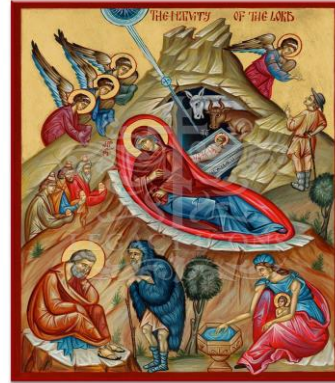


In case of emergency: Call Father Harry Linsinbigler, (813) 406 – 2620. If there is no answer, leave a message. Then call Pani Carrie at (813) 451-9829



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“Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be”

Church Motto: “Cling to What is Good” - Romans

Schedule:

Saturday, December 2:

9:00 am cleaning for Archbishop Visit

Sunday, December 3:

9:00 am Special Office of Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

St. Zephaniah the Prophet, forefeast of St Barbara the Great Martyr and St John of Damascus

Wednesday, December 6:

7 pm Great Vespers of St. Nicholas and 10 year memorial for Harry Linsinbigler Jr. (Father Harry’s dad)

Bible Study in Hall after Vespers

Sunday, December 10:

9:30 am Procession and Greeting of Archbishop Daniel with children greeting him

10:00 am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy with ordination of Subdeacon Brian Matthew to the Diaconate

Celebratory Luncheon following and visitation of St. Nicholas for the young and young at heart

Wednesday, December 13:

7:00 pm Vespers (remembering St. Herman of Alaska, an evening delayed)

Sunday, December 17:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, Sts. Daniel, Azariah, Ananiah and Mishael the Prophets.

Wednesday, December 20:

7:00 pm Vespers (Pre-feast of the Nativity of our Lord)

Bible Study in hall after Vespers

Sunday, December 24:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

Monday, December 25:

10:00 am Liturgy Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Wednesday, December 27: Third day of the Nativity

10 am Liturgy of the Feast of St. Stephen

7:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, December 31:

10:00 am, Divine Liturgy

The Leave-taking of Nativity, the Day before the New Year, with prayers for the New Year.

Wednesday, January 3

7pm Vespers with Bible Study following

Friday January 5:

6 pm Eve of the Great Feast of Theophany.

Sunday, January 7:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Theophany (after-feast); St John the Baptist and Forerunner

Parish Council:

President: Ellen Flynn – (863) 242-4865

Vice President: Paula Karagounis – (813) 838-4554

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Financial Secretary: Natalie Brennan – (508) 272-0395

Reader Schedule:

	Reader:	Back Up
Dec. 3	Linda	Arlene
Dec. 10	Sbdn Brian	Linda
Dec. 17	Sbdn Peter	Sbdn Brian
Dec. 24	Joseph	Sbdn Peter
Dec. 31	Joshua	Ellen
Jan. 7	Arlene	Sbdn Peter

Counter Schedule:

	Council Member	2nd Counter
Dec. 3	Ryan	Svetlana
Dec. 10	Ryan	Nancy
Dec. 17	Ryan	Arlene
Dec. 24	Ryan	Mike
Dec. 31	Ryan	Jacob
Jan. 7	Ellen	Nancy

Prayer Corner: Please send prayer requests to Rebecca Delp by text at (813) 763-5225, email at delp10290@yahoo.com or message Rebecca on facebook. When someone gets better, please let us know her know they can be removed.

Living: Please pray for the ailing: Pearl, (grandmother) Mike, Stella, Amanda, Darla, Stacy, Bruce, Arlene, Nicole, Martha, Tim, Vilma, Dan, John, Sherrie, Chuck, Rick, Tony, Michelle, Jana, Roy, Erin, Cynthia, Rebecca, Stephanie, Denise, Steven, Nora, Keith, Kassey, Clay, and Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Gwen, Robert, Celina, Amy, Christina, Robert, Socorro, Travis, Charles, James, Maggie, Eli, Paula, Cathy, Barbara, Deb, Laura, Kyle, Carol, Roy, Sally, Avi, Jean, Blonie, Ray, Pat, Shaylia, Amy, Lauren, Rebeka, Barbara, Dale, Susan, Deborah, Joseph and Brandon.

Reposed: Please pray for the departed: John, George, Pavel, Subdeacon John, Jack, Nathaniel, PJ, Dorothy, Thomas, Kristy, Pani, Fr. Anastaje, Archbishop Vsevelod., Metropolitan Constantine, Harry, Mary, Marie Mary, Helen, Jeannette, Betty, Joe, Lucy, George, Fr. Martin, Sue, Vera, Michael, and Cletus

Bible Study:

Richard is leading a bible study in the hall on the first and 3rd Wednesday of each month after Vespers.

Adult Christian Education:

Father Harry will occasionally present “Five Minutes with Father Harry” during coffee hour. On the second Sunday of each month Father Frederick will pass out Icons of a Saint and explain the details of the Icon.

Children’s Christian Education Classes:

Children under 12 and under meet each Sunday at the back of the hall. Teens will meet The first and third Sunday of each month, or as needed. All are welcome to attend whenever they can. Teen focus until January is Prayer. There are optional take home lessons and projects for those interested.

Coffee Hour:

Sign up for Coffee Hour will continue. The sign up is in the hall at the dessert table.. We will continue having a “Theme” of the week. If you have a suggestion place it in the box in the hall, on the dessert table.

December 3rd – Fasting Potluck - Soup

December 10th – Bishop’s Visit, Spaghetti Luncheon

December 17th – Fasting PotLuck “Tacos”

December 24th = Light Refreshments

December 31st – Potluck to Bring in the New Year!

Please continue to bring in non-perishable food items, beverages and paper goods for the hall.

Ministeries:

Communications:

Brian Delp is leader of the Communications Ministry, which includes the church website, Newsletter and videos of the Liturgy on U-tube. If you would like to join this ministry contact Brian Delp during coffee hour.

Connections:

Jacob Beyea is leader of the Connections Ministry where he welcomes parish members and new guests to the Liturgy. He gives a newcomer a Liturgy Book and answers any questions they may have. Contact Jacob during the coffee hour if you would like to join this ministry.

Music:

Rebekah Barton is excited to be Music Ministry Leader and wants to help everyone get on the same page for singing with one voice. Each week pertinent segments of the Liturgy are recorded each weekend the music sheet is posted for your reference and home preparation at the website holyorthodoxmusic.org Everyone is welcome to visit and join in weekly singing practice after coffee hour, outside the hall.

Out Reach Ministry:

There is usually a project every one or two months. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Thanksgiving Baskets were delivered to two families associated with Holy Protection Orthodox Church. Both were very grateful. During Advent everyone is asked to donate items for the Food Bank in Plant City. Collection Boxes are in the Narthex and the Church Hall. Suggested items are listed below, If you would like to join this ministry contact Arlene Tonjes at (863) 221-1464 or during coffee hour.

Food Bank Suggestions:

Canned Goods (of course) (pull off lids or Can opener)
Boxed Milk
Cooking Oil
Spices (Salt and Pepper a real gift)
Tea Bags/Coffee (make them feel like you care)
Sugar and Flour are Treats
Tuna and Crackers, canned meat

Young Adult Ministry:

Joshua Barton is the leader of this ministry and asks young adults to join the group for various events locally and at different parishes throughout Tampa Bay. Contact Josh for more information at (813) 670-2075.

*Please note, this year, after 20 years, we are giving Fr. Harry a break from *annual* home blessings (annual home blessings are not one of his duties as a priest, even though it's a Slavic custom to supplement the priest's income) but he will still bless new homes (which is his duty as a priest). That being said, you CAN bless your own homes. This is a traditional Orthodox custom, that when you get the blessed waters you take it to your homes and bless it because you are priests of the Royal Priesthood. This was the original purpose of Theophany blessing of waters, that the priest blessed the waters, and you took it home as priests of your own home and blessed them. Fr. Harry likely will not say "no" to anyone on the annual home blessings, but he just asks that you don't for this year. Biblically we are supposed to give not just your priest but even animals who work for you a break every 7 years. Let him know you love and respect him by not asking for the annual home blessings just for this year. God gives even beasts of burden a break every 7 years and we are back-owed for this on as a parish, even if we are relatively new.

*Note, tentatively and subject to amendment, Fr. Harry's On Duty Schedule from Sunday January 7 until March 24 will be generally as follows, and it is expected for you to schedule and not just "drop in" and also not to make the priest "wait" for the scheduled appointment:

Sundays from 6am until 3pm
Mondays from 8am until 10pm
Tuesdays from 8am until 1pm
Wednesdays from 8am until 10pm

Fr. Harry and Pani Carrie will be available ONLY for emergencies on Thursday-Saturday from January 7 until March 10

Father Harry will be "on call" for all hours from March 11 through March 23, but will be with his family intermittently (actually all of the time, but with phone off intermittently) and get back to you asap.

From March 24 until April 28 Fr. Harry will be generally on duty:
Wednesdays 8am-10pm
Fridays 8am-10pm
Sundays 8am-10pm

Other days/hours as need per genuine emergency.

From April 28 (Palm Sunday) until Pascha (May 5) Fr. Harry will be working every day morning until night (about 2 weeks of work in one week). Fr. Harry will take personal sessions before Holy Thursday, as we have had 50 days to focus on ourselves for the last 50 days but should focus on Christ alone now. Please note, there are, per church order, no confessions nor memorials from Palm Sunday until St. Thomas Sunday, as our focus is solely on participating in Christ's Passion and Resurrection during those days.

The general schedule above will be departed from on any scheduled time off. In other words, if the priest has to work 60 hours a week, he will be able to take off the other 20 hours in following weeks.

On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life.

By Father Frederick Watson.

"...the least of these..."

...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me. (Matthew 25:35,40)

Do you know anyone in need? That is to say, do you know anyone who has a real need for real resources: food, clothing, shelter, funds, medical care? Has anyone ever called upon you to provide such needs? Or do you shrug them off with an unfeeling, unsympathetic refusal? I used to live in

a big city, and often walked the streets of the downtown area. There I was regularly accosted by individuals seeking money or transportation. Most people I know shrug them off just as regularly, with an unfeeling, unsympathetic refusal.

The reasons often given by most people are based on a kind of profiling of street people. "Oh, all they want is money for drugs or alcohol." "If you give them anything, they will never let you alone." "They are going to steal everything you have."

I decided one day to start giving assistance to people who asked for a specific need, like they were hungry and wanted money for food. At first, I would just give a dollar to each one who asked. When that seemed not enough (who can get anything except a candy bar for a dollar anymore?), I decided to purchase gift certificates from a well-known fast food chain, and give them away to whoever was hungry. Then I would invite them to go with me to that fast food chain restaurant and eat together to learn something about each other. It was satisfying to be able to do something to meet a need. But it was also very apparent that one person handing out gift certificates would never, by itself, solve the world's hunger problems.

In our Orthodox view of life, every part of our life is connected in some way to our Orthodoxy. There is nothing that is not what has come to be called "spiritual" and other things outside that realm. Feeding a hungry body is also feeding a hungry soul. (Think about fasting for a moment.) That is why the Church is involved in the whole life of every person. Our stewardship includes the sharing of time, talent and treasure for the salvation of the whole world. Our stewardship, as well, includes what we can contribute to the feeding of bodies and souls (even one at a time).

Remember what Our Lord Himself said: ... as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.

