



*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

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### **March 5 Sunday of Orthodoxy**

9:35 am Memorial  
9:45am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship  
5pm-6pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers St. Nicholas Tarpon Springs

### **March 12 Second Sunday of Lent**

9:45am Divine Liturgy  
5:00 pm Vespers St. Sava St Pete

### **March 19 Sunday of the Holy Cross**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

### **Wednesday March 22**

10:30am Confession  
11am Presanctified Liturgy

### **Friday March 24 Annunciation**

Forefeast  
3pm Confessions  
3:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

### **Saturday March 25 Annunciation**

10 am Divine Liturgy

### **Sunday March 26 Sunday of the Ladder**

9:15 am Confession  
9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship  
5:00 pm Vespers St. Nicholas Pinellas Park

### **Wednesday March 28**

3:30 Presanctified Liturgy  
7:30 pm Great Canon Repentance

### **Friday March 31**

7 pm Akathyst to the Theotokos

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's services are in loving memory of Theodore, uncle of +Metropolitan Antony. May his memory be eternal!

The next project for the Outreach Ministry is to ask for donations of canned goods and nonperishable items. We are pursuing delivery to a local food bank and working at one of the food banks (a great thing to get our youth involved with). We will be collecting through April.

The UOL is hosting an essay contest. Even adults can participate. If interested, see Pani.

Bitter Harvest, the movie about the Genocidal Ukrainian Famine (Holodomor), is playing in Tampa at the Veterans Expressway 24 AMC

### **Tampa Bay Area Lenten Pan Orthodox Vespers Series 2017**

"Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell in unity"

*\*Each Vespers begins at 5pm and features a guest homilist and light reception*

### **Sunday of Orthodoxy (March 5)—the First Sunday of Great Lent:**

St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs.

You can bring an icon for the procession of icons

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent (March 12):** St. Sava Church in St. Petersburg. Fr. Gregory Edwards is the homilist

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent—Holy Cross (March 19):** St. Philip Church in Tampa. Fr. John Lazarek is the homilist.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ladder of Divine Ascent (March 26):** St. Nicholas Church in Pinellas Park

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (April 2):** Holy Protection Church in Dover

**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, Geverylyn, 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, Kim, Donnie

*\*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  
March 5 Rebecca Lent  
March 12 Scottie  
March 19 Nancy  
March 26 Linda

Readers Schedule  
March 5 Andrew  
March 12 Mike  
March 19 John  
March 26 Brian

Please don't forget that if you want a memorial service to please, in addition to mentioning it, to also email both Fr. and Pani (she keeps Fr.'s schedule).

Please remember to follow the preparatory guidelines for communion (see website [www.holyorthodox.org](http://www.holyorthodox.org) for details).

Don't forget that Great Lent is a time for reflection and confession. See also our website for examination of conscience which should be done by everyone during Lent.

Pick up the full schedule in the narthex for Great Lent!

The **Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy** is celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent. It is the celebration of the victory of the iconodules over the iconoclasts by the decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. Therefore, the service is to commemorate the restoration of icons for use in services and private devotional life of Christians.

Services often include the clergy or the faithful triumphantly processing around the church, holding icons of their patron or parish saints. In areas where multiple jurisdictions exist (such as the United States), Pan-Orthodox Vespers are also usually celebrated in the evening.

Each of the Sundays of Great Lent has its own special theme. In the course of Church history, almost each Lenten Sunday has obtained a second theme, a historical theme. Originally the Lenten fast was the time for catechumens to prepare for baptism and entry into the Church. The Sunday spiritual themes were part of the early Christian catechesis.

#### **Historical theme**

The theme of the day is victory of the True Faith. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 John 5:4). Also, the icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen 1:26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God's living image. The connection of the victory over iconoclasm with Lent is purely historical; the first *Triumph of Orthodoxy* took place on this particular Sunday.

#### **Spiritual theme**

The first Sunday of Great Lent originally commemorated the Prophets such as Moses, Aaron, and Samuel. The Liturgy's alleluia verses and scripture readings appointed for the Sunday of Orthodoxy reflect this older usage. The Epistle reading is a completion of Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2. The yet-to-be-baptized catechumens of the early church heard the Epistle about the Old Testament men who lived by their faith in a promise whose fulfillment they did not see. After the righteous of the Old Testament are mentioned, the Epistle says: *And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.*

The Gospel lesson is John 1:43-51, and it ends with an explanation of the *something better* of the Epistle: *"You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."* The catechumens of the early church, and the faithful preparing for Pascha today, are told that, with faith, they will see the inauguration of the new age, the fulfillment of all promises, and the manifestation of the Kingdom, through the Incarnation, in the Church