

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	Mike	Patrick	Maksim
Richard	Kathy	Dolores	John	Jerry
Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina	Faith	Madison
Heather	Nicholas	George	William	

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

July Birthdays:

Fr. Jonathan (7/5)	Maximus Montes (7/5)	Nick Orras (7/6)
Abigail Michael (7/7)	Xenia Shanks (7/10)	Ed Evancho (7/17)
Alex Jebelev (7/19)	Elena Grayton (7/22)	Zachary Jacobs (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. 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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Usual Weekly Office Hours:
Wed. 11 AM-1 PM & Fri. 9:00 AM to Noon

This week at St. Mark

27 Sunday	Baptism of Selah Aluzzo
30 Wednesday 6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Reading
31 Thursday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
1 Friday	Dormition Fast begins
2 Saturday 3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM Great Vespers
3 Sunday 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 27, 2025 Tone 6

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Greatmartyr & Healer Panteleimon

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 5** **(Resurrection)**

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Prokeimenon **Tone 3** **(Baptism)**

The Lord is my Light and my Savior, whom shall I fear?

V. The Lord is the defender of my life! Of whom shall I be afraid!

Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Romans 6:3-11 (Epistle, Baptism)

Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to

you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Matthew 28:16-20 (Gospel, Baptism)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”



This morning at 9:00 AM, Churching prayers and Pre-baptismal prayers (e.g., catechumenate, exorcisms, etc.) were said for Natalie Aluzzo and her newborn daughter, Selah Rose Elizabeth (b. June 18). The Baptism, Chrismation, and reception of Holy Communion of Selah will take place during the Divine Liturgy. Selah’s parents are Joshua and Natalie Aluzzo. Her Godparents (sponsors) are Braden and Savanah Shanks. God grant the newly illumined Selah, her Godparents, parents, and family many years!



Immediately following each Divine Liturgy as we venerate the Cross, we pray the Post-Communion Prayers. Please maintain quiet until the prayers are completed.



The Dormition Fast begins this coming Friday, August 1, continuing up to the Feast of the Dormition (lit., *falling-asleep*) of the Theotokos on August 15. During the Fast we abstain from meats, dairy, and alcoholic drinks focusing out attention away from bodily pleasures to the things of the Spirit: prayer, the worship of God, the Word of God, and contemplation and care of God’s world and its people redeemed in Christ. May God grant us a profitable season of fasting and prayer.

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 (Saint 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 3 (St. Panteleimon)

Holy Passion-bearer and healer Panteleimon,
entreat the merciful God, //
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion Tone 2 (St. Mark)

You did recieve 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 5 (St. Panteleimon)



Thou didst emulate the Merciful One,
receiving from Him the grace of healing,
O Passion-bearer and healer Panteleimon;
by thy prayers, heal our spiritual diseases
and continually drive away the temptations of the Enemy //
from those who cry out in faith: "Save us, O Lord!"

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. 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.
- **Quarterly Charity (July-September): Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)**, provides spiritual care, enabling people in prison to find hope and purpose in their lives. 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. 
- **BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS** – we will be filling and delivering 24 backpacks for students at Manatee Elementary School (on East Manatee Ave.). Tabs for backpack supplies are available for taking in the Narthex of the Church; please purchase the supplies and return to the Church by Sunday, August 3. Thank you for your participation!
- **ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT** – a sketch of iconography work to be installed on the East wall of our Church is on the bulletin board in the Narthex, along with the costs of various icons within the project. To sponsor part of the project, speak with Fr. Jonathan or Michael Kulisz.
- Reports from the recent Diocesan Assembly and All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America will be available from Fr. Jonathan and our delegate, Daniel Button, in the bulletin. You may also speak with either of them if you have questions about the Assembly or Council.