



*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 2

**Sunday April 30**  
**Holy Myrrh Bearing Women**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

**Monday, May 1**

7:15pm Parish Council

**Sunday May 7**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

**Centennial Photo Day: April 30, 2017** - photos will be taken of our membership at Holy Protection Orthodox Church.

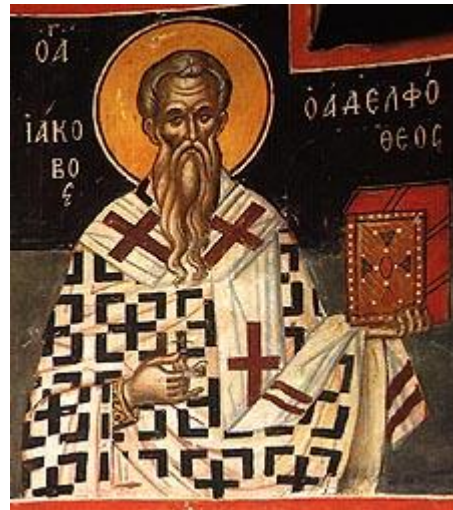
**Deadline for historical data and photos: May 20, 2017** - parishioners must submit entries to Linda Bycz via email (linda.bycz@gmail.com).

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.

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.



**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

*\*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  
April 30 Rebecca  
May 7 Scottie  
May 14 Nancy Mother's Day  
May 21 Linda

Readers Schedule  
April 30 Andrew  
May 7 Mike  
May 14 John  
May 21 Brian

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).

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!

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Saints Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of Saint James, one of the books of the New Testament.

In 1853, Patriarch Hierotheus of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of Saint James. The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and Saint James the son of Zebedee (April 30) and Saint James the son of Alphaeus (October 9).