



*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

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### **Tuesday, March 5**

7:00 pm Vespers  
7:30 pm Council Meeting

### **Sunday, March 10 Forgiveness Sunday**

9:30 am Teaching Proskimedia  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship  
Reader Class with Andy  
Counters: Scottie Toney,  
Altar: Vladislav & Vasily  
Reader: Andy

**Monday, March 11**  
7:30 pm Great Canon of Repentance

**Tuesday, March 12**  
7:30 pm Great Canon of Repentance

**Wednesday, March 13**  
6:00-6:50 Basics of Orthodoxy with Denis in Church Hall  
7:00-7:50 Lenten Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

**Thursday, March 14**  
7:30 pm Great Canon of Repentance

**Friday, March 15**  
11:15 am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sunday, March 3 Sunday of the Last Judgement**

9:30 am Teaching Proskimedia  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship  
Counters: Scottie Harry Altar: Jefferson Reader: Brian

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

Important! During Pure week, there has been a schedule changes. The Great Canon on Monday and Tuesday will begin at 7:30 pm.

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

Interested in making your Great Lent more meaningful? Join the Psalter group! There is a flyer in the Narthex. You will be assigned a section of the Psalter to read Mon-Friday. Everyday, with the group, the entire Psalter is read. At the end, you also would have read the entire Psalter. Janice will be here today if you have any questions.

Due to the age of the swing set, after inspection, it had to be decided to take it down.

Interested in being a reader? We will have a class with Andy on March 10 after church.

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.

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.

HELP US! The Maintenance Ministry has compiled a list of projects that need to be addressed around the property. "Ongoing projects" are those which need to be done regularly. We ask that you sign up and take responsibility for these tasks for a 3-month period. A second list highlights "One-time repairs". Please review both lists on the bulletin board in the Social Hall and see if you can lend a hand. If you have questions or have items you feel need to be addressed please see any Council member or Mike B.

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

**LENTEN RETREAT – Date:** Saturday, March 23, 2019 See flyer in narthex!

**Location:** Hillsborough County Community College  
Ybor City Campus Student Service Building at:  
1320 E. Palm Avenue Tampa, FL 33605

To those who will not be here for the Lenten retreat in March, if you are going to be up north check for one of the Lenten retreats in your area.

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

**Prayer Corner:** Please pray for the ailing: Mary, Kathy, Susan, Helen, Neila, Olexander, Anna, John, Carol, Mat. Mary, SD. John, Rande, 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, Geveryn, 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

Psalm 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!

### Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

