



*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 1

### Sunday, February 12

Prodigal Son

9:45 am Divine Liturgy Prodigal Son

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith

### Monday February 13

7:00 pm Women of Faith Brandon  
Mall Food Court

### Saturday, February 18

3:00 pm Prayer service and Picnic  
Mike Sansone Park Plant City

### Sunday, February 19

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

The Last Judgement

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith  
Youth Bible verse discussion

### Sunday, February 26

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

Forgiveness Sunday

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith

### Monday February 27

Great Lent Begins

7pm Compline

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today the youth will be putting together the blessings bags for the homeless.

Next Saturday is the parish picnic. Looking forward to seeing you! Please note, please mark your calendars to attend **our PARISH PICNIC on Saturday Feb. 18** at Mike Sansone Park in Plant City. We will have games for youth and adults and free food. Also, you are encouraged to **invite a friend, and invite your children's' friends.**

During our parish picnic, we will be serving the brief (~15 min) but beautiful "Supplicatory Service for the Salvation of our Land and the Appeasing it of Discord and Strife". A supplicatory service is also known as a Moleban or Paraklesis. Our nation right now is divided, and we need to show to God and the community around us that we as the Orthodox Church locally planted care about healing it and are doing something about it by going to the only One who can actually do something about it--the Lord Himself. Please come and show your support and your witness, since we were all entrusted with the Kingdom of God at our Baptism and Chrismation, and need to show the world that we as His Church are willing to do something about it.

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

### Tampa Bay Area Lenten Pan Orthodox Vespers Series 2017

"Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell in unity"

*\*Each Vespers begins at 5pm and features a guest homilist and light reception*

### **Sunday of Orthodoxy (March 5)—the First Sunday of Great Lent:**

St. Nicholas Cathedral in Tarpon Springs. Fr. Harry Linsinbigler is the homilist

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent (March 12):** St. Sava Church in St. Petersburg. Fr. Gregory Edwards is the homilist

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent—Holy Cross (March 19):** St. Philip Church in Tampa. Fr. John Lazarek is the homilist.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Ladder of Divine Ascent (March 26):** St. Nicholas Church in Pinellas Park

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (April 2):** Holy Protection Church in Dover

**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, Lauren, Donna

*\*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**

Feb 12 Scottie

Feb 19 Nancy

Feb 26 Linda Cheesefare

March 5 Rebecca      Lent

**Readers Schedule**

Feb 12 Mike

Feb 19 John

Feb 26 Brian

March 5 Andrew

**Important announcements from your Parish Council:**

Parish Picnic scheduled for Saturday, 2/18/2017 at Mike Sansone Park in Plant City. A prayer service for our country will be done during picnic. Invite a friend. Donations of hot dogs, buns, soda and water, appreciated.

Reminder: please remember to take home or give away leftover food after fellowship. We are starting to accumulate food in the refrigerator.

The Outreach ministry and the Youth ministry need your help! They are working together for the new year to make blessing bags for the homeless! For this project, there will be a place in the hall to donate small shampoo bottles, small soaps, toothpaste, socks, t-shirts or other useful items. We will package them into gallon storage bags with a couple dollars and hand them out to the homeless.

The **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** is the second Sunday of pre-Lent, the weeks of preparation preceding Great Lent. It is the Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee and Sunday before Meatfare Sunday. This pre-Lent is the start of the Easter cycle of worship in the Orthodox Church.

On this Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent, Orthodox Christians are read Christ's parable about God's loving forgiveness (Luke 15:11-24). They are to see themselves as being in a foreign country far from the Father's house and to make the movement of return to God, where we truly belong. The parable gives assurance that the Father will receive them with joy and gladness in their journey through Great Lent, their journey home.

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).

Don't forget that Great Lent is a time for reflection and confession. See also our website for examination of conscience which should be done by everyone during Lent.