoring Coffee Hour in 2025. Speak with Cathy Johns for more information.
- **Immediately following each Divine Liturgy as we venerate the Cross, we pray the Post-Communion Prayers. Please maintain quiet until the prayers are completed.** 
- **Quarterly Charity (April-June): Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**, an organization of Orthodox student groups on college and university campuses throughout the country. You can give by designated check or marked envelope.
- **Debt Reduction Thermometer** – on the back wall of the Narthex, tracking our progress in eliminating our building mortgage debt; Consider how God is leading you to contribute to reducing our debt! 
- **Brokerage Account at Fidelity** – Saint Mark Church has established a brokerage account at Fidelity services. Parishioners wishing to donate Securities to the Church can now make direct contributions in accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules. Contact Michael Kulisz (Church Treasurer) or Bob Matzkevich (Parish Council Warden/President) for additional information, or with questions regarding the donation of securities. 
- **Help Wanted:** an **Assistant** is needed for our own Fr. Stephen Plumlee who has moved into assisted living at Aravilla in Sarasota. The assistant will be with Fr. Stephen Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM with flexibility. Duties include transportation to Church during the week and on weekends (when he feels up to it), and to a Tuesday meeting at Noon (if available); helping with activities, outings, and cultural events; and providing stimulating conversation. Pay will be \$20-25/hour based on experience. Call Jill Grinnell at 941-716-6893 to apply. The need is immediate. 
- **THANK YOU to Fr. Brendan Dougherty** for serving this weekend in Fr. Jonathan's absence. Fr. Brendan (wife, Mat. Mary) is attached to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Venice, FL.
- **Feast of Holy Pentecost** – next Sunday, June 8, 50 days after Pascha; Vigil for the Feast will be served next Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 PM. The Vespers of Pentecost with the 3 kneeling prayers will immediately follow Liturgy for the Feast next Sunday morning.
- **MEN'S GROUP** will meet at 6:30 PM at Church on Tuesday, June 10.

PARENTS IN EDUCATION MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 22

(following Divine Liturgy in the Nave)

All are invited to participate, especially the Parents of our Church with young children. We will be discussing plans and resources for a joint effort in the education of our children in an Orthodox and Classical way.

To obtain a copy of *Orthodox Christian Guidelines for the Education of Children* prior to the meeting, speak with Fr. Jonathan. This coil-bound book (\$8 each) includes: "The Instructor," by Clement of Alexandria; the "Address to Young Men on the Right Use of Greek Literature," by St. Basil the Great; and the "Address on Vainglory and the Right Way to Bring Up Children," by St. John Chrysostom.

Craft Fair & Bake Sale

(at Saint Mark's, this coming November)

All Crafters & Bakers, join the fun:

- **Sewing**
- **Woodworking**
- **Pottery**
- **Painting**
- **Et al.**

The Fair is being organized by the Myrrhbearers with the majority of proceeds going to Debt Reduction.

Contact Arlie Button to get involved.