

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	Moa-Anna
Nicholas	George	David	Carol	Frances
Cheryl	Sherie	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:

November Birthdays:

Sbdn James Abraham (11/06)	Moriah Hastings (11/14)	William Brown (11/16)
Arlie Button (11/19)	Beckett Button (11/21)	Helen Moroz (11/24)
Connie Insley (11/25)	Deborah Graban (11/26)	Abram Button (11/28)

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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Usual Weekly Office Hours:
Wed. 11 AM-1 PM & Fri. 9:00 AM to Noon

This week at St. Mark

26 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vesperal Liturgy for Thanksgiving
27 Thursday		Thanksgiving Day
29 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
30 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, November 23, 2025 Tone 7
24th Sunday after Pentecost, 9th Sunday of Luke
Afterfeast of the Entry into the Temple
St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium
St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum

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 7 (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)

Prokeimenon **Tone 3 (Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)




Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Luke 12:16-21 (Gospel)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ‘And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

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 care to expecting mothers at risk before, during, and after birth. 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. 
- **Vesperal (Evening) Liturgy of Thanksgiving** – this coming Wednesday, November 26, at 6:00 PM; on the eve of our national Thanksgiving Day, we gather for the Eucharist (Gk., *Thanksgiving*), Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion, to render praise to God for all His blessings to us both in our country and especially in His eternal Kingdom in Christ.
- 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.
- **Choir Rehearsal** will take place next Sunday, November 30, following Divine Liturgy. All persons currently in the Choir and those who want to sing in the Choir are encouraged to attend.
- Under the direction of Siobhan Awad and Belle DeNardo, the Children of our parish are preparing a *Christmas program to take place after Liturgy on Sunday, December 7* (close to St. Nicholas Day). Parents, please encourage your children to participate, and ask Siobhan and/or Belle how you can help.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

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.

Troparion Tone 4 (Entrance of the Theotokos)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,

of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.

The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,

in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.

Let us rejoice and sing to her:

“Rejoice, O Fulfillment//

of the Creator’s dispensation!”

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 (Sts. Amphilochius and Gregory)

O God of our Fathers,

always act with kindness towards us;

take not Thy mercy from us,

but guide our lives in peace//

through the prayers of the hierarchs Gregory and Amphilochius!

Kontakion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

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!”

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. Amphilochius)

Holy thunder, spiritual trumpet,

nurse of the faithful and axe striking down heresy,

O hierarch Amphilochius,

great and well-pleasing servant of the Trinity,

as thou standest forever with the Angels,//

unceasingly pray for us all!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 4 (Entrance of the Theotokos)

The most pure Temple of the Savior;

the precious Chamber and Virgin;

the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,

is presented today to the house of the Lord.

She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,

therefore, the angels of God praise her://

“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

Decency and Order at Saint Mark’s (1 Cor. 14:40)

Thank God we have a space problem at Saint Mark Church! God has blessed us with more people and many children at worship, so we need to conduct ourselves in accordance with the situation for maximum attention and peace.

- 1) **Move into the Nave (main part) of the Church** during Divine Liturgy, especially if you have trouble hearing as the Narthex (entryway/vestibule) is basically an echo chamber.
- 2) **Shift over in the chairs** to allow couples or families to situate, if possible, together in a row.
- 3) **Parents with children, gather toward the back middle aisle or side area rug** which are both carpeted; the Divine Liturgy and Narthex are not play areas.
- 4) **Children will be children, but they can learn to read and amuse themselves quietly during the service. Importantly like all of us, they can learn to listen and speak when it’s time to speak together in the prayers.**
- 5) We will set up for Coffee Hour **after the Veneration of the Cross and post-Communion Prayers are completed.**

FEED THE HUNGRY

The **Myrrhbearers** of Saint Mark Orthodox Church have adopted **The Food Bank of Manatee** as our **Advent Project** for this year

Collections for this project will begin on Sunday November 16, ending on Sunday, December 14, 2025.

You may continue donating past this date; however, for the donations to be distributed to families before Christmas we need to deliver to Food Bank by December 15.

The Food Bank of Manatee feeds many hungry babies, children, families and seniors in need. If you would like to make donations to this most worthy cause suggestions follow (see other side).

There will be containers in the Narthex of the Church to place your donations. If you have questions please ask George or Deb Graban, or Marsha Blazso.

Donation Suggestions:

Canned Vegetables	Boxed Rice	Oatmeal
Canned Fruits	Boxed Pasta	Powdered Milk
Canned Meats	Canned Soup	Applesauce
Mac N' Cheese	Baby Cereal	Baby Formula
Peanut Butter	100% Fruit Juices	Dried Beans
Healthy Cereals	Jelly	Breakfast Bars
Paper Products	Coffee	Tea
Personal Hygiene Products	Diapers	

- Gift Cards to Grocery Stores
- Cash
- Checks made to: The Food Bank of Manatee

“For I was hungry and you gave Me food I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.”

(Matthew 25:35-36)