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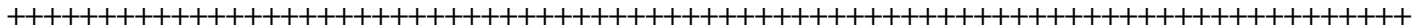
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In case of emergency: Call Father Harry Lisinbigler, (813) 406 – 2620. If there is no answer, leave a message. Then call Pani Carrie at (813) 451-9829



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

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



Schedule:

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. It is also the feast of St. Joseph and St. James.

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.

Sunday, January 14:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 17:

7:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, January 21:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 24:

7:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, January 28:

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday January 31:

7:00 pm Vespers

Parish Council:

President: Ellen Flynn – (863) 242-4865
Vice President: Paula Karagounis – (813) 838-4554
Secretary: Rebecca Delp - (813) 763-5225
Treasurer: Ryan Becker - (813) 965-1881
Financial Secretary: Natalie Brennan – (508) 272-0395

Reader Schedule:

	Reader:	Back Up
Dec. 31	Linda	Ellen
Jan. 7	Arlene	Sbdn Peter
Jan. 14	Derek	Linda
Jan. 21	Joseph N.	Derek
Jan. 28	Ellen	Linda
Feb. 4	Sbdn Peter	Linda

Counter Schedule:

	Council Member	2nd Counter
Dec. 31	Ryan	Stephan
Jan. 7	Ellen	Nancy
Jan. 14	Ellen	Svetlana
Jan. 21	Ellen	Mike
Jan. 28	Ellen	Arlene
Feb. 4	Paula	Joseph

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.

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, Reagan, Jana, Roy, Erin, Cynthia, Rebecca, Petya, Stephanie, Denise, Steven, Nora, Keith, Kassey, Clay, and Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Gwen, Robert, Celina, Amy, Christina, Robert, Soccorro, Travis, Charles, James, Maggie, Eli, Paula, Laura, Kyle, Carol, Sally, Avi, Jean, Ray, Pat, Rebeka, Barbara, Dale, Susan, Deborah, Joseph, Brandon, Joshua, Rebekah, Pani Sue, Father Frederick, and Henry.

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, Ertelle, and Cletus.

If you would like to send a note, card of encouragement to Joshua and Rebekah and Fr. Frederick and Pani Sue their mailing addresses are in the narthex and the hall or see a council member.

Adult Christian Education:

A Bible Study meets on Wednesday evenings at the Fellowship Hall following Vespers on the first and third Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to attend.

On the second Sunday of each month Father Frederick will pass out Icons of a Saint and explain the details of the Icon. Father Frederick's presentation will be postponed until February.

Children's Christian Education Classes:

Children and Teens meet at the back of the Fellowship 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 beginning in January is The Ten Commandments. There are optional take home lessons and projects for those interested.

Fellowship:

Sign up for Fellowship 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.

Fellowship Themes:

Jan. 7 – Barbecue

Jan 14 – Potluck

Jan, 21 – Deli Items

Jan. 28 – Italian

Feb. 4 – Potluck

Feb. 11 – Souper Bowl Fundraiser

Please continue to bring in non-perishable food items and paper goods. The Fellowship Hall is in need of the following Items:

- Luncheon size plates
- Dessert size plates
- Bowls
- Plasticware, Not forks.
- Small bags of Potato Chips
- Assorted snack bars
- Cans of Coffee
- Garbage bags (33 gallon and 13 gallon)
- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Gallon Zipper bags
- Quart Zipper bags

Ministries:

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.

Out Reach Ministry:

There is usually a project every one or two months. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. The December Collection for the Plant City Food Bank donated and delivered 237 pounds of food. Thank you for your generosity. The next project will be a Fundraiser on Souper Bowl Sunday February 11th to collect funds for the IOCC, the International Orthodox Christian Charities that helps the homeless and those most in need, world-wide. If you would like to join this ministry see Arlene Tonjes or Rebeka Becker during Fellowship.

On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life

By Father Frederick Watson

“Baptism and Turning One’s Back on the Church”

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. (1 John 2:15)

At the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation, the candidate (and his or her sponsor) stands at the door of the church facing the East, the rising sun, the symbol of Resurrection and the new life that awaits the newly baptized. At one point in the rite, the candidate is turned away from the East, and is instructed to turn to the West. During the time the candidate faces West, the prayer for the casting out of sin and Satan is prayed by the priest. The candidate is then turned back to the East (seemingly with much relief). He or she is now ready to be joined to Christ and His Church.

That brief moment of turning one’s back on Christ and His Church is the very moment when one’s allegiance to Satan and all his works and all his ways should finally be put behind. Evil and darkness are cast out. All there is to come is brightness and the uncreated Light that is the Transfigured (changed) Christ!

This joining of a person to Christ and His Church is not to be taken lightly. Every Orthodox Christian should strive to maintain this attachment. And every Orthodox Christian is given the means to do so. The Holy Mysteries are available to every Orthodox Christian. A spiritual Father is available to every Orthodox Christian. There should be no question that there are resources for every Orthodox Christian to remain firmly in the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Yet the connection is often lost or becomes only a thin thread holding on. Why? It may be that a person has turned away on purpose – that is, turned his or her back on the Church just as was symbolically done at Baptism. This happens more often than not because the lure of the world to self and selfishness is all around us. From TV commercials to the little ads you see on every internet website to the mounds of junk mail everyone receives every day. These are all calls to satisfy one's own self. These are temptations, lures, attractions to give what means you have to someone else in return for some trinket, service or product that one really does not need.

Such is the beginning of the Orthodox Christian's re-attachment to this world, to sin and to Satan. Such is the beginning of the loss of a true understanding of stewardship. We are Christ's. We belong to Him. All we have is from Him. All we expect to receive eternally is due to His first love for us, and our response of love to Him.

Friday January 5 THEOPHANY eve. The Great Feast of the Epiphany (Manifestation) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and of the All-Holy Trinity in the Jordan Rivier

6:30pm Vespereal Liturgy (to take communion eat fasting foods until 3pm then eat nothing from 3pm onward except for health needs and then eat only what is needed). Followed by the Great Blessing of Waters and Distribution of the blessed waters.

Sunday January 7 Theophany (post-feast); St. John the Baptist

10am Divine Liturgy Distribution of the Blessed Waters.

There will be, God willing (cf. Scripture for that), Liturgy on the Sundays throughout January and Vespers on the Wednesdays throughout January, with Bible Study following on the first and third Wednesdays. There will be no Matins, but we hope (God-willing) to start Matins back up on February, as the Proskomedia period before Liturgy takes longer when the Deacon is in training (kairon, proskomedia, etc. takes the greater part of the hour before Liturgy and we have to figure out timing as the deacon does much of Matins).

*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 to supplement the priest's income it is a Slavic custom to do it every year), 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 the older 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 the homes yourselves as a priestly family of Christ's Church. Biblically we are supposed to give not just your priest but even your animals who work for you a break every 7 years, which we have never given him and he is back-due by three years.

Tentatively and subject to amendment, Fr. Harry's Pastoral on Duty Schedule from Sunday January 7 until March 11 will be generally as follows with exceptions listed. It is expected for you to schedule and not just "drop in," and also not to make the priest "wait" for the scheduled appointment (obvious unexpected delays will happen, but should not become a "habit"), because it will delay other appointments: .

Sundays from 6am until 3pm.

Mondays from 8am until 9pm (Except January 15, in which Fr. Harry is off).

Tuesdays from 8am until 1pm

Wednesdays from 8am until 9pm

Fr. Harry and Pani Carrie will be available for emergencies only in the rest of the week.