

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
Sbdn. James	Irene	Laurie	Barbara	Tanya
Nina	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua	Mark
Nick	Carolyn	Charles	Gregory	Ricardo
Nancy	Karen	Peter	Bill	Kay
Lydia	Mary	Mikey	Patrick	Maksim
Richard	Kathy	Dolores	John	Jerry
Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina	Faith	Madison
Heather	Nicholas	George	David	Mason
Carol	Lana	Leontina	Sherie	Moa-Anna
Moriah and n.b. daughter	Cassia and n.b. daughter			
Expecting mothers and children:	Arlie, Alexys, Tharika, Emma, Caitlin, Belle, and Maria			

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

September Birthdays:

Will Bortins (9/3)	Jessie Insley (9/7)	Bryan P. Ewers (9/17)
Laurie Kohanik (9/20)	Emma Bortins (9/21)	Warren Caterson (9/23)
Larissa Ciampa (9/26)	George Cordero (9/27)	

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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V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
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Usual Weekly Office Hours:
Wed. 11 AM-1 PM & Fri. 9:00 AM to Noon

This week at St. Mark

1 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers & Scripture Reading
2 Thursday	9:00 AM	Pre-baptism Prayers
	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy & Baptism of
		Isla Anna Coredio
4 Saturday	11:00 AM	Travis Lantz & Maria
	3:00 PM	Bogdan Wedding
	5:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
5 Sunday	9:30 AM	Great Vespers
	11:15 AM	Divine Liturgy
		Sunday School

Sunday, September 28, 2025 Tone 7
16th Sunday after Pentecost (1st of Luke)
Ven. Chariton the Confessor (ca. 350)

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.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Ps. 28:11)

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (Ps. 28:1a)

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Epistle)




We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Luke 5:1-11 (Gospel)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who

were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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** –Contact Michael Kulisz (Church Treasurer) or Bob Matzkevich (Parish Council Warden/President) for additional information, or with questions regarding the donation of securities. 
- **MYRRHBEARERS NEWS:** 1) Sarah Hogan will be hosting a "DiaperParty" for Arlie Button on Sat., Oct. 4, at 10 AM. Please RSVP to Sarah at 941-527-5737; her address is 3391 Hilltop Cir., Bradenton 34211 (Star Farms). 2) There will be a "Craft Fair / Bake Sale" meeting on Sunday, Oct. 5, right after prayers. If you are interested in including your craft, baked good, or just being a helper please talk to Arlie Button or come to the meeting.
- This **Thursday, October 2**, during the Divine Liturgy we will have the **baptism and chrismation of Isla Anna Caredio**, newborn daughter of Christian and Cassia Caredio. Isla's godparents are Bob (Nicholas) and Cheryl Anna Steck. God grant the newly illumined Isla, her godparents, parents, and family many years!
- This **Saturday, October 4**, at 11:00 AM, will be the **wedding service of Travis Matthew Lantz and Maria Bogdan**. Travis and Maria recently moved to southwest Florida from the Denver, CO, area where Maria's father, the Priest Ioan Bogdan, is a priest in the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of the Orthodox Church in America. We welcome Travis and Maria and celebrate their marriage together with their families and friends. God grant them many years!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Resurrection (Tone 7 Troparion)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Saint Mark (Tone 4 Troparion)

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.

Ven. Chariton (Tone 8 Troparion)

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile,
and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.
By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe.//
Our holy Father Chariton, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Resurrection (Tone 7 Kontakion)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Saint Mark (Tone 2 Kontakion)

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,

Ven. Chariton (Tone 2 Kontakion)

Thou didst delight in the monastic life, divinely-wise one,
and conquered the bodily passions;
thou didst increase in faith, blossoming as the Tree of Life in the
midst of Paradise,//
most blessed and holy Chariton.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion (Tone 6)

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
constant advocate before the Creator,
despise not the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in
faith.
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,//
for you always protect those who honor you.

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This weekend we welcome Fr. Brendan Dougherty once again who is serving in Fr. Jonathan's absence. Thank you Fr. Brendan for leading us in the worship of God the Holy Trinity at Saint Mark Church! [Fr. Jonathan will be returning to Bradenton on Monday, September 29.]