



*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, July 2**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

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11:15 am Fellowship

### **Sunday, July 9**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

### **Tuesday, July 11**

6:00 pm Bible Study Social Hall

### **Sunday, July 16**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

### **Tuesday, July 18**

6:00 pm Bible Study Social Hall

### **Sunday July 23**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

### **Tuesday, July 25**

6:00 pm Bible Study Social Hall

### **Sunday July 30**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Father Nicolas!

Father Harry will be back next Sunday.

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

We are putting together a raffle bag for the UOL Convention in July! Our theme is Florida, please see the green bag on the piano in the hall that says Florida on it. We need your help to add items to it. Here are some Florida based ideas: Ocean Potion (made in Florida), sunglasses, Flip-Flops, Stationary, travel diary, playing cards, Tervis (made in Venice, Florida). If you could help, that would be awesome!

At Saint Joseph Hospital Main, is revitalizing a program titled, "*Companions on The Journey*," where trained volunteers are available to be with dying patients who had no one. The program has been inactive for a couple of years, but Mission is in the process of recruiting and training a new group of volunteers for this ministry. If interested, it involves an initial training, then a commitment to be scheduled for two 8-hour periods per month (8:00am-4:00 pm or 4:00pm-Midnight) on days of your choice. During those times you agree to be reachable and available, should there be a need. The training is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 5, from 8:00am-2:00pm in the Medical Arts Building, located at St. Joseph Hospital Tampa. If interested, please contact Jill Mallott at (813) 870-4143 x804143 to register for the training.

Stewardship Teams  
July 2 Scottie  
July 9 Nancy  
July 16 Linda  
July 23 Rebecca

Readers Schedule  
July 2 Mike  
July 9 John  
July 16 Brian  
July 23 Andrew

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

**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, Kim, Donnie, Lori, Nancy, George, Sharon, Sylvia, Kristi, Gary

*\*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.*

The Placing of the Venerable Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos at Blachernae: During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo the Great (457-474), the brothers Galbuis and Candidus, associates of the emperor, set out from Constantinople to Palestine to venerate the holy places. In a small settlement near Nazareth they stayed in the home of a certain old Jewish woman. In her house they noticed a room where many lamps were lit, incense burned, and sick people were gathered. When they asked her what the room contained, the pious woman did not want to give an answer for a long time. After persistent requests, she said that she had a very precious sacred item: the Robe of the Mother of God, which performed many miracles and healings. Before Her Dormition the Most Holy Virgin bequeathed one of her garments to a pious Jewish maiden, an ancestor of the old woman, instructing her to leave it to another virgin after her death. Thus, the Robe of the Mother of God was preserved in this family from generation to generation.

The jewelled chest, containing the sacred Robe, was transferred to Constantinople. Saint Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople (August 31), and the emperor Leo, having learned of the sacred treasure, were convinced of the incorrupt state of the holy Robe, and they certified its authenticity. At Blachernae, near the seacoast, a new church in honor of the Mother of God was constructed. On June 2, 458 Saint Gennadius transferred the sacred Robe into the Blachernae church with appropriate solemnity, placing it within a new reliquary.

Afterwards, the maphorion (i.e., the outer robe) of the Mother of God, and part of Her belt were also put into the reliquary with Her Robe. This circumstance also influenced the Orthodox iconography of the Feast, in connecting the two events: the Placing of the Robe, and the Placing of the Belt of the Mother of God in Blachernae. The Russian pilgrim Stephen of Novgorod, visiting Constantinople in about the year 1350, testifies: "We arrived at Blachernae, where the Robe lies upon an altar in a sealed reliquary."

