



*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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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 4

### **Sunday May 14**

#### **Mother's Day**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

### **Sunday May 21**

9:35 am Memorial

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

### **Sunday June 4**

#### **Pentecost**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### *Happy Mother's Day!*

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.

With all your donations, the Outreach Ministry brought 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 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.

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).



**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, 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 14 Nancy Mother's Day  
May 21 Linda  
May 28 Rebecca  
June 4 Scottie

Readers Schedule  
May 14 John  
May 21 Brian  
May 28 Andrew  
June 4 Mike

Please remember to follow the preparatory guidelines for communion (see website [www.holyorthodox.org](http://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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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!

The fifth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The day commemorates the encounter of Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. The biblical story of this event and the dialog between Christ and the woman is found in the Gospel of Saint John 4:5-42

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.