

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. Elias	Mat. Marion	Sbdn. Joseph	Sbdn. James
Carolyn	Irene	Laurie	Barbara	Tanya
Nina	Nicole & Noelle	Eli	Joshua	Nick
Carol	Charles	Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy
Karen	Peter	Kay	Lydia	Mary
Mike	Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy
Dolores	John	Jerry	Charlotte	Alexandra
Zina	Faith	Heather	Nicholas	George
David	Cheryl	Jerry	Elena	Anna

Maria and her nb daughter, Tharika and her nb daughter, Arlie and her nb son
Expecting mothers and unborn children: Alexys, Emma, Elizabeth, Moriah, Kayleigh,
Savannah, and Augusta

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpriest Stephen (Plumlee)

January Birthdays:

Victoria Vikulin (01/06)	Heike Cordero (01/08)	Janet Hayden (01/09)
Philip Grayton (01/09)	James Bovienzo (01/12)	Tharika Brooks (01/15)
Abigail Insley (01/16)	Emilia Stankevskaya (01/16)	Fr. Ignatius Harrington (01/16)
Sarah Hogan (01/21)	Bruna Jebelev (01/22)	Alexander Stansky (01/24)
Joseph Barbee (01/28)	Angela Orras (01/29)	Chris Traycoff (01/31)

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"

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

19 Monday	5:00 PM	Visitation for Fr. Stephen
	6:00 PM	Funeral Vigil
20 Tuesday	9:00 AM	Funeral Liturgy
21 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Reading
22 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
24 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
25 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 18, 2026 Tone 7

32nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday After Theophany

Sts. Athanasius the Great & Cyril, Archbishops of Alexandria

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.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

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.

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 3** *(Sts. Athanasius & Cyril)*
You shone forth with works of Orthodoxy and quenched all heresy,
and became victorious trophy-bearers, hierarchs Athanasius and Cyril.
You enriched all things with piety and greatly adorned the Church,
and worthily found Christ God,/
Who grants His great mercy to all.

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

Athanasius and Cyril, great hierarchs of true piety, and noble champions of the Church of Christ,
Preserve all who sing://
“O Compassionate Lord, save those who honor You!”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Theotokion Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christian

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!

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)

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:35-43 (Gospel)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



Immediately following each Divine Liturgy as we venerate the Cross, we pray the Post-Communion Prayers. Please maintain quiet until the prayers are completed.

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.
- **Quarterly Charity (January-March): 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. 
- Kh. Marion Mitchell (616-643-7788) and Faith Abraham (336-250-2864) are hosting *a baby shower for Alexys Coliane* on January 31 at 1:00 PM. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.
- The **2026 House Blessing** schedule and sign-up sheets are on a table in the Narthex of the Church. Please sign-up to have your house blessed, or speak with Fr. Jonathan to arrange a blessing not listed on the days or times of the schedule.
- **Saint Mark's Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, February 8, following Divine Liturgy. During this meeting we  consider the past year in review and look forward to the work of  the next year of the Lord. This year we will be electing three new persons to the Parish Council. All are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate. Members who have been members for at least 6 months and are at least 18 years of age are eligible to vote on Parish business. 
- The next major Feast day of the Church is the **Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (Monday, Feb. 2)**, 40 days after Christmas. The upcoming first day of February is the **Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Feb. 1)**, **the beginning of Pre-Lent**, 10 weeks before Pascha (this year, April 12).

Fr. Stephen Plumlee, 86, fell asleep in the Lord this past January 14. His funeral services will be here at Saint Mark Church: **Mon., Jan. 19**, 5:00 PM Visitation and 6:00 PM Funeral Vigil; **Tues., Jan. 20**, 9:00 AM Funeral Liturgy (with burial in Sanford, FL). May his memory be eternal!