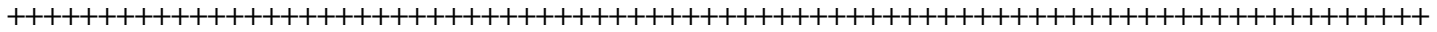


In case of emergency: Call Father Harry Linsinbiger, (813) 406 – 2620. If there is no answer, leave a message. Then call Pani Carrie at (813) 451-9829.or text Father Brian Delp at (813) 763-5226.



3820 Moores Lake Rd.
Dover, FL 33527

“Christ is in our midst! -He is and ever shall be!”
Church Motto: “Cling to What is Good” – Romans
Theme: “Balance”



Schedule:

Sunday, December 1:

10:00 - Divine Liturgy **Thursday,**

December 5:

7:00 Vespers St. Nicholas Bible Study, the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 8:

10:00 - Divine Liturgy Visit from St. Nicholas

Wednesday, December 11

7pm Akathyst

Sunday, December 15:

10:00 – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 18:

7:00 pm Vespers Bible Study, the Fellowship Hall **Sunday,**

December 22:

10:00 - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 24

6PM Christmas EvenVigil

Wednesday, December 25:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Sunday,
December 29:

10:00 - Divine Liturgy

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

Announcements:

Please remember to respect Father Harry’s days off from work. Which are Monday and Tuesday. Unless you have an emergency do not call, text, email or visit on those days. The church grounds are closed during these two days.

Reader’s Schedule:

Dec. 1	Subdn Peter	Linda
Dec. 8	Derek	Arlene
Dec. 15	Linda	Subdn Peter
Dec. 22	Arlene	Ellen
Dec. 29	Ellen	Derek
Jan. 5	Subdn Peter	Linda

Counter Schedule:

	Council Member	2ndCounter
Dec. 1	Ryan	Jacob
Dec. 8	Ryan	Mike
Dec. 15	Ryan	Svetlana
Dec. 22	Ryan	Nancy
Dec. 29	Ryan	Jacob
Jan. 5	Ellen	Mike

This year we are going to use old envelopes that we have leftover from previous years. We will then move to individual envelopes when those are gone.

2025 calendars are here. We have a suggested donation of \$3 to help defer the costs.

Volunteers Needed:

The council is looking for members willing to help as a counter once a month. You would assist a council member count and reconcile the day's offerings. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please see a council member.

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: Mike, Stella, Amanda, Darla, Bruce, Arlene, Laura, Trevor, Rick, Nicole, Martha, Tim, Vilma, Dan, John, Sherrie, Chuck, Rick, Tony, Michelle, Jana, Erin, Cynthia, Petya, Denise, Keith, Kasey, Clay, Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Robert, Celina, Christina, Robert, Socorro, Eli, Paula, Laura, Kyle, Sally, Avi, Rebeka, Barbara, Susan, Joseph, Rebekah, Pani Sue, Father Frederick, Lynn, Tiffany, Matthew, Lori, Michelle, Erica, Anton, Carter, Samantha, Jacob, Leigh, Richard, Pani Rebecca, Kathy, Konstantin, Tina, Anthony, Patricia, and Tom.

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, Cletus, Joshua, Sara, Dawn, Stacy, Jean, and Marie.

Fellowship:

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.

Themes:

Dec. 8 - Fasting St. Nicholas Day – Pizza Dec. 15 – Fasting Soups
Dec. 22 – Fasting Casseroles
Dec. 29 – Meat Lovers Dishes
Jan. 5 - Potluck, Celebrate 2025

- The Fellowship Hall is in need of the following items:
- Individual Bags of Chips (variety)
- Individual Granola Bars
- Individual Puddings
- Large Bags of Tortilla Chips/ Potato Chips
- Jars of Salsa
- Toilet Paper
- Plates, All Sizes
- Garbage Bags, (33 gal. and 13 gal.)
- Kleenex

Christian Education:

Bible Study:

A Bible Study meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month in the Fellowship Hall after 7:00 pm. Vespers. All are welcome to attend.

Youth Christian Education:

Classes are going well with the children meeting weekly in the back of the church, or working outside on a project. Notice their beautiful hanging on the church hall window. The teens meet twice a month focusing on the ten commandments and reviewing prayer and feast days. They will meet December 8th and 22th this month.

Ministries:

Men's Book Club:

A new ministry is starting. The purpose of the Men's Book Club is to have a men's fellowship to grow closer, stronger, and supportive through meeting and discussing books. Meetings are planned for the second and fourth weeks of every month (opposite weeks of the Bible Study) on Thursdays. The first topic will be John Cassian's The Institutes, which is about the eight deadly vices that we struggle with and the remedies to them. The book is made up of several "books". The first meeting will focus on the fifth book: "The Spirit of Gluttony". Extra books will be available and a PDF that can be downloaded onto an e-reader, such as a kindle for easy portability.

If any of the men in the parish want to join the discussions, please text or call Alex (786) 439-9180 or Calaam (863) 257- 9023 for more information about the time, location, or date.

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 Fellowship,

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 Fellowship if you would like to join this ministry.

Outreach Ministry:

There is usually a project every one or two months. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. If you would like to join this ministry, see Arlene Tonjes or Rebekah Becker during the Fellowship. Due to the needs from the recent hurricane, we are still collecting cash to assist those in the parish in need, You can place your donations in the basket as you enter the church. During November we prepared two Thanksgiving baskets that were given to two needy families in the parish. They were most appreciative. We also collected and donated canned goods to Feed Tampa Bay in response to Hurricane Milton.

During the month of December we will be collecting:

- canned goods
- can openers
- cooking oil
- salt and pepper
- tea bags
- sugar
- flour
- tuna
- crackers

On Stewardship and the Christian Life

By Father Frederick Watson

“An Infant. Some Shepherds. The Magi.”

“Then, opening their treasures...they offered Him gifts” (Matthew 2:11 RSV)

In our era, the Feast of the Holy Nativity of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ (popularly known as “Christmas”) is all about giving. Most importantly, it is all about the giving of the Son of God from our Father. God gave us His Son Jesus Christ freely, without our asking.

=Throughout his adult life Jesus always taught us to give and to serve. But, when He first came into this world as the Child of a poor family who had but a cave as shelter, He came as Someone who needed help. It was not by chance that He was born without a place to lay His head. What does this mean for us? Among many other things, Christ’s coming into the world as a humble and helpless infant shows us there is no shame in being poor. When we practice stewardship and give more and more of ourselves and of our time, talent and treasure, we may begin to think of ourselves as better than someone in need. We may look down upon those who need our generosity. We may take pride in our own skills and accomplishments, even though we are giving them back to God. We may, in fact, begin to look down on the poor; feel sorry for them; and, like the Pharisee, thank God that we are not “like” those “poor people.”

The shepherds who kept watch over their flocks by night, have a permanent place in the Nativity story. They made the trek from the fields in the middle of the night and brought only themselves and their sheep. What was their stewardship? Think about it. When was the last time you visited someone in the hospital who was not an immediate family member or close friend? When did you last show care to the neighbor next door, or the poor widow down the street? Even if all we have to give is our interest, our caring, and our time to go and visit – these are important gifts to give.

Like most of us, the Magi were men with many blessings. They are praised in the Nativity story not just for coming to worship Jesus but also for bringing Him gifts. Many Christians do not live close to their churches. Like the Magi of old they travel a long way to Christ. But they also travel with gifts to bring for Him. We also are expected to bring our gifts with us. Whether we travel a short distance or long one, our wisdom is to come bearing gifts that the One whom we worship may be honored and blessed with our gifts.

In our era, the Feast of the Holy Nativity of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ (Christmas) is all about giving...