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	Sbdn. Joseph	Sbdn. James
Laurie	Barbara	Tanya	Eli	Frances
Nicole & Noelle	Joshua	Nick	Carolyn	Charles
Gregory	Ricardo	Nancy	Karen	Peter
Kay	Lydia	Mary	Patrick	Maksim
Richard	Kathy	Dolores	John	Zina
Melissa	Stephanie	Elena	Heather	Nicholas
George	David	Trudy	Susan	Kerri
Mason	Arlene	Steven		

Wanda and n.b.son Expecting mothers and unborn children: Kristen and Stephany

Prayers of Holy Oblation are offered in Memory of:

December Birthdays:

Samuel Montes (12/1)	Daniel Telychka (12/2)	Barbara McKenzie (12/3)
Barbara Roman (12/4)	William Chapman (12/11)	Cautlin Santoyo (12/13)
Ivan Ciampa (12//15)	Michael DeNardo (12/15)	Michael Kulisz (12/15)
Melanie Mirnyi (12/16)	Bob Matzkevich (12/17)	Kim Muroz (12/17)
Karen Muroz (12/17)	Nash Vasquez (12/17)	Iuliana Vikulin (12/20)
Bryan Ewers, Jr. (12/22)	Daniel Cholcher (12/24)	Michael Pisansky (12/24)
Ambrose Stansky (12/27)	Nicholas Hinkle (12/27)	Susan Baise (12/29)
Josh Aluzzo (12/31)		

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

This week at St. Mark

29 Sunday	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
01 Tuesday	6:30 PM	Book Club (at B&N UTC)
02 Wednesday	6:00 PM	Vespers/Scripture Reading
03 Thursday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
05 Saturday	11:00 AM	Myrrhbearers' brunch (at Aluzzo's)
	3:00 PM	Intro to Orthodoxy
06 Sunday	9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
	11:15 AM	St. Nicholas Visit/tree trimming

Sunday, November 29, 2026 Tone 1
26th Sunday after Pentecost (10th Sunday of Luke)
Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia

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. 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 (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 4 (Martyrs)
Thy holy martyrs Paramon and Philumenus and those with them, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God.
For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercession, save our souls!

Kontakion Tone 1 (Resurrection)
As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee://
"Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

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)
Urged on by the commandments of God,
with patience, you cleansed your souls from all defilement.
You reached perfection as spiritual athletes,
and renounced sacrifice to idols.
Imitating Christ, you were slain with a spear,
O most blessed Paramon and Philumenus.//
Always fervently intercede with Christ on behalf of the world!

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!

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)

Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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

- **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, clean up, or for more information.
- **Quarterly Charity (Oct.-Dec.):** Thomas Gaddis, working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) providing spiritual guidance young athletes in the Sarasota area. Mr. Gaddis is a member of Holy Spirit Orthodox in Venice, FL.
- **MYRRHBEARERS' BRUNCH** next Saturday, December 5, at 11:00 AM at the home of Natalie and Josh Aluzzo (15335 Searobbin Dr., Lakewood Ranch 34202) – all ladies are invited. Speak with Natalie for more details.



- **SAINT NICHOLAS DAY** – next Sunday, December 6; we are expecting a visit from St. Nicholas for the children, and Siobhan Awad will once again read his story. We also plan to trim the Church Christmas tree following the St. Nicholas festivities, so the children are invited to help with that as well.
- **Book Club** meets this Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 PM at the Barnes & Noble Café at UTC in Sarasota. All are welcome to join the discussion.



- **THE CHOIR** welcomes new voices to join in the singing during the services. If you would like to sing with the Choir, speak with one of our Directors, Philip or Luodmila, to find your place in the chorus.
- **Ushers wanted:** to facilitate seating and an orderly approach to Holy Communion, we have Ushers during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings. If you would care to serve as an Usher, speak with Warren Caterson or another member of the Parish Council. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 4-7 year-olds: the youngest Sunday School class meets on the area rug in the northeast corner of the Nave of the Church with its teacher Alexys Coliane. Parents, please help your little ones following Liturgy to get their snack first and make their way over to the Class area as soon as possible. Also, adults, please do not congregate in that Class area following Liturgy to allow the children to being Class as soon as possible.