



*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 813-659-0123 or 813-451-9829 (Pani's cell). If they are off duty please call Parish Council President below

Schedule

Sunday, April 7 Sunday of St. John the Ladder

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Lenten Fellowship
Counters:
Paula, Andrew
Altar: Vladislav & Vasily
Reader: Andrew
5:00 pm Vespers St. George, Clearwater

Tuesday, April 9 7:30 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 10
3:15 pm PreSanctified Liturgy
6:00-6:50pm Basic Orthodoxy
7:00 pm Great Canon of Repentance

Friday, April 12
11:30 am Presanctified Liturgy
4:30 5:15 pm Salutations to the Theotokos (Akathyst)

Sunday, April 14 St Mary of Egypt
9:15-9:50 Confessions
10 am Liturgy
Counters: Paula, Olga
Altar: Jefferson
Reader: Mat. Terry
5pm Vespers St. Philips

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We would like to start sharing Lenten recipes. If you have a favorite recipe you make during Great Lent, bring a copy to the hall to share.

Pick up your updated Pre-Lent/Lent service calendar, they are in the Narthex.

Great Lent is about doing extra in charity, stewardship, prayer and fasting. We have a list of items that need done during Lent and Holy week in the Narthex. Take a look at the list and see what you can do to help out!

Reminder...Father's days off are Monday and Saturday.

We are looking for people interested in helping out with youth Christian Education. If we get several people, we can have a rotating schedule. See a parish council member or Pani if you are interested in helping.

It's time for the UOL essay contest again! Information packets are in the Narthex.

Please let anyone that you know may be interested in Orthodoxy that there will be classes during Great Lent on Wednesdays. We left spring break week off the schedule intentionally. Denis may still do the class but is important to know if participants will show up first before it is scheduled. Also may be good for a brush up for those who want to know more about their faith.

The Maintenance Ministry has updated the projects list. God Bless all who have helped us complete some of the necessary tasks. There is still much to accomplish both in ongoing and one time projects. This includes the Lenten preparation for Pascha. Please check the new lists posted in the Social Hall and see how you can help! If you have questions or have items you feel need to be addressed please see any Council member or Mike B.

If you are coming to confession, please be in line by 9:50 am on a normal Sunday. On a Sunday there is a Memorial scheduled, please be in line by 9:35 am. Please line up down the center isle of the church

Sign up for fellowship! It can be as simple as bagels or donuts. Please see the board in the hall, or a council member if you have any questions. Please refer to the Fellowship guidelines when it is your Sunday to do fellowship.

Parish council contacts: Scottie (President): 813-629-6027, Brian (Vice President): (813) 763-5226, Rebecca (Treasurer): (813) 763-5225, Paula (813) 838-4554 (Secretary) Tom Moore Financial Secretary

The 2019 Pan-Orthodox Vespers Schedule for Great Lent

All Vespers services on this schedule begin at 5pm

Sunday April 7 @ St. George in Clearwater (SOC) 15250 58th St N, Clearwater, FL 33760

Sunday April 14 @ St. Philip in Tampa (OCA) 9100 El Portal Dr, Tampa, FL 33604

Prayer Corner: Please pray for the ailing: Mary, Kathy, Susan, Helen, Neila, Olexander, Anna, John, Carol, Mat. Mary, SD. John, Randee, John, Ryan, Marie, Paul, Mary, Pangratios, Tikon, Vasili, Jeremiah, Dcn. Luke, Maria, John David, Elisabeth, Joshua, Alexander, Nicholas, Rebecca, Genevieve, Panteleimon, Vladimir, Margaret, David, Sarah, Jonathon, Simon, Judy, Fr. Michael, Anastasia, Demitrios, Alexandra, Israel, George, Michelle, Joseph, Jaqueline, Michael, Geverylyn, Thomas, Norma, Sally, Sarah, Derek, Susan, Lucy, Beth, Kathy, Phyllis, John, David, Shirley, Kalie, Madeline, Thomas, Patricia, Archimandrite David, Jake, Tom, Beverly, Taylor, Sylvia, Andreas, Josh, Nicole, Joyce, Sandy, Georgina, Kathy, Pam, Ann, Eli, Shay, Ocean, Lauren, Donna, Kim, Lori, Nancy, George, Sharon, Sylvia, Kristi, Gary, Tori, Joan, Thomas, Susan, Alexei, Mary

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent. The abbot of Saint Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt.10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt.24:13).



The Virgin Piama lived in asceticism not far from Alexandria. The saint lived in the home of her mother, as in a hermitage. She partook of food at the end of the day, and after prayer she spun flax.

Saint Piama was granted the gift of discernment. The people of a more populous village, blinded with greed, planned to destroy the small village of the holy maiden in order to divert water to their own fields when the Nile overflowed its banks. Saint Piama saw their wicked intent and reported it to the village elders. The startled elders fell on their knees before the saint, imploring her to go to the neighboring people and dissuade them from their evil purpose.

The nun Piama did not go to meet them, since for a long time she shunned contact with people. The saint spent all night at prayer, and in the morning the people of the neighboring village armed themselves and set off for the village of the holy maiden. Suddenly, they froze in their tracks and were not able to proceed farther. The Lord revealed to the impious people that the prayer of Saint Piama held them back. The people came to their senses and repented of their wicked intent. They sent messengers to the village with a request for peace and said, "Thanks be to God, Who through the prayers of the maiden Piama has delivered us." The saint peacefully fell asleep in the Lord in the year 337.