

### 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
Subdn. James	Irene	Laurie	Barbara	Tanya
Nina	Frances	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua
Mark	Nick	Leontina	Sherie	Moa-Anna
Carolyn	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	David	Mason	Carol
Lana	Nicholas	Caitlin	Moriah and n.b. daughter	

Expecting mothers and children: Arlie, Alexys, Tharika, Emma, Belle, and Maria

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

#### October Birthdays:

Gary Babina (10/01)	Jonathan Orras (10/03)	Faith Abraham (10/05)
Ruth Tracoff (10/7)	Fr. Elias Mitchell (10/09)	Nina Balikowsky (10/13)
George Nartsissov (10/22)	Fran Pouget (10/31)	Christian Cholcher (10/31)

**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.thatmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox](http://www.thatmybrick.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"

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher  
Rector

V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee  
Attached

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

8 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Readings
9 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
11 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
12 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

**Sunday, October 5, 2025 Tone 8**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Martyr Charitina of Amisus**

**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)*

**2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (Epistle)**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

*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 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 4      (St. Charitina)**

Thy lamb Charitina calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice:

“I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering.

In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee,

and I died so that I might live with Thee.

Accept me as a pure sacrifice,

for I have offered myself in love.”//

Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

**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. Charitina)**

Having fortified thy soul with faith and strengthened by understanding

thou didst openly put the enemy to shame, O Charitina;

thou didst stand before Christ wearing a robe empurpled by thy blood, All-

blessed One,

and now thou dost rejoice with the Angels,//

praying for us, O passionbearer.

**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 (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. 
- Anyone interested in *becoming a Reader*, please see either Fr. Jonathan or Subdeacon James.
- Any male over the age of 8 who would like to *become an Altar server*, please see either Fr. Jonathan or Subdeacon James.
- **MYRRHBEARERS NEWS:** There will be a "**Craft Fair / Bake Sale**" meeting today, **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 past Thursday during Divine Liturgy, ***Isla Anna Caredio*** was baptized into Christ. Isla is the daughter of Christian and Cassia Caredio, born August 20, grand-daughter of Bob and Cheryl Steck who are also her godparents. God grant the newly illumined child of God, Isla, her godparents, and parents many years!
- Yesterday ***Travis Lantz and Maria Bogdan*** were united in Holy Marriage here at Saint Mark Church. Travis and Maria, both most recently from Colorado, are new residents of Sarasota and new members of Saint Mark Church. God grant Travis and Maria many years!