

**Concerning Holy Communion:**

- 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.
- 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	Heather	Cheryl	Sherie
Nicholas	George	David	Carol	


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:**

**December Birthdays:**

Sam Montes (12/01)	Dan Telychks (12/02)	Barb McKenzie (12/03)
Barb McCollum (12/10)	William Chapman (12/11)	Ivan Ciampa (12/15)
Michael DeNardo (12/15)	Michael Kulisz (12/15)	Melanie Mimyi (12/16)
Bob Matzkevich (12/17)	Kim/Karen Moroz (12/17)	Iuliana Vikulin (12/20)
Bryan Ewers, Jr. (12/22)	Daniel Cholcher (12/24)	Michael Pisansky (12/24)
Ambrose Stransky (12/27)	Nicholas Hinkle (12/27)	

**Memorial Bricks for the St. Mark Memorial Garden** can be ordered at [www.thatsmybrick.com/stmarkorthodox](http://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”**

V. Rev. Fr. Jonathan Cholcher  
Rector

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**

3	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Great Vespers w/Litia (at St. Barbara’s on Lockwood Ridge, Sarasota)
4	Thursday	8:15 AM 9:30 AM	Matins (both at St. Barbara’s) Divine Liturgy
6	Saturday	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 3:00 PM 5:00 PM	Matins (St. Nicholas of Myra) Divine Liturgy Intro to Orthodoxy Great Vespers
7	Sunday	9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Divine Liturgy Sunday School

**Sunday, November 30, 2025 Tone 8**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**  
**All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-called**

**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)*

***Ephesians 4:1-6 (Epistle)***




**I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**

***Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)***

**Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.**

Beginning on November 15, the Orthodox Church practices a 40-day Fasting Season prior to the Feast of our Lord’s Birth (Christmas; December 25). During this season we purposely abstain from foods and drinks which tend to enflame and feed our sinful desires, e.g., meats, dairy products, and alcoholic drinks. We also purposely curb the lustful intake of our senses, i.e., entertainments, social media, etc., and seek to practice prayer, the reading of Scripture, and works of mercy.

**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 (October-December): Solve Maternity Home (in Bradenton)**, providing care for at-risk mothers before, during, and after giving 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. 
- **Saint Nicholas Day** – *Next Saturday, December 6*; we will serve Matins at 8:15 AM and Divine Liturgy following at 9:30 AM in commemoration of St. Nicholas and the wonders of God worked through him for our salvation in Christ. [We are also planning to welcome a visit of St. Nicholas for the children following Liturgy next Sunday, December 7.]
- **This is the last day for ordering a St. Mark t-shirt from our Myrrhbearers.** Available in Children sizes small, medium, and large for \$20. Adult shirts \$25.00. See Angie Orras to order, and payment must accompany your order today.
- **Services for St. Barbara the Greatmarytr** will be this coming week at *St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church* (on Lockwood Ridge, Sarasota). Great Vespers w/Litua will be Wednesday evening, December 3, at 6:00 PM; on Thursday, December 4, Matins begins at 8:15 AM followed by Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM. We are invited and will be joining the faithful at St. Barbara’s for services this coming week, so our usual Wednesday and Thursday services *will not take place here at Saint Mark’s*.
- **A Baby Shower for Tharika Brooks** will take place at Church on Saturday, December 13, beginning at 1:00 PM. All ladies are invited and welcome to attend. Tharika is registered at: [www.amazon.com/baby-reg/your-registry/SS1J6YQI2VLE?ref\\_=br\\_mw\\_ql\\_yr](http://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/your-registry/SS1J6YQI2VLE?ref_=br_mw_ql_yr).

*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. Andrew)**  
O Andrew, first-called of the Apostles, and brother of the foremost disciple,  
entreat the Master of all  
to grant peace to the world, //  
and to our souls great mercy!

**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!

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

**Kontakion Tone 2 (St. Andrew)**  
Let us praise Andrew, the herald of God,  
the namesake of courage,  
the first-called of the Savior's disciples  
and the brother of Peter!  
As he once called to his brother,  
he now cries out to us: //  
"Come, for we have found the One Whom the world desires!"

**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!

### **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.**

### **FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK OF MANATEE** *(now until Sunday, December 14)*

canned vegetables	boxed rice	oatmeal	canned fruits
boxed pasta	powdered milk	canned meats	applesauce
canned soup	mac n' cheese	baby cereal	baby formula
peanut butter	100% fruit juices	jelly	dried beans
healthy cereals	breakfast bars	tea	coffee
paper products	personal hygiene products		diapers

- Gift cards to Grocery Stores
- Cash, or Checks made to: The Food Bank of Manatee

**Containers are in the Narthex of the Church.**

For questions, ask George or Deb Graban, or Marsha Blazso.