

### 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
Carolyn	Charles	Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy
Deanna	Karen	Peter	Bill	Kay
Lydia	Mary	Mikey	Patrick	Maksim
Richard	Kathy	Dolores	John	Jerry
Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina	Faith	Madison
Heather	Nicholas	George	Natalie and her newborn daughter	

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

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

Infant Grant

### July Birthdays:

Fr. Jonathan (7/5)	Nick Orras (7/6)	Abigail Michael (7/7)
Ed Evancho (7/17)	Alex Jebelev (7/19)	Elena Grayton (7/22)

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](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 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

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### "The Messenger"

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher  
Rector

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee  
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Sub-Deacon James Abraham

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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 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Reading
10 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	6:00 PM	Parish Council
12 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
13 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, July 6, 2025 Tone 3**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Ven. Sisoës the Great**

**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 3      (Resurrection)**

*Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 46:6)*

*V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)*

**Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)**

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)**

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

*Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:*

**Troparion      Tone 3      (Resurrection)**

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

**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 well as a fellow laborer//

And you enlighten the world with your Holy Gospel.

**Troparion      Tone 1      (Ven. Sisoies)**

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body,

thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Sisoies.

Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer,

healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith.

Glory to Him Who gave thee strength!

Glory to Him Who granted thee a ^crown!//

Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

**Kontakion      Tone 3      (Resurrection)**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One,

leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

**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.

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

**Kontakion Tone 4** (Ven. Sisoës)

In asceticism thou wast revealed to be an earthly Angel,  
continually enlightening the thoughts of the faithful with divine  
signs.//

Therefore we honor thee with faith, venerable Sisoës.

**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!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Our Parish website is [www.bradentonorthodox.org](http://www.bradentonorthodox.org). See also  
[www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch](https://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. Contact  
Michael Kulisz (Church Treasurer) or Bob Matzkevich (Parish  
Council Warden/President) for additional information, or with questions  
regarding the donation of securities.



➤ **SCRIPTURE READING follows Vespers every Wednesday evening  
beginning at 6:00 PM.** In accordance with the Orthodox Church year,  
the Readings are from the Epistle to the Romans and the Gospel of  
Matthew, starting with a couple of chapters from the Wisdom of Sirach.  
Come and hear the Word of the Lord!

➤ **ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT AT SAINT MARK'S** – the first  
phase of iconography work here in the Church will be completed  
between December 2025 and March 2026. Though we have an  
Icon Fund here in the Church, if you would like to contribute to the project  
by sponsoring a particular icon in the project, speak with Fr. Jonathan or  
Michael Kulisz, our parish Treasurer. A sketch of the proposed work and  
a list of prices for the various icons in the project are on the bulletin board  
in the Narthex.



➤ **Craft Fair & Bake Sale** – the Myrrhbearers are beginning  
to organize a Craft Fair and Bake Sale to take place here at  
Church in November 2025. All crafters/artists and bakers are  
encouraged to contact Arlie Button who is coordinating the effort.



➤ **21<sup>ST</sup> ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL** of the Orthodox Church in America  
(OCA) will take place in Phoenix, AZ, this coming July 14-17. Fr.  
Jonathan and Daniel Button, our Lay Delegate, will be attending.  
According to the OCA Statute, the All-American Council which meets  
every three years is “the highest legislative and administrative authority  
within the Church.” All the Bishops, parish Priests, and parish delegates  
of the OCA will be gathering for worship and deliberation of the work of  
the Church throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

➤ **Prayer on Independence Day:** O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, the God of  
all mercies and compassions, whose mercy cannot be measured and  
whose love for mankind is an unfathomable deep: As unprofitable  
servants falling down with fear and trembling before Thy majesty, now  
humbly bearing thanksgiving unto Thy deep compassion for Thy benefits  
bestowed upon our land, we glorify, praise, hymn, and magnify Thee as  
Lord and Master and Benefactor; and again falling down in thanksgiving  
for Thine immeasurable and ineffable loving-kindness, humbly we pray:  
That, as now Thou hast counted Thy servants worthy that their  
supplications be received and mercifully fulfilled, likewise in the time to  
come, as they flourish in sincere love for Thee and in every virtue, Thou  
wilt vouchsafe all Thy faithful to receive of Thy benefits. Delivering our  
land and its rulers from every evil circumstance, and granting unto them  
peace and tranquility, do Thou count them worthy always to offer  
thanksgiving, to tell of Thy most-gracious benefits, and to sing unto Thee,  
together with Thy Father who is without beginning, and Thy Most-holy,  
good, and consubstantial Spirit, God worshiped in one essence. Amen.