



*Jesus Christ, our  
Saviour and Redeemer*

# Holy Protection Orthodox Church

Greetings on this blessed Lord's Day! Please take a green information sheet if this is your first time here. You can put in any collection basket or hand to greeter

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## Schedule

Today is Tone 8

### **Sunday, February 5**

*Fast free week, Publican and the Pharisee*

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith  
Youth Activity

### **Monday, February 6**

7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Crisis in the Middle East

Be a Part of the Solution

5pm-9pm St George Orthodox Church

9426 Little Rd New Port Richey

Father is going to be a speaker at this event!

### **Wednesday, February 8**

Orthodox Men's Group

7pm Coffee and Pie Village Inn

### **Sunday, February 12**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith

### **Monday February 13**

7:00 pm Women of Faith Brandon

Mall Food Court

### **Saturday, February 18**

3:00 pm Vespers and Picnic

Mike Sansone Park Plant City

### **Sunday, February 19**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith

Youth Bible verse discussion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be youth activities today after church with Alexis!

### Important Announcements from the Priest:

The Sacred waters of Theophany will be available tomorrow for the last time until next year. It will all go tomorrow, so bring bottles and take what you will. Everything must go, the water is valuable and the price is right (it is free)!

This coming Tuesday, I will be a guest speaker at a symposium at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Port Richey on the Sacredness of Childhood and the Crisis in the Middle East, with a press conference at 5pm and the event itself at 6pm. Please attend if you can.

Please note, please mark your calendars to attend **our PARISH PICNIC on Saturday Feb. 18** at Mike Sansone Park in Plant City. We will have games for youth and adults, prizes, and free food. Also, you are encouraged to **invite a friend, and invite your childrens' friends.**

During our parish picnic, we will be serving the brief (~15 min) but beautiful "Supplicatory Service for the Salvation of our Land and the Appeasing it of Discord and Strife". A supplicatory service is also known as a Moleban or Paraklesis. Our nation right now is divided, and we need to show to God and the community around us that we as the Orthodox Church locally planted care about healing it and are doing something about it by going to the only One who can actually do something about it--the Lord Himself. Please come and show your support and your witness, since we were all entrusted with the Kingdom of God at our Baptism and Chrismation, and need to show the world that we as His Church are willing to do something about it.

Visit our parish website: [www.holyorthodox.org](http://www.holyorthodox.org)

**Prayer Corner:** Please pray for the ailing: Mary, Kathy, Susan, Helen, Neila, Olexander, Anna, John, Carol, Mat. Mary, P.Vera, SD. John, Randee, John, Ryan, Marie, Paul, Mary, Pangratios, Tikon, Vasili, Jeremiah, Dcn. Luke, Maria, John David, Elizabeth, Joshua, Alexander, Nicholas, Rebecca, Genevieve, Panteleimon, Vladimir, Margaret, Sean, David, Sarah, Jonathon, Simon, Gene, Judy, Fr. Michael, Fr. John, Anastasia, Demitrios, Alexandra, Israel, George, Michelle, George, Beth, Alex, George, Joseph, Jaqueline, Michael, Geverlyn, Thomas, Norma, Sally, Sarah, Derek, Susan, Lucy, Beth, Kathy, Phyllis, John, David, Shirley, Kalie, Madeline, Thomas, Patricia, Marie, Archimandrite David, Jake, Tom, Gene, Lisa, Kelly, Beverly, Taylor, Reghyn, Sylvia, Andreas, Josh, Nicole, Joyce, Sandy, Yamileth, Georgina, Kathy, Pam, Tammy, Tatum, Ann, Connor, Dylan, Eli, Shay, Ocean, Lauren, Donna

*\*If you would like someone on the bulletin prayer list just let Pani know.* Please review the prayer list, if you know of someone who should be taken off, please let Pani know.

Stewardship Teams	Readers Schedule
Feb 5 Rebecca	Feb 5 Andrew
Feb 12 Scottie	Feb 12 Mike
Feb 19 Nancy	Feb 19 John
Feb 26 Linda	Feb 26 Brian

### **Important announcements from your Parish Council:**

Parish Picnic scheduled for Saturday, 2/18/2017 at Mike Sansone Park in Plant City. Vespers will be done during picnic. Invite a friend. Donations of hot dogs, buns, soda and water, appreciated.

Reminder: please remember to take home or give away leftover food after fellowship. We are starting to accumulate food in the refrigerator.

The Outreach ministry and the Youth ministry need your help! They are working together for the new year to make blessing bags for the homeless! For this project, there will be a place in the hall to donate small shampoo bottles, small soaps, toothpaste, socks, t-shirts or other useful items. We will package them into gallon storage bags with a couple dollars and hand them out to the homeless.

The holy Martyr **Agatha** (feastday: February 5) came from the city of Panormos (today called Palermo) on the island of Sicily. She shined with bodily beauty (which was not damaged by the ravages of time) and spiritual fairness, but was also full of riches and material goods. She lived during the reign of the Emperor Decius in 251. Because she was a Christian, she was handed over to the governor, Cutianus. First she was delivered to another unfaithful woman, called Aphrodisia, in order to be turned away from Christ's holy faith by her exhortations. But the saint firmly kept her piety, desiring to suffer martyrdom rather than deny Christ. So they beat her heavily and cut off her breasts, but she was restored to health by the Apostle Peter, who appeared to her in prison. In later Western art, Agatha is often depicted holding up her breasts on a platter. Then they dragged her on bricks and burnt her badly. Next, they put her in prison and, while she was there, she commended her soul to the hands of God.

