



*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

Sunday, January 29

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith

February 1

7 pm Vigil Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Sunday, February 5

Fast free week, Publican and the Pharisee

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 Fellowship, discussion of Faith
Youth Activity

Monday, February 6

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 7

Crisis in the Middle East

Be a Part of the Solution

5pm-9pm St George Orthodox Church
9426 Little Rd New Port Richey
Father is going to be a speaker at this event!

Wednesday, February 8

Orthodox Men's Group

7pm Coffee and Pie Village Inn

Sunday, February 12

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

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 Vespers and Picnic

Mike Sanone Park Plant City

Sunday, February 19

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Tone 7

Important Announcements from the Priest:

Hello everyone! Some points of order during the Liturgy:

When you partake of Communion, you don't have to kiss the Chalice afterwards. However, if you are going to kiss it (i.e. touch your lips to it), please **FIRST** wipe off your mouth, since otherwise it gets communion all over the base of the chalice. Your compliance with these requests is appreciated (and even if it weren't it is still the right thing to do, so you should still do it).

The waters of Theophany are Sacramental in nature. Holy Water is a great blessing. But the Epiphany waters have one extra quality: not only were they blessed, they were **CONSECRATED** (much in the same way as Holy Communion). The Church dispenses the Theophany water through the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. The people are to take it to their homes and use it throughout the year in a reverent manner. Regular Holy Water is available throughout the year. But the waters of Theophany we take home to keep in our prayer corners the whole year long for *special occasions*, particularly when we are sick and cannot make it to Church, since, again, it is consecrated. The Theophany water will be available until February 5, after which it will be distributed fully. After that we go back to regular Holy Water.

Important announcements from your Parish Council:

Parish Picnic scheduled for Saturday, 2/18/2017 at Mike Sansome Park in Plant City. Vespers 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.

Visit our parish website: www.holyorthodox.org

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

Jan 29 Linda
Feb 5 Rebecca
Feb 12 Scottie
Feb 19 Nancy

Readers Schedule

Jan 29 Brian
Feb 5 Andrew
Feb 12 Mike
Feb 19 John

.The Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-Bearer, was a disciple of the holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, as was also Saint Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (February 23). Saint Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch, and successor to Bishop Euodius, Apostle of the Seventy (September 7). Tradition suggests that when Saint Ignatius was a little boy, the Savior hugged him and said: "Unless you turn and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mt. 18:3). The saint was called "God-Bearer" (Theophoros), because he bore God in his heart and prayed unceasingly to Him. He also had this name because he was held in the arms of Christ, the incarnate Son of God. Saint Ignatius was a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian, together with Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. As Bishop of Antioch, Saint Ignatius was zealous and spared no effort to build up the church of Christ. To him is attributed the practice of antiphonal singing (by two choirs) during church services. He had seen a vision of the angels in heaven alternately singing praises to God, and divided his church choir to follow this example. In the time of persecution he was a source of strength to the souls of his flock, and was eager to suffer for Christ.

In the year 106 the emperor Trajan (98-117), after his victory over the Scythians, ordered everyone to give thanks to the pagan gods, and to put to death any Christians who refused to worship the idols. In the year 107, Trajan happened to pass through Antioch. Here they told him that Bishop Ignatius openly confessed Christ, and taught people to scorn riches, to lead a virtuous life, and preserve their virginity. Saint Ignatius came voluntarily before the emperor, so as to avert persecution of the Christians in Antioch. Saint Ignatius rejected the persistent requests of the emperor Trajan to sacrifice to the idols. The emperor then decided to send him to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts. Saint Ignatius joyfully accepted the sentence imposed upon him. His readiness for martyrdom was attested to by eyewitnesses, who accompanied Saint Ignatius from Antioch to Rome.

On the way to Rome, the ship sailed from Seleucia stopped at Smyrna, where Saint Ignatius met with his friend Bishop Polycarp. Clergy and believers from other cities and towns thronged to see Saint Ignatius. He exhorted everyone not to fear death and not to grieve for him. In his Epistle to the Roman Christians, he asked them to assist him with their prayers, and to pray that God would strengthen him in his impending martyrdom for Christ: "I seek Him Who died for us; I desire Him Who rose for our salvation... In me, desire has been nailed to the cross, and no flame of material longing is left. Only the living water speaks within me, saying, 'Hasten to the Father.'" From Smyrna, Saint Ignatius went to Troas. Here he heard the happy news of the end of the persecution against Christians in Antioch. From Troas, Saint Ignatius sailed to Neapolis (in Macedonia) and then to Philippi.

On the way to Rome Saint Ignatius visited several churches, teaching and guiding the Christians there. He also wrote seven epistles: to the churches of Ephesus, Magnesia, Tralles, Rome, Philadelphia, and Smyrna. He also addressed a letter to Saint Polycarp, who mentions a collection of the letters of Saint Ignatius in his letter to the Philippians (Ch. 13). Saint Irenaeus of Lyons quotes from Saint Ignatius's letter to the Romans (AGAINST HERESIES 5:28:4). All these letters have survived to the present day. The Roman Christians met Saint Ignatius with great joy and profound sorrow. Some of them hoped to prevent his execution, but Saint Ignatius implored them not to do this. Kneeling down, he prayed together with the believers for the Church, for love between the brethren, and for an end to the persecution against Christians.

On December 20, the day of a pagan festival, they led Saint Ignatius into the arena, and he turned to the people: "Men of Rome, you know that I am sentenced to death, not because of any crime, but because of my love for God, by Whose love I am embraced. I long to be with Him, and offer myself to him as a pure loaf, made of fine wheat ground fine by the teeth of wild beasts." After this the lions were released and tore him to pieces, leaving only his heart and a few bones. Tradition says that on his way to execution, Saint Ignatius unceasingly repeated the name of Jesus Christ. When they asked him why he was doing this, Saint Ignatius answered that this Name was written in his heart, and that he confessed with his lips Him Whom he always carried within. When the saint was devoured by the lions, his heart was not touched. When they cut open the heart, the pagans saw an inscription in gold letters: "Jesus Christ." After his execution Saint Ignatius appeared to many of the faithful in their sleep to comfort them, and some saw him at prayer for the city of Rome. Hearing of the saint's great courage, Trajan thought well of him and stopped the persecution against the Christians. The relics of Saint Ignatius were transferred to Antioch (January 29), and on February 1, 637 were returned to Rome and placed in the church of San Clemente.