

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	Sbdcn. Joseph	Sbdcn. James
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
Carolyn	Anna	Elena		

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

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Archpr. Stephen (ND)

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)
Barbee (01/28)	Angela Orras (01/29)	Chris Traycoff (01/31)

Memorial Bricks for the St. Mark Memorial Garden can be ordered at www.thatismybrick.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

No weekday services will be served this week due to Fr. Jonathan being out-of-town.

31 Saturday	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
01 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Publican and Pharisee/Pre-Lent begins)
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers w/Litia (Meeting of the Lord in the Temple)

Sunday, January 25, 2026 Tone 8

33rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday After Theophany

Zacchaeus Sunday

St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop 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.

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 1** *(St. Gregory)*

The sweet-sounding shepherd's pipe of thy theology
overpowered the trumpeting of the orators;
for eloquence was also bestowed on thee
as on one searching the depths of the Spirit.
Pray to Christ our God, O Father Gregory,//
that our souls may be saved!

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!

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

Kontakion **Tone 4** *(St. Gregory)*

By words of theology thou didst unravel the complex webs of the orators,
O glorious Gregory,
and didst adorn the Church with the robe of Orthodoxy woven from on high.
Wearing it, she cries out with us, her children://
“Rejoice, O Father, supreme mind of the theology!”

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!

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)

Prokeimenon **Tone 1** *(St. Gregory)*

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
(Ps. 48:3)

1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading,

to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (Epistle, Saint)

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold. And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”



John 10:9-16 (Gospel, Saint)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.



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 2026. Speak with Cathy Johns for more information.
- **Quarterly Charity (January-March): Orthodox Christian for Life (OCL)**, 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.
- **Thank you to Fr. Brendan Dougherty** for serving this weekend in Fr. Jonathan's absence. Fr. Brendan (wife, Mat. Mary) is a retired Priest attached to Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, our sister OCA parish in Venice, FL.
- **Intro to Orthodoxy** class at 3:00 PM on Saturdays WILL MEET next Saturday, January 31. Subdeacon James Abraham teaches the class in Fr. Jonathan's absence.
- **MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE** – this is the next major Feast day on Monday, February 2, 40 days after the birth of Christ (Christmas). Great Vespers w/Litua for the Feast will be served at 5:00 PM on Sunday, Feb. 1; Matins and Divine Liturgy w/blessing of candles will be served on Feb. 2 at 8:15 and 9:30 AM respectively.
- The first week in February (3rd-6th), Fr. Jonathan will be traveling to Kernersville, NC (close to Winston-Salem) for the annual Pastoral Conference of the Diocese of the South.
- **House Blessings** – if you still desire a House Blessing, please contact Fr. Jonathan to arrange for that once he returns from his travels, sometime after February 7.