

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	Mikey
Patrick	Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores
John	Zina	Nicholas	George	David
Faith	Heather	Susan	Melissa	Trudy
Stephanie	Elena			

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


Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

His Holiness Ilia (of Georgia; ND) Archpr. John (Ealy) Alexander

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

This Holy Week at St. Mark

5 Sunday	6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
6 Monday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
	6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
7 Tuesday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
	6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
8 Wednesday	9:30 AM	Presanctified Liturgy
	3:00 PM	Holy Unction
	6:00 PM	Matins of Holy Thursday (12 Gospels)
9 Thursday	1:00 PM	Vespers of St. Basil
	6:00 PM	Matins of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)
10 Friday	9:30 AM	Royal Hours of Pascha
	4:00 PM	Great Vespers (Carrying-out of Grave-cover)
	6:00 PM	Matins of Holy Saturday (Burial Procession)
11 Saturday	1:00 PM	Vespers of St. Basil
	11:30 PM	Midnight Office/Matins/Paschal Liturgy
12 Sunday	11:30 AM	Paschal Vespers/Gospel Procession

**Sunday, April 5, 2026 Tone 1
Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)**

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 1 (Feast)

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:
“Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

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

Troparion Tone 4

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection.
Now we praise Thee and sing:
“Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven,
carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God,
accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing://
“Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

Prokeimenon Tone 4

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (Ps. 117:26b, 27b)
V. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:1)

Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The

things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 12:1-18 (Gospel)



Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.” Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ The King of Israel!” Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

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



Today following the Post-Communion Prayers, we will bless the food and celebrate the Feast with our annual Soup Luncheon. Please stay if you are able for fellowship as we embark on this Holy Week together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our Parish website is www.bradentonorthodox.org. See also www.facebook.com/St.MarkOrthodoxChurch.
- **COFFEE HOUR** is being provided each Sunday, but your donations are most welcome for purchasing Coffee Hour foods and supplies. Speak with Cathy Johns, Marsha Blazso, or Kim Hinkle for more information.
- **Quarterly Charity (April-June): the Orthodox Monastery of Panagia Vlahernon (near Ocala)**, establishing prayer and spiritual guidance in a true Orthodox manner for all. You can give by designated check or marked envelope.
- **Debt Reduction Program** – the goal is to eliminate our building mortgage debt in the next four years. See the “thermometer” in the Narthex tracking our progress. 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. 
- **SOUP LUNCHEON** – **today, this Palm Sunday**; we host our annual Soup Luncheon on the Feast for fellowship and celebration as we enter another Holy Week of our Lord’s Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Thank you to all who provided soups and desserts!
- **The palms and pussy willows for the Feast** today were blessed at the Vigil last evening. They are available for you to take to adorn your homes and give to your family and friends in the joy of our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem.
- **Confessions ARE NOT SCHEDULED** this Holy Week because of the busy-ness of the season.
- **HOLY UNCTION** this coming Wednesday is a Mystery (sacrament) of the Church administered to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through repentance, Confession, and faith.
- **PASCHA FOOD BASKETS** – **will be blessed at the conclusion of the (midnight) Paschal Liturgy next Sunday morning**. Food Baskets WILL NOT be blessed after the 11:30 AM Paschal Vespers later that morning. An EGG HUNT for children will follow the Paschal Vespers and Gospel Procession.
- **Yesterday on Lazarus Saturday**, *we received 8 persons into the Orthodox Church by Baptism and/or Chrismation*: Tharika Brooks; Chet Casquarelli; Philippe Charlot; Gregg, Caitlin, and Paisley Crowe; Brennan Morgan; and Balint Vass. God grant to all of the newly Illumined Servants of God and their Sponsors many years!