

**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. Dimitrie	Archpr. Elias	Mat. Marion	Sbdn. Joseph	Sbdn. James
Irene	Laurie	Barbara	Tanya	Nina
Eli	Nicole & Noelle	Joshua	Nick	Carolyn
Charles	Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy	Karen
Peter	Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mike
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores
John	Siobhan	Zina	Elena	Trudy
Faith	Heather	Nicholas	George	David
Susan	Melissa	Stephanie		

Expecting mothers and unborn children: Elizabeth, Belle, Emma, Moriah, Kayleigh, Savannah, Laura, Augusta, Wanda

**Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:**

Archpr. John (ND) Jerry (Gerald Altmiller)

**April Birthdays:**

Kh. Marion Mitchell (04/01)	Dmitry Vikulin (04/01)	Elizabeth Stone (04/02)
Victor Kozar (04/02)	Savanah Shanks (04/02)	Inanna Starsky (04/03)
Ana Skubey (04/05)	Elena Vikulin (04/07)	Nate Kulikowski (04/10)
Kim Hinkle (04/10)	Cristina Stefanescu (4/12)	Sbdn. Joseph McKenzie (4/15)
Yelena Skubey (4/16)	George Graban (04/21)	Sarah Taylor (04/24)
Diane Cholcher (04/26)	Bartholomew McDougal (04/28)	Hadley Doyle (04/29)

**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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**This week at St. Mark**

1 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
3 Friday	6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy (last day of Lent)
4 Saturday	8:15 AM	Matins
	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Raising of Lazarus)
	1:00 PM	Baptisms & Chrismations
	5:00 PM	Vigil of Palm Sunday
5 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Entry into Jerusalem)
	6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins

**Sunday, March 29, 2026 Tone 1**  
**St. Mary of Egypt**

**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 1 (Resurrection)**

*Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee! (Ps. 32:22)*

*V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

**Prokeimenon**

**Tone 4 (St. Mary of Egypt)**

*God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:35a)*

**Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)**

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Galatians 3:23-29 (Epistle, Saint)**

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

**Mark 10:32-45 (Gospel)**

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I

drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**Luke 7:36-50 (Gospel, Saint)**

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

**Troparion Tone 1 (Resurrection)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy Kingdom!///  
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

**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 8 (St. Mary of Egypt)**

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, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

**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 3 (St. Mary of Egypt)**

Having been a sinful woman,  
thou becamest through repentance a bride of Christ.  
Having attained angelic life,  
thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross.///  
Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a bride of the Kingdom.

**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!

**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](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.
- **Quarterly Charity (April-June): Panagia Vlahernon Orthodox Monastery (near Ocala)**, a community engaged in prayer and spiritual formation on behalf of the Church and world. You can give by designated check or marked envelope.
- **Debt Reduction Program** – our goal to eliminate our mortgage debt completely in the next four years freeing us for important building and expansion. Consider how God is leading you to contribute to reducing our debt! 
- **Brokerage Account at Fidelity** – Contact Michael Kulisz (Church Treasurer) or Bob Matzkevich (Parish Council Warden/President) for additional information, or with questions regarding the donation of securities. 
- **Confessions WILL NOT BE scheduled during Holy Week (April 4-11). If you plan to come for Confession prior to Pascha, please do so in the next week before April 4.**
- This morning during Divine Liturgy we welcome **Mary Joanna Coliane** into the Body of Christ through Baptism, Chrismation, and Holy Communion. Born on February 26, Mary is the daughter of Michael and Alexys Coliane; her Godparents are Subdeacon James and Faith Abraham. God grant Mary, her Godparents, and parents many years!
- **Next Saturday at 1:00 PM**, we will have a service of **Baptism and Chrismation** for several of our Catechumens. God grant them and us a blessed entrance into the Church as we commence our Holy Week and Pascha observances.
- **PALM SUNDAY SOUP LUNCHEON** – next Sunday, April 5, following Divine Liturgy; if you would like to contribute a Lenten Soup and/or Dessert for the luncheon, please sign up on the list in the Narthex.
- Today, this Fifth and final Sunday of Great Lent, *we commemorate St. Mary of Egypt (d. May 1, 522)*, a model of radical repentance and conversion, whose purification from sin and passion provides the unerring doorway to illumination and perfection in Christ. The renowned monastic Zosimas, upon learning from her, bore witness: “Truly God did not lie when He promised that when we purify ourselves we shall be like Him (cf. 1 Jn. 3:2-3). Glory to Thee, Christ our God, who has shown me through this Thy slave how far away I stand from perfection.”