

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

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.



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"The Messenger"

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Rector

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Usual Weekly Office Hours:
Wed. 11 AM-1 PM & Fri. 9:00 AM to Noon

This week at St. Mark

9	Monday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Day of Holy Spirit)
10	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Men's Group (at Church)
11	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Holy Unction
12	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
14	Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
15	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (All Saints)

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Tone 7

8th Sunday of Pascha

Pentecost – Feast of the Holy Spirit/Holy Trinity

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 8 (Pentecostarion)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps. 18:4)

V. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps. 18:1)

Acts 2:1-11 (Epistle)

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

John 7:37-52, 8:12 (Gospel)

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" So there was a

division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." Nikodemos (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 8 (Pentecost)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen




Kontakion Tone 8 (Pentecost)

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,
He divided the nations;
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

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This morning the **Vespers of Pentecost** with the 3 kneeling prayers will immediately follow Divine Liturgy and announcements for the day. Several copies of this service are available for your use on the service book stand in the Narthex. Annually we pray the Vespers of Pentecost after the Liturgy for the Feast to more fully enter into the mystery of our life in the Holy Spirit of God which encompasses both the living and the departed in Christ Jesus.

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; this is a project we hope to complete within the next four years, freeing us to pursue other efforts for the growth of our parish, such as constructing a fellowship hall. 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. 
- **Second Day of Pentecost** – tomorrow, Monday June 9, also called the Day of the Holy Spirit; Divine Liturgy for the Day begins at 9:30 AM.
- The mystery (sacrament) of **HOLY UNCTION** will be served this coming Wednesday, June 11, beginning at 6:00 PM. Holy Unction is the service of healing of both body and soul, to be received in repentance and Confession. “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick...” (James 5:14-15).
- Saint Mark’s **MEN’S GROUP** will meet at Church this coming Tuesday evening, June 10, at 6:30 PM for food, fellowship, and discussion. All men of the parish are invited and welcome to participate.
- The **Intro to Orthodoxy** class now begins at 3:00 PM on Saturday.

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.