



*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

Tone 8

### **Sunday, October 13 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost**

9:50 am Memorial Fr.  
Anastaje  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15am Fellowship  
Reader: Joseph  
Counters: Pani, Svetlana

### **Sunday, October 20 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost**

9:50 am Memorial Fr.  
Anastaje  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15am Fellowship  
Reader: Brian  
Counters: Pani, Denis

### **Wed, October 23 6:15 Book Study**

7:00 Vespers

### **Sunday, October 27 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentacost**

9:50 am Memorial Fr.  
Anastaje  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15am Fellowship  
Reader: Andy  
Counters: Pani, Scottie

### **Wed, October 30 6:15 Book Study**

7:00 Vespers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's services are in loving memory of Father Anastaje. May his memory be eternal!

Subdeacon Joseph fixed all 3 AC's in the hall! The compressors were bad. Subdeacon Peter found some compatible ones, and Subdeacon Joseph installed them. We are appreciative of their efforts!

There will be no Vespers this week.

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.

Alexis sent a thank you card for her baby shower. It is on the table in the hall.

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](mailto: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, Marjie, Linda, Freda, John, Joe, Amy, Joshua, Brian, Jacob, George, Sally, Walter, Nina, Mike M, Heidi, Paula, Mikey, Dan, Vilma, Nadia, Darla, Isabel, Roger, Dale, Ned, Agnes, Steve, Brice,

**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

New Martyr Zlata (Chryse) This “golden vessel of virginity and undefiled bride of Christ,” was born in the village of Slatena, Meglena diocese, on the border of Bulgaria and Serbia, while Bulgaria was under the Turkish Yoke.

From her youth Zlata displayed an unusually strong character, a firm faith in Christ, and was both chaste and beautiful. A certain Turk was obsessed with her, and seized her one day as she was gathering wood. He carried her off to his house, and repeatedly tried to seduce the maiden and force her to accept Islam. Since persuasion did not work, he began to threaten her with grievous tortures.

The glorious martyr was not frightened by these threats, but said she would never deny Christ no matter what they did to her. For six months the impious Hagarenes tried to make Zlata accept their religion, but she remained steadfast. Then they ordered the saint’s parents and sisters to convince her to become a Moslem. Otherwise, they said, they would kill Zlata and torture them.

The parents and sisters of the saint wept and urged her to deny Christ “just for the sake of appearances,” so that they all might be spared torments and death. Saint Zlata was unmoved by their pleas, and replied, “You who incite me to deny Christ are no longer my parents and sisters. Instead, I have the Lord Jesus Christ as my father, the Theotokos as my mother, and the saints as my brothers and sisters!”

When the Moslems saw that they could not weaken the resolve of the saint, they tormented her for three months, beating her with clubs. Later, they peeled strips of skin from her body so that the earth was reddened by her blood. Then they heated a skewer and passed it through her ears.

Nearby was her spiritual Father, the hieromonk Timothy of Stavronikita Monastery on Mt. Athos. She sent word to him to pray that she would successfully complete the course of martyrdom. It was he who recorded her martyrdom.

Finally, the Moslems fell into a fury at having been conquered by a woman, so they tied her to a tree and cut her to pieces with their knives. Her pure soul was received by Christ, Who bestowed on her the double crowns of virginity and martyrdom. Certain Christians gathered her relics secretly and buried them with reverence. Saint Zlata suffered for Christ in the year 1795.

