

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
Carolyn	Charles	Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy
Karen	Peter	Bill	Kay	Lydia
Mary	Mike	Patrick	Maksim	Richard
Kathy	Dolores	John	Jerry	Charlotte
Alexandra	Zina	Faith	Heather	Connie
Nicholas	George	David	Carol	Moa-Anna
Frances	Maria and n.b. daughter			
Expecting mothers and unborn children: Arlie, Alexys, Tharika, Emma, Belle, and Elizabeth				

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

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November Birthdays:

Sbdn James Abraham (06)	Sean Silagy (10)	Moriah Hastings (14)	Dan Platt (14)
William Brown (16)	Arlie Button (19)	Beckett Button (21)	Helen Moroz (24)
Connie Insley (25)	Deborah Graban (26)	Abram Button (28)	

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.thatsmybrick.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

12	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Readings
13	Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
15	Saturday	1:00 PM	Baptism and Chrismation Service
		5:00 PM	Great Vespers
16	Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
		11:15 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, November 9, 2025 Tone 5
22nd Sunday after Pentecost, 7th Sunday of Luke
Martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus
Ven. Metrona, Abbess of 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 5 (Resurrection)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned

for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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 Bradenton, providing safe, affordable housing for mothers before and after giving birth to their children. 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. 
- **CRAFT AND BAKE SALE** – Sunday, November 23, after Liturgy, provided by our own crafters and bakers here at Saint Mark Church; proceeds will go toward parish debt reduction. See Arlie Button to participate.
- 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. Adult shirts \$25.00. See Angie Orras (724-977-2981) with your order and payment.
- **Baptism and Chrismation Service** next Saturday at 1:00 PM, welcoming 12 persons into the new life of the Holy Trinity in God's holy Orthodox Church. Glory to God for all things!

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

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 (Martyrs)

Thy holy martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our
God.
For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons//
Through their intercession, save our souls!

Troparion Tone 8 (Ven. Matrona)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother,
for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ.
By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal//
Therefore thy spirit, venerable Matrona, rejoices with the angels.

Kontakion Tone 5 (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,/
and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

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.

Kontakion Tone 2 (Martyrs*)

The pair of glorious martyrs, Onesiphorus and Porphyrius,
endured their suffering with strength,
dashing down to the earth the arrogance of the enemy,
and shining with the grace of the uncreated Trinity;
together with the Angels,/
they unceasingly pray for us all.

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

Kontakion Tone 8 (Ven. Matrona*)

Thou didst pass through the storm of life without faltering, O chosen and
godly Mother Matrona,
guided to the harbor of life, where thou singest hymns to the Deliverer.
Thou ever prayest that Christ may grant us grace and mercy;//
thou preservest the flock which thou hast painstakingly gathered.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Theotokion Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant Advocate before the Creator
Despise not 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!

* The holy martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius of Ephesus died during the persecution ordered by the Emperor Diocletian (284-305). They were beaten, burned on an iron grid, and tied to horses and dragged over rocks and thorns. Torn to pieces they gave their souls to God. Their relics are buried in Pentapolis.

* The venerable Matrona was from Perga in Pamphylia. Disguised in men's clothing she fled from her unbearable marriage at fifteen years old, presented herself as the eunuch Babylas, and entered the Monastery of St. Bassian in Constantinople. When the abbot learned she was a woman, he sent her to a women's monastery in Emesa, Syria. Sought out constantly by her husband, Matrona moved to Sinai, Jerusalem, Beirut, and finally Constantinople. She was tonsured a woman monastic at age 25 and lived the ascetic life for 75 years, dying peacefully in the year 492 as an abbess known for her eminent virtues, prayer, and defeat of the demons.