



*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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Sunday, November 3 20th Sunday After

Pentacost

10 am Divine Liturgy
11:15am Fellowship
Reader: Joseph
Counters: Scottie, Harry

Tuesday, November 5

6:15 pm Book study
7:00 pm Supplicatory
Service For Our Nation
7:30 pm Council
Meeting

Sunday, November 10 21st Sunday After

Pentacost

10 am Divine Liturgy
11:15am Fellowship
Reader: Brian
Counters: Scottie, Lilian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pani does the bulletin, if you need something put in the bulletin you must let her know through text 813-451-9829 or email panicarrie@yahoo.com by Friday evening.

On the ministry table you can pick up a gratitude booklet for the month of November.

Ilya, Vasiliy and Vladislav yesterday morning came and worked on chopping up the tree near the rectory.

Natalie and Mike have been working in the hall setting up a ministry wall. Please review this area often for important information and updates.

Pani is going to begin a book study before Vespers. We are going to read through Person to Person by Harry Boosalis. If you are interested, let her know. She will make copies of the pages to read, or you can order the book through Amazon or St. Tikhon's Monastery Book store.

Please let the children and their families get their food first for fellowship so Christian Education for them can begin faster.

We are going to collect items to donate to the food bank in Plant City for Thanksgiving. There are flyers for the most needed items. We will be collecting until November 17. There will be a box in the hall for the items.

If your pew book is in need of repair, please give it to Pani.

Do you listen to podcasts? Ancient Faith Radio has a great new one entitled "Help My Unbelief". Another one is Faith Encouraged Daily. This is a 5 minute daily podcast based on the Gospel lesson for the day and gives you encouragement to "be Orthodox on purpose".

Please review the calendar on the side of the bulletin and notice if you are scheduled to be a counter with a parish council member.

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.

If you have someone who needs to be added to the prayer list, please see Cynthia Brown. You can contact Cynthia during the week at cynthiaann36@live.com or on Facebook Messenger. We will update the list monthly.

Prayer Corner Living: Please pray for the ailing: Kathy, William, Mat. Mary, Randee, Olga, Katy, Joy, Will, Mike D, Alex, Linda, Freda, John, Joe, Amy, Joshua, Brian, Jacob, George, Sally, Walter, Nina, Mike M, Heidi, Paula, Mikey, Dan, Vilma, Nadia, Darla, Ned, Agnes, Steve, Linda C., Donna, George

Reposed: Virginia, Harry, Millie, Harry, Richard, Albert, Mary, John, Doris, Mary, Subdeacon John, Vera, Beverly, James, Dessie, Ernest, Elbert, Bill, Viva, Ina

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, Marijean (571) 275-0810, Alternates: Ilya and Svetlana

The Holy Princess Anna Vsevolodna was daughter of the Kievan Great Prince Vsevolod Yaroslavich (1078-1093) whose wife was daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Constantine Monomachos. She did not wish to marry, and as a virgin she took monastic tonsure in 1082 at the Andreiev Yanchinov monastery built for her at Kiev, but later destroyed under the Tatar invasion. The nun and princess Anna journeyed to Constantinople, from which she returned in the company of the newly-consecrated Metropolitan John the Eunuch. She died in the year 1112.

Saint Snandulia of Persia is mentioned in the account of the martyrdom of Saints Joseph the priest and Aethalas the deacon. The historian Sozomen also describes their sufferings in his CHURCH HISTORY (Book 2, ch. 13).

Snandulia was a devout Christian of the city of Arbela who visited those who suffered in prison for the sake of Christ. When she learned that Saints Joseph and Aethalas were in the prison, she went with her servants by night and bribed the guards with gold. They allowed her to take the saints to her home until daybreak. They were barely alive and unable to speak. She took them home and put them to bed, tending their wounds, and kissing their shattered hands and feet.

Saint Joseph recovered consciousness and saw Snandulia weeping. He told her that the compassion she had shown for him and for Aethalas was pleasing to God, but he thought that her bitter lamentations were contrary to Christian hope.

She replied, "When one is moved by compassion, it is natural to weep."

"Nevertheless," Saint Joseph said, "you should not weep for us, for tortures borne for the sake of Christ are followed by eternal joy."

The two saints were returned to prison the next morning, as promised. After six months their wounds had healed to some extent. They could stand and walk a little, but Aethalas's hands hung at his side limp and useless.

Zerothus was appointed as a judge, and he entered the city offering sacrifice to the gods in the various temples. Some of the priests told him about Saints Joseph and Aethalas, who had been tortured on the orders of Prince Ardasabor, the head of all the Magi of Persia. They explained to Zerothus that their execution was being delayed until they recovered from their wounds.

When he heard this, Zerothus ordered that the martyrs be brought before him. He used flattery and then threats in an attempt to persuade them to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. When this proved unsuccessful, the judge had them beaten for a long time.

When they were brought before the judge again, Zerothus tried to get the saints to eat food which had been offered to the idols, but they refused. Then the judge had them beaten again, and ordered other Christians to stone them. Soldiers went to the homes of the Christians to force them to come to the judgment hall. They dug a hole and placed Saint Joseph in it, then put stones in the hands of the Christians and compelled them to stone him.

Saint Snandulia was among these Christians, but she refused to throw stones at the aged priest. Then they gave her a lance and told her to kill Saint Joseph. She said that she would rather drive the lance into her own heart than to wound the saint with it.

Saint Joseph was eventually killed by all the stones that were thrown at him, and the holy deacon Aethalas was also stoned in the same way.

Saint Snandulia stretched forth her arms to needful works and opened her hands to the needy (Proverbs 31:19-20), but she refused to lift her hands to do evil against Saint Joseph.