

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
Charles	Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy	Gregory
Deanna	Karen	Peter	Bill	Kay
Lydia	Mary	Mike	Patrick	Maksim
Richard	Kathy	Dolores	John	Jerry
Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina	Grant	Faith
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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Usual Weekly Office Hours:

Wed. 11 AM-1 PM & Fri. 9:00 AM to Noon

This week at St. Mark

18 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Reading
19 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
21 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
22 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine
	11:30 AM	Parents in Education Mtg.

Sunday, June 15, 2025 Tone 8
1st Sunday after Pentecost; All Saints

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 (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)

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle)

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 (Gospel)

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

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 (All Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,

Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs’ blood shed throughout all the world.

She cries to Thee, O Christ God:

“Send down Thy bounties on Thy people,//

grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!”

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 (All Saints)

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs




as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.

By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

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This Sunday, the Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost, is All Saints Day in the Orthodox Church. *Tomorrow, the day after All Saints, we begin **the Apostles Fast** which will continue until the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29). During the Fast we are enjoined to abstain from animal products, meats, dairy, and alcoholic drinks throughout.* To our fasting from food we add daily prayers, the reading of Holy Scripture, and attention to the care of our neighbor. Instead of indulging in mindless entertainments, we focus on the services of the Church, as with every other fasting season of the Church year. God grant us a profitable fast for our salvation.

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. 
- **EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTER VESPERS** – we gather for the reading of Scripture, this week beginning with 1 chapter from the *Wisdom of Sirach*, 4 chapters from the *Epistle to the Romans*, and 4 chapters from the *Gospel of St. Matthew*. A short meditation on a portion of the readings will follow. Come and hear the Word of the Lord!
- **INTRO TO ORTHODOXY Class** – every Saturday beginning at 3:00 PM. This class is specifically for persons seeking more knowledge of the Orthodox Faith and Practice, or those who want to deepen their knowledge of the Faith. A catechism entitled *The Faith*, by Clark Carlton, is available without charge from Fr. Jonathan upon request.
- **Icons from our departed members the Tesches** are available on the corner table in the Narthex. Please take an icon for your use at home if you so desire.
- This Tuesday Fr. Jonathan will be traveling to Orange Springs spending the day and serving at our Florida Orthodox summer youth camp.

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.