

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	Frances	Moa-Anna	Carolyn	Charles
Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy	Karen	Peter
Bill	Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mike
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores
John	Jerry	Charlotte	Alexandra	Zina
Madison	Heather	Nicholas	George	David
Mason	Carol	Lana	Connie	

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Leontina (ND)

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. 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
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V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Plumlee
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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

29 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Readings
30 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
1 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
2 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:30 AM	Church Picnic

Sunday, October 26, 2025 Tone 3
20th Sunday after Pentecost, 5th Sunday of Luke
Holy and Glorious Greatmartyr Demetrius the Myrrhusher of Thessalonica
Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople

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 3 (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises, sing praises to our King, sing praises.

V: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Prokeimenon Tone 7 (Baptism)

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

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Romans 6:3-11 (Baptism)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For He who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died He died to

sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Matthew 28:16-20 (Baptism)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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 (October-December): Solve Maternity Home**, in downtown Bradenton, providing services for at risk mothers and their newborns. 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. 
- **2026 Orthodox Calendars** are available in the Narthex. Please take one per household.
- **CRAFT FAIR & BAKE SALE** – Sunday, November 23, following Liturgy. Many hand-crafted items will be available for purchase, made by our own members. For more details, or to participate, see Arlie Button. Proceeds will go for debt reduction here at Saint Mark's.
- The Myrrhbearers of St. Mark are doing a **T-shirt fundraiser** for debt reduction. The shirts are light blue and a dry wicking fabric. Available in Children sizes small, medium, and large for \$20 each; Adult shirts \$25.00. See Angie Orras (724-977-2981) with your order and payment.
- *Today during Divine Liturgy, Adaline River Marie Hastings will be baptized into Christ.* Adaline, born August 4, is the daughter of David and Moriah Hastings (and grand-daughter of Fr. Jonathan and Diane Cholcher); her godparents are Daniel Cholcher, and Mario and Danielle Gregorino. God grant the newly illumined servant of God Adaline, her sponsors, parents, and family many years!
- **CHURCH PICNIC & PIG ROAST** – next Sunday, November 2, following Divine Liturgy; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. One of our catechumens, Ulicer Mora, will be roasting a pig for the picnic. All are welcome and invited for a day of worship, fellowship, and fun.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 3 (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell,

and has granted to the world//

great mercy.

Troparion Tone 3 (St. Demetrius)

The world has found thee to be a great defense against tribulation and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer.

As thou didst bolster the courage of Nestor,

who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaïos in battle,//

Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

Kontakion Tone 3 (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;

with the Prophets and Patriarchs//

they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Kontakion Tone 2 (St. Demetrius)

God, Who has given thee invincible might,

has tinged the Church with streams of thy blood, Demetrius.

He preserves thy city from harm,//

for thou art its foundation.

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.