

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
William	Charles	Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy
Karen	Peter	Bill	Kay	Lydia
Mary	Mike	Patrick	Maksim	Richard
Kathy	Dolores	John	Jerry	Charlotte
Alexandra	Zina	Faith	Madison	Heather
Nicholas	George	Moriah and n.b. daughter		

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Deanna ND

August Birthdays (if your birthday isn't listed, please inform Fr. Jonathan):

Cara Kulikowski (8/2)	Michael Coliane (8/7)	Diane Koory (8/13)
Matthew Grayton (8/14)	Margaret Michael (8/16)	Charlotte Fussell (8/18)
Robert Koory (8/22)	Trudy Telychka (8/31)	

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.thatismybrick.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

13	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Reading
14	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		6:00 PM	Great Vespers w/Litia (Dormition)
15	Friday	8:15 AM	Matins
		9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy w/blessing of flowers and herbs (Dormition)
16	Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
17	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 10, 2025 Tone 8

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Lawrence of Rome

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)*

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (Feast)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all! (Ps. 103:24)




1 Corinthians 3:9-17 (Epistle)

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Matthew 14:22-34 (Gospel)

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

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 (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. 
- **DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS** – this last major Feast of the Church year occurs this coming Friday, August 15. Great Vespers w/Liturgia for the Feast will begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 14. Matins and Divine Liturgy for the Feast will begin at 8:15 AM and 9:30 AM respectively on Friday. As is customary, we will bless flowers and herbs at the conclusion of the festal Liturgy.
- Thank you to Fr. John Stefero who resides in Tampa for substituting for Fr. Jonathan this past week at the Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration. Fr. John is a retired Priest of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA).
- **24 Backpacks for students** at Manatee Elementary School were filled and delivered this past week from Saint Mark Church. Thank you to all who donated supplies and helped to fill and deliver the backpacks. This is the 4th year we have participated in this program sponsored by FOCUS North America (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve).
- Today at the conclusion of the Liturgy we will have *a special prayer for our children and their teachers* who are returning to school for another year of education. May God grant them His wisdom in pursuit of the truth.

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 7 (Feast)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,
revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.

Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,

through the prayers of the Theotokos!//

O Giver of Light, 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 4 (St. Lawrence)

Victorious martyr of Christ our God,

by the sign of the Cross thou didst give sight to the blind;

thou didst distribute the riches of the Church to the poor;

thou wast tried by fire, and no evil was found in thee.

As thou didst endure burning,

may thy prayers extinguish the flames of our many sins,//

blessed Archdeacon Lawrence!

Kontakion Tone 8 (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect
Adam.

Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,//

and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful
One!

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 2 (St. Lawrence)

Thy heart burned with divine fire,

as the flames of the passions died within thee.

God-bearing Martyr Lawrence, the pillar of those who struggle,

thou didst cry out in the midst of thy contest://

“Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ!”

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 7 (Feast)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God,

and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;

so that when they would behold Thee crucified,

they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary,

and would proclaim to the world!//

that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

A Prayer for Students Beginning Instruction

O Lord, our God and Creator, Thou hast honored us men with Thine own image, and didst teach Thy chosen disciples that the fear of Thee is the beginning of true wisdom; Thou hast revealed Thy wisdom to children and didst teach Thy law to Solomon and to all those who have sought Thee in purity of heart. Open the hearts, the minds, and the lips of these students, that they may receive the power of Thy law, and successfully comprehend the useful things which will be taught them, and so they will understand Thy perfect will and contribute to the building up of Thy holy Church. Deliver them from every snare of the enemy, preserve them in the true faith in righteousness and purity all the days of their lives, that they may grow in wisdom and in the observance of Thy commandments, and may be revealed as worshipers of Thy name and heirs of Thy kingdom. Bless also their teachers, O Lord; grant that their words may be free from every worldly deceit and vanity, and may always clearly proclaim the word of Thy truth. For Thou art God, the author of truth and the fountain of wisdom, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.