## 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:**

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| 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 | Mason | Patrick |
| Maksim | Richard | Kathy | Dolores | John |
| Zina | Elena | Heather | George | David |
| Trudy | Susan | Melissa | Vera | Kerri |
| Laura and Wanda, and n.b. sons | | Kristen and Stephany, and unborn children | | |

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

Nina (Balikowsky) Matthew (McCollum)

***October Birthdays:***

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| 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 to the Church 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**

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| 25 Sunday | 9:00 AM | Pre-baptism prayers; Chrismation of the Violas, |
| | 9:30 AM | Divine Liturgy & Baptism of Grayson Nicholas Viola |
| | 12:00 PM | Church Picnic |
| *[No weekday services as Fr. Jonathan will be out-of-town]* | | |
| 31 Saturday | 3:00 AM | Intro to Orthodoxy |
| | 5:00 PM | Great Vespers |
| 1 Sunday | 9:30 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| | 11:15 AM | Sunday School |

**Sunday, October 25, 2026 Tone 4**
**21st Sunday after Pentecost (5th Sunday of Luke)**
**Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, Notaries of Constantinople**

**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 4 *(Resurrection)***

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all. (Ps. 103:26)*

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)*

***Galatians 2:16-20 (Epistle)***

**knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

***Romans 6:3-11 (Baptism)***

**Brethren: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For He who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

***Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)***

**There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate ,desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"**

***Matthew 28:16-20 (Baptism)***

**Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

**TODAY,** before and during Divine Liturgy, the Violas will be received into the Church: Anthony and Sara via Chrismation, and their son Grayson Anthony (Nicholas) through Holy Baptism. Their Sponsors are Michael and Alexys Coliane. The Violas recently moved to Sarasota from Pennsylvania where they were catechumens. God grant Anthony, Sara, and Grayson, their Sponsors, and family many years!

**Our Church Picnic** will take place today following Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to stay for food and fellowship. The picnic grounds are located in the back of the parking area behind the sheds.

**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 4** ***(Resurrection)***
When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
"Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!"

**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 3** ***(Martyrs)***
In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius
and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence.
Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius,
unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy,
entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

**Kontakion Tone 4** ***(Resurrection)***
My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

**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 4** ***(Martyrs)***
From your youth you were good athletes, wise Marcian and Martyrius,
vanquishing the Arian heretics;
you kept the faith perfect by following in the footsteps of your bishop and teacher Paul,
therefore, you are worthy to be with him in eternal life, //
as respected defenders of the Holy Trinity.

**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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **A COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP LIST** is located on the side table in the Narthex. Speak with Cathy Johns, Marsha Blazso, or Kim Hinkle to provide food, for more information, or to help in any way.
- **Quarterly Charity (Oct.-Dec.): Thomas Gaddis, working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)**, providing spiritual guidance for young athletes in the Sarasota area. Mr. Gaddis is a member of Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Venice, FL. Please give generously by designated check or envelope.
- **Saint Mark Fall Craft and Bake Festival** – *Saturday, November 7, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM*; if you have a tent or canopy which could be used for the day, please speak with Natalie Aluzzo or Vera Yevsukov. The Myrrhbearers are organizing the event which will provide food, vendors, and Church tours to the public.



- **Thank you** to everyone who helped clean up our grounds yesterday. We accomplished a lot, especially re-organizing and sorting items in our storage sheds.
- **No weekday services this week (Oct. 26-30):** Fr. Jonathan will be out-of-town, so our usual weekday services will not be served. The Intro to Orthodoxy Class and Vespers next Saturday (Oct. 31) will take place as normally scheduled.
- **Celebrating HALLOWEEN? –** All Hallows (Saints) Eve on October 31 is an observance from non-Orthodox, western European Christianity. Insofar as it celebrates the lives of the Saints and righteous departed in Christ, it is good (the original intention). If it celebrates death, morbidity, and the occult, it is bad. Simply dressing up in a costume and getting candy can be harmless fun, so be wise when participating in Halloween practices by avoiding those contrary to the truth of our life in Christ.