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. Dimitrie	Archpr. Elias	Mat. Marion	Sbdcn. Joseph	Sbdcn. James
Laurie	Barbara	Tanya	Eli	Frances
Nicole & Noelle	Joshua	Nick	Carolyn	Charles
Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy	Karen	Peter
Kay	Lydia	Mary	Mike	Patrick
Maksim	Richard	Kathy	Dolores	John
Zina	Melissa	Stephanie	Elena	Heather
George	David	Trudy	Susan	Sami
Alma	Vera			
Laura and Wanda, and n.b. sons		Kristen and unborn child		

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:
Nina (Balikowsky; ND)

October Birthdays:

Gary Babina (10//01)	Morgan Doyle (10/02)	Faith Abraham (10/05)
Tetyana Mirnyi (10/06)	Ruth Traycof (10/07)	Rose (Montes) (10/07)
Archpr. Elias Mitchell (10//09)	Andrea Hernandez (10/10)	Caitlin Crowe (10/10)
George Baise (10/17)	George Nartsissov (10/22)	John Johns (10/23)
Vera Lantz (10/24)	Katrina Stransky (10/25)	Elizabeth Reed (10/26)
Christian Cholcher (10/31)	Frances Pouget (10/31)	Ksenia Mirnyi (10/31)

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.

Securities may be donated into our Fidelity Brokerage account; see Evan Miller, Treasurer, for details

Track our Mortgage Elimination on the Debtometer in the Narthex.

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This week at St. Mark

11 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:15 AM	Sunday School; Myrrhbearers/Festival Mtg.
13 Tuesday	6:30 PM	Men's Group
14 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Readings
15 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	6:00 PM	Parish Council
17 Saturday	9:00 AM	Men's Group to monastery
	3:00 AM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
18 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, October 11, 2026 Tone 2
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

St. Mark is a Parish of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA), Diocese of the South, under the leadership of Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Gerasim (*Locum tenens*, interim Bishop). 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 2 ***(Resurrection)***

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Ps. 117:14)
V. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps. 117:1)

Prokeimenon Tone 4 ***(Fathers)***

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 (Epistle)

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle, Fathers)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

John 17:1-13 (Gospel, Fathers)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Please maintain quiet following the Divine Liturgy as we venerate the Cross and pray the Post-Communion Prayers, after which Coffee Hour will commence.



Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 2 *(Resurrection)*
When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Troparion Tone 8 *(Fathers*)*
Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion Tone 2 *(Resurrection)*
Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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

Kontakion Tone 6 *(Fathers*)
The Son Who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.
Thus, keeping the True Faith,//
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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!

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* Today we commemorate especially the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, convened in Nicea in the year 787 to address the heresy of Iconoclasm, the "smashing" and attempted elimination of Icons from the Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEER LIST** is located on the side table in the Narthex. Speak with Cathy Johns, Marsha Blazso, or Kim Hinkle to provide food, help clean up, or for more information.
- **Quarterly Charity (Oct.-Dec.): Thomas Gaddis, working with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)**, providing spiritual guidance for athletes in the Sarasota area. Mr. Gaddis is a member of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Venice. Please give generously by designated check or envelope.
- **ST. MARK CRAFT AND BAKE FESTIVAL** – Saturday, November 7, from 10 AM to 2 PM here at Church, providing food, homemade crafts and baked goods, and Church tours open to the public. To contribute, please sign up on the side table in the Narthex. This event is being organized by the Myrrhbearers.



- **The Myrrhbearers** will meet today following Divine Liturgy to discuss final preparations for the Craft and Bake Festival. All ladies (and interested persons) are encouraged to attend.
- **Saint Mark's Men's Group** meets this coming Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 PM here at Church. John Johns will be preparing a stir-fry entrée, but you are welcome to bring a dish to share for supper. All men are welcome to participate.
- **CHURCH CEMETERY** – our Parish Council is currently investigating the possibility of a Saint Mark cemetery here on our Church grounds. If you and your family would be interested in having graves in our own cemetery, please indicate that on the list on the side table in the Narthex.



- Today just prior to Liturgy, *Ann Marie Capuanlo* was Chrismated and received into the Communion of the Orthodox Church. Her Sponsor is Marsha Blazso. God grant Ann Marie and Marsha many years!
- **CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, October 25, following Divine Liturgy:** hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share (and the neighbors' donkeys love carrots and apples); our picnic area is at the back of the parking lot near the sheds. All are invited and welcome to stay for the picnic.



- **Church Grounds Clean-up Day:** Saturday, October 24, beginning at 8:30 AM; please bring weed trimmers if you have one, and all are welcome to come and help.
- **Parish Council** meets this coming Thursday at 6:00 PM. The Parish Council normally meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month.