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	Nick	Carolyn	Charles	Gregory
Ricardo	Nancy	Karen	Peter	Kay
Lydia	Mary	Patrick	Maksim	Richard
Kathy	Dolores	John	Zina	Melissa
Stephanie	Elena	Heather	George	David
Trudy	Susan	Vera	Kerri	Mason

Laura & Wanda, & n.b. sons Expecting mothers and unborn children: Kristen and Stephany

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

Nina (ND) Matthew (ND)

November Birthdays:

Sbdcn. James Abraham (11/6)	Christopher Fussell, Jr. (11/7)	Victor Starsky (11/7)
Raul Vasquez (11/7)	Denise Jacobs (11/8)	Sean Silagy (11/10)
Deomid Mirnyi (11//10)	Moriah Hastings (11/14)	Daniel Platt (11/14)
Ethan Torrey (11/15)	William Brown (11/16)	Arlie Button (11/19)
Camile Montes (11/19)	Hampton Jackson III (11/20)	Becket Button (11/21)
Helen Moroz (11/24)	Brandon Goodwin (11/24)	Connie Insley (11/25)
Deborah Graban (11/26)	Tyler Hirschberg (11/27)	Abram Button (11/28)

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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.

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This week at St. Mark

01 Sunday	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
03 Tuesday	6:30 PM	Book Club (at Barnes & Noble Café, UTC)
04 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Readings
05 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
07 Saturday	10 AM-2 PM	Fall Craft and Bake Festival
	3:00 AM	Intro to Orthodoxy
	5:00 PM	Great Vespers
08 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

Sunday, November 1, 2026 Tone 5
22nd Sunday after Pentecost (6th Sunday of Luke)
Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercinaries Cosmos and Damian

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Prokeimenon Tone 5 *(Resurrection)*
Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)
V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel:

Troparion Tone 5 *(Resurrection)*
Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

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 *(Unmercinaries)*
Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities.//
Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Kontakion Tone 5 *(Resurrection)*
Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

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 2 *(Unmercinaries)*
Having received the grace of healing,
you grant healing to those in need.
Glorious wonder-workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian,
visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies,//
and bring healing to the world through your miracles!

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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