



*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 6

### Sunday, Oct 2

9:30am Chrismation Pizza family  
9:45am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 Fellowship Discussion of Faith

### Monday Oct 3

7:00 pm Parish Council

### Sunday, Oct 9

9:30am Service  
9:45am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 Fellowship Discussion of Faith

### Monday Oct 10

7:00 pm Women of Faith

### Sunday, Oct 16

9:30am Service  
9:45am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 Fellowship Discussion of Faith

### Sunday, Oct 23

9:30am Service  
9:45am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 Fellowship Discussion of Faith

### Sunday, Oct 29

9:30am Service  
9:45am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 Fellowship Discussion of Faith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's services are in loving memory of Oleksandr, husband of Ruslana and father of Ivan on the 40<sup>th</sup> day of his repose. May his memory be eternal!

Congratulations to Denis, Franklin and Jefferson for the receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit and officially becoming members of the parish and Christ's Holy Orthodox Church. May God grant them many years.

What can you contribute to the church? Do you have a great artistic talent? A great advertising idea? Some handy skill? What can you do for God? We should use our gifts God gave us to give back to him. Please see a member of your parish council to see how you can help.

The **Protection of the Mother of God** is one of the most beloved feast days on the Orthodox calendar among the Slavic peoples, commemorated on October 1. The feast is celebrated additionally on October 28 in the Greek tradition. It is also known as the feast of the **Virgin Mary's Cerement**.

In most Slavic languages the word "cerement" has a dual meaning of "veil" and "protection." The Russian word *Pokrov* (Покров), like the Greek *Skepi* (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the **Veil of Our Lady**, the **Protecting Veil of the Theotokos**, the **Protection of the Theotokos**, or the **Intercession of the Theotokos**.

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

**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

*\*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.

Also pray for those who you know to know to be traveling during the week, for your family, for our parish, as well as the Church at large, for our nation, and for our world. Also don't forget to pray for your enemies every day until they are no longer your enemies, and then pray for them every day anyway.

--Thank you for using your envelopes! If you forgot your envelope spares are on the back table near the double doors. If you don't have a packet, there 9/18 is the Annual Parish Assembly. We will be electing Parish Council members, if interested in running please let a council member know.

Stewardship Teams	Readers Schedule
Oct 2 Nancy	Oct 2 John
Oct 9 Linda	Oct 9 Brian
Oct 16 Rebecca	Oct 16 Andrew
Oct 23 Scottie	Oct 23 Mike

Visit our parish website: [www.holyorthodox.org](http://www.holyorthodox.org). We have made a lot of updates!

If anyone is interested in holding candles during the Liturgy please let Nancy, Mike or Scottie know.

*For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*Romans 12:4-8*

