

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	Mason	Carol	David
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:

Cara Kulikowski (8/2)	Patrice Taleff (8/5)	Peter Taleff (8/6)
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

20	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Reading
21	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		6:00 PM	Parish Council
23	Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
24	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 17, 2025 Tone 1

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Martyr Myron, Presbyter of Cyzicus

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 1 (Resurrection)

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!
(Ps. 32:22)*

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Prokeimenon Tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos)

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)*




1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (Epistle)

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Matthew 17:14-23 (Gospel)

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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. 
- **Men's Group Monastery Visit** – Saint Mark's Men's Group is planning a visit to the Panagia Vlahernon Monastery near Ocala, FL. If you have not signed up for the visit and are interested, speak with Fr. Jonathan.
- **Sunday School resuming classes** – Sunday School classes for our children will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, September 7, following the Divine Liturgy that day. We are planning three classes: 4-7 year-olds, 8-12 year-olds, and Teens. See Fr. Jonathan if you would like to help.
- Every Wednesday evening we gather for **Vespers and Scripture Readings**, beginning at 6:00 PM. Currently we are reading through the *Wisdom of Sirach*, *1 Corinthians*, and the *Gospel of Matthew*. The New Testament readings follow those appointed as daily readings in the Church. All are welcome to hear the Word of the Lord!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 1 (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!”
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Troparion Tone 1 (Feast)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity.
In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,
and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

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. Myron)

Your holy martyr Myron, O Lord,
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our
God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through his intercession, save our souls.

Kontakion Tone 1 (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 (St. Myron)

From childhood thou didst long for Christ, all glorious one,
keeping His divine commandments and running to Him with all thy being,
all-honored Myron.
Now thou dost zealously pray with the Angels,
asking remission of sins//
for those who celebrate thy memory.

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 2 (Feast)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

On the Dormition (Falling-asleep) of the Theotokos – August 15

It is truly a new spectacle, never before conceived of: a woman who surpasses the heavens in purity of nature enters the holy tabernacle of the heavenly sanctuary; a virgin, who surpasses the very nature of the Seraphim (i.e., angels) by the miracle of giving birth to God, draws near to God, the first of natures and begetter of all things; a mother, who has brought forth life itself, produces an ending of her own life to match that of her Son. It is a miracle worthy both of God and of our faith! For as her womb was not corrupted in giving birth, so her flesh did not perish in dying. What a miracle! The child put corruption to flight, and the tomb did not admit of corruption – for it has no claim on holy things. What proof is there, you want to know? Let no one here ask in ridicule how her tomb could have been empty. For I will ask you in return: how has her body disappeared? Why was there no shroud in her sarcophagus, if what was laid in the tomb did not escape corruption, if the treasure was not carried away? And if these facts are correct, why was her passing over to heaven not genuine, when the rest of the details were: the separation of her soul from her body, her putting-off of flesh, the end of her incarnate existence, the separation of her parts, their dissolution, their rejoining, their rehabilitation, their removal to the invisible realm? For her sepulcher remains empty until today, as a continuing witness to her passing...Already she, who begot Wisdom itself in the flesh, has imitated Wisdom in her own being and has offered herself completely as a mystical, heavenly banquet-table, prepared for those who are spiritually initiated in divine realities, and she invites us generously to the feast...She who presides at the feast, who invites us to share in it, shows us from her own experience how great the house is which Wisdom has built.”
(St. Andrew of Crete, *Homily 1 On the Falling-asleep of the Theotokos*)