



*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 3

Sunday, February 26

9:15 am Confession

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

Forgiveness Sunday

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

Monday February 27

Great Lent Begins

6:30 pm Discover the Christian faith in
its original form

7:30pm-8:15pm Great Canon of
Repentance (part 1) by St. Andrew of
Crete

Feb 28 First Tuesday of Great Lent

6:30pm Orthodox Christianity 101 (in
church)

7:30pm-8:15pm Great Canon of
Repentance (part 2) by St. Andrew of
Crete

March 1 First Wednesday of Great Lent

6:30pm Orthodox Christianity 101 (in
church)

7:30pm-8:20pm Penitential Liturgy of
the Presanctified Gifts (Communion
service with prayers of repentance)

*Note, eat sparingly fasting foods
during the day (no meat), and cease
eating altogether by 4pm (unless you
have diabetic/health needs to eat after
4pm)

Thursday) by St. Andrew of Crete

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Great Canon is completely different each of the days it is served.

Congratulations to Andy and Kathy Sekala who are now the proud grandparents of a baby girl!

Ps. 137--By the waters of Babylon

By the waters of Babylon, There we sat down, we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. Alleluia. On the willows, on the willows there we hung up our harps, we hung up our harps, Alleluia. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? Alleluia. If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither Alleluia. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, If I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy! Alleluia!

This week we sing Psalm 137—By the Waters of Babylon. It is a psalm about the exile of Israel in Babylon, which typifies the Church--us--being exiled from our true motherland Paradise and the Heavenly Church, because of sin and selfishness, and how we need to revere it as the gift of God to us, our true home, setting it as our joy and finding joy in the good powers [virtues] of the Holy Spirit, repenting of our sin.

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

Bitter Harvest, the movie about the Genocidal Ukrainian Famine (Holodomor), is playing in Tampa at the Veterans Expressway 24 AMC

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
You can bring an icon for the procession of icons

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

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

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

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

**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 26 Linda Cheesefare
March 5 Rebecca Lent
March 12 Scottie
March 19 Nancy

Readers Schedule
Feb 26 Brian
March 5 Andrew
March 12 Mike
March 19 John

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).

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.

First week Lent Continued:

March 2 First Thursday of Great Lent

6:30pm Orthodox Christianity 101

7:30pm Great Canon of Repentance (section for Thursday) by St. Andrew of Crete

March 3 First Friday of Great Lent

6:30pm Orthodox Christianity 101

7:30pm Penitential Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (see instructions under March 1 Wednesday)

March 5 Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:45am Divine Liturgy

5pm-6pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers (St. Nicholas Tarpon Springs, Fr. Harry Homilist)

Pick up the full schedule in the narthex for Great Lent!

The **Sunday of the Last Judgment** or **Meatfare Sunday** is the third Sunday using the [Lenten Triodion](#), the liturgical book used in the services of [Great Lent](#). It is the Sunday after the [Sunday of the Prodigal Son](#) and Sunday before [Forgiveness Sunday](#). This is the third week of the pre-Lenten start of the [Easter](#) cycle of worship in the Orthodox Church.

This Sunday is called Meatfare Sunday since it is traditionally the last day before Easter for eating meat. Orthodox Christians observe a [fast](#) from meat all week, but still eat dairy products and eggs till the start of Great Lent.

The [Gospel](#) reading this Sunday remembers [Christ's parable](#) of the Last Judgment ([Matthew](#) 25:31-46). This adds to the previous pre-Lent Sundays and teaches that it is not enough to see Jesus, to see ourselves as we are, and to come home to God as his prodigal sons. The Church teaches that, in addition, one must also be God's sons by following Christ, his only-begotten divine Son, and by seeing Christ in everyone and by serving Christ through them.

Salvation and final judgment will depend upon deeds, not merely on intentions or even on the mercies of God apart from personal cooperation and obedience. All piety and prayer is ultimately directed towards the goal of serving Christ through his people.

From the reading, the faithful hear:

... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and in prison and you visited me. For truly I say to you, if you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me (Matthew 25).