



*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

IN EMERGENCY CALL/TEXT

813-406-2620 (Fr.'s cell). If in
middle of night and no answer,
call home 813-719-6266
(home), or 813-451-9829
(Pani's cell)

Schedule

Today is Tone 3

Sunday May 7

9:35 am Memorial
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Monday, May 8

7pm Women of Faith
Sweet Tomatoes
10017 E Adamo Dr, Tampa, FL
33619

Sunday May 14

Mother's Day
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday May 21

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 pm Vespers Ascension of our
Lord

Thursday, May 25

9:30 am Liturgy Ascension of our
Lord

Sunday May 28

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's services are in loving memory of Father Kurt Spengler, father of Mark Spengler. May his memory be eternal!

Today's second collection will be for general church upkeep.

We need some Manischewitz grape wine if you can pick up a bottle or two the next time you are out shopping.

The first 100-year historical and pictorial account of the UOC in the USA is about to be compiled. All churches have been asked to participate.

Deadline for historical data and photos: May 20, 2017 - parishioners must submit entries to Linda Bycz via email (linda.bycz@gmail.com).

We would like a volunteer to put together a current phone and address list. If you are interested, please see Scottie. Thank you.

We need a coordinator for the Orthodox Men's group to plan activities for the men of the parish.

Alexis is moving in June, so we need a new youth ministry leader! See Alexis for details.

We need volunteers for a Christian Education committee. See Mike Gursky if interested.

We would like to fill our church with green again on Pentecost! On Sunday, June 4, bring a small tree to be planted on the church grounds. We currently have 4 trees near the bell tower, and 2 out front from the last time we did this on Pentecost. If you would like, it can be planted in memory of a loved one.

Today the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts.

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, Geveryln, 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, Lori, Nancy, George, Sharon

**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
May 7 Scottie
May 14 Nancy Mother's Day
May 21 Linda
May 28 Rebecca

Readers Schedule
May 7 Mike
May 14 John
May 21 Brian
May 28 Andrew

Please remember to follow the preparatory guidelines for communion (see website www.holyorthodox.org for details).

Shh...it's a surprise! Alexis has a lot of big changes coming up. She graduates May 26, then she is moving to Pennsylvania and is planning on getting married next year in 2018. On Sunday, May 28th, we are going to host a surprise going away party/ graduation party/engagement party for Alexis. Keegan will be visiting to help with the move. We will be providing lunch on that day. (Don't worry, she does not read the bulletin.) Come celebrate her with us!

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. Each of the four Gospels gives a different aspect of the roles of these eight women at the cross and at the tomb on Easter morning, perhaps since the eight women arrived in different groups and at different times. The eight are:

- Mary Magdalene
- Mary, the Theotokos (the Virgin Mary)
- Joanna
- Salome
- Mary the wife of Cleopas (or Alphaeus)
- Susanna
- Mary of Bethany
- Martha of Bethany

Of the eight, the first five are the more prominent and outspoken. The last three are included according to tradition. Five of these women were also very wealthy; the women of means were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and Mary and Martha of Bethany.

A confusing aspect in Gospel references to these women is that two of the Marys had a son named James. Mary, the wife of Alphaeus, was the mother of James, one of the Twelve Apostles; the Virgin Mary was the step-mother of James, the Lord's brother (Matthew 13:55, Galatians 1:19).

In Western tradition, James, the son of Alphaeus, and James, the Lord's brother, have sometimes been identified as the same person. In Eastern tradition, James, the Lord's brother was Bishop of Jerusalem from 30-62 AD and never left the vicinity of Jerusalem. He is the James who rendered the decision of the council of Jerusalem in 48 AD (Acts 15:13-19). Eastern Tradition links James, the son of Alphaeus, with evangelism abroad, especially in Egypt where he was martyred.

One helpful tip that can clear up the confusion between these two Marys is the passage that refers to the Virgin Mary as the mother of James and Joseph (Matthew 13:55). This Joseph is also called *Barsabas*, *Justus*, and *Judas* (Acts 1:23 and 15:22). Therefore, in Matthew 27:56, the women looking on from afar at the cross were Mary Magdalene, the Virgin Mary (that is, Mary the mother of James and Joseph), and Salome (the wife of Zebedee and the Virgin Mary's step-daughter).

Matthew refers to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who is probably the Virgin Mary also from the context (Matthew 27:61 and 28:1). Such Church Fathers as St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Gregory Palamas support this interpretation. Similarly, St. Gregory of Nyssa identifies "Mary, the mother of James" (Mark 16:1 and Luke 24:10) as the Virgin Mary also.

These eight women had been together a lot during Jesus' three-year public ministry. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others (Luke 8:3) are described as providing for Jesus out of their possessions (that is, acting as deaconesses). These same women had faithfully followed him from Galilee and had come up with him to Jerusalem (Matthew 27:55, Mark 15:40-41, and Luke 23:55).