



*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)

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FINAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK, RESURRECTION, AND BRIGHT WEEK, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON BASKET BLESSING, ETC. PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Palm Sunday, also called the Triumphal Entry, is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on the Sunday before Pascha. On this day the Church celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before the Jewish Passover. A mere few days before His crucifixion, Jesus Christ was received by adoring throngs at his entry into Jerusalem on the back of a young donkey. The believers meet him, and spread out before him his clothes and olive branches. When He and His students approached the city Jerusalem, He ordered them to go to the near-by village, and bring him the donkey and his little who were tied-up in the beginning of the village. If they were asked, they should say that this was God's will. When the people knew that the donkey was for Jesus, they did not prevent his students. They gave Him the donkey, and He solemnly entered Jerusalem. The news of the resurrection of Lazarus already got ahead and thousands of people went to Bethany to meet him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's second collection will be for Easter Flowers and items for the Easter egg hunt.

Pascha is quickly approaching; we have a list of things that need done to be ready. See a council member for details!

We need as many people here as possible on April 30th for a parish photo! Mark the date, come to church!

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.

The UOL is hosting an essay contest. Even adults can participate. If interested, see Pani.

This year on Pascha Sunday, after Agape vespers, we will not be having the traditional luncheon due to the fact that most people will be hosting at their homes or going to family and friends. We will still have fellowship. If you desire to bring something for everyone to partake of, you are certainly welcomed to do so!

Prayer Corner: Please pray for the ailing: Mary, Kathy, Susan, Helen, Neila, 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

**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 9 Scottie Palm Sunday

April 16 Nancy

April 23 Linda

April 30 Rebecca Lent

Readers Schedule

April 9 Mike

April 16 John

April 23 Brian

April 30 Andrew

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 for details).

The next project for the Outreach Ministry is to ask for donations of canned goods and nonperishable items. We are pursuing delivery to a local food bank and working at one of the food banks (a great thing to get our youth involved with). We will be collecting through April.

St. Paisios: Be the Bee and not the Fly

Some people tell me that they are scandalized because they see many things wrong in the Church. I tell them that if you ask a fly, "Are there any flowers in this area?" it will say, "I don't know about flowers, but over there in that heap of rubbish you can find all the filth you want." And it will go on to list all the unclean things it has been to.

Now, if you ask a honeybee, "Have you seen any unclean things in this area?" it will reply, "Unclean things? No, I have not seen any; the place here is full of the most fragrant flowers." And it will go on to name all the flowers of the garden or the meadow.

You see, the fly only knows where the unclean things are, while the honeybee knows where the beautiful iris or hyacinth is.

As I have come to understand, some people resemble the honeybee and some resemble the fly. Those who resemble the fly seek to find evil in every circumstance and are preoccupied with it; they see no good anywhere. But those who resemble the honeybee only see the good in everything they see. The stupid person thinks stupidly and takes everything in the wrong way, whereas the person who has good thoughts, no matter what he sees, no matter what you tell him, maintains a positive and good thought.