



*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 5

### Sunday May 21

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

### Wednesday, May 24

6:00 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.

#### Green Sunday!

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

### Sunday May 28

#### Afterfeast of Ascension

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's services are in loving memory of +Metropolitan Constantine and servant of God, David. May their memories be eternal!

Please note, vespers for Ascension is at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, a change from the time listed last week.

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. It can be planted in memory of a departed love one or with prayers for the living.

The first 40 days after Pascha is Paschal tide. On the Feast of Ascension, we enter into Ascensiontide for 9 days, then the 50<sup>th</sup> day is the Feast of Pentecost

With all your donations, the Outreach Ministry brought over 130 pounds to the food bank!

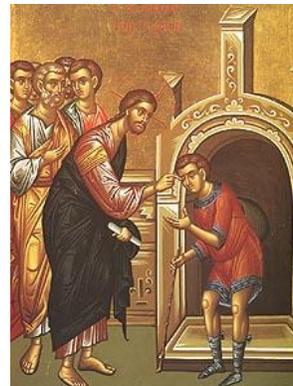
Today is the last Sunday of Paschaltide.

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 21\_Linda  
May 28 Rebecca  
June 4 Scottie  
May 11 Nancy

Readers Schedule  
May 21\_Brian  
May 28 Andrew  
June 4 Mike  
May 11 John

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!

After the Midfeast (John 7:14), the Lord Jesus Christ came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him (John 8:2). After leaving the Temple, He opened the eyes of a man "who was blind from his birth (John 9:1).

The miracle described in today's Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all! The second Exapostilarion for this Sunday says, "Along the way, our Savior found a man who lacked both sight and eyes...".

The Gospel says, "Since the world began, it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one who was born blind" (John 9:32). There are examples in the Old (Tobit 2:17) and New (Mark 8:22-26) Testaments of blind people receiving sight, but this is something completely unprecedented.

The Savior placed clay in the man's empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!

In his MENAION, Saint Demetrius of Rostov calls the blind man Saint Celidonius (see his account of Saint Lazarus in the Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles on January 4).