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3820 Moores Lake Rd.  
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*Theme: “Balance”*

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

**Church Motto: “Cling to What is Good” – Romans**

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**Schedule:**

**Wednesday, April 2**

5pm Confessions  
6pm Liturgy Presanctified Gifts  
7:15pm Bible Study

**Friday, April 4**

10 am Confessions (final day until St. Thomas Sunday)  
11 am Liturgy Presanctified Gifts (unless Pani has surgery)

*April 5-12 Fr Harry &Pani Carrie on mission trip*

**Sunday, April 6:**

10:00 Divine Liturgy St. Mary of Egypt

**Wednesday, April 9:**

7:00 Bible Study

**Sunday, April 13:**

10:00 Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday

**April 15 Great Tuesday**

6pm Bridegroom Presanctified Liturgy w/Holy Unction (only communing Orthodox Christians in good standing can receive unction)

**April 17 Great Thursday**

7pm Candlelight Passion Christ Matins (Strasti)

**April 18 Great Friday**

6-8 pm Crucifixion and Burial Christ

**April 19 & 20**

Saturday 11:30am-1pm First Resurrection Liturgy  
10:30 pm Nocturnes  
10:45 pm-1:15 am Matins with Paschal Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday April 23:**

7:00 Bible Study

**Bright Friday April 25**

10 am Resurrection Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, April 27:**

10:00 Divine Liturgy St. Thomas Sunday

**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’s Schedule:**

April 6	Arlene	Linda
April 13	Subdn Peter	Ellen
Pascha	Linda	Derek
April 20	Arlene	Arlene
April 27	Derek	Arlene
March 30	Ellen	Derek
May 4	Ellen	Linda

**Counter Schedule:**

	<b>Council Member</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup>Counter</b>
April 6	Paula	Mike
April 13	Paula	Jacob
April 20	Ellen	Natalie
April 27	Paula	Derek/Apryl
May 4	Pani Rebecca	Jacob

**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.

**Parish Etiquette:**

We should try to be at church when the priest intones, “Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

- Dish Soap
- Garbage Bags, 33 gal. and 15 gal.

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**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, Kassey, Clay, Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Robert, Celina, Christina, Robert, Soccorro, Eli, Paula, Laura, Kyle, Sally, Avi, Rebeka, Barbara, Susan, Joseph, Rebekah, Father Frederick, Lynn, Tiffany, Matthew. Michelle, Anton, Carter, Samantha, Jacob, Richard, Konstantin, Tina, Anthony, Patricia, Emily, Colter, Riley, Merle, and Mihail, Sally,

**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, Jea, Pani Susan, Tom, and Patricia.

**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:**

- April 6 - Bagels and Fruit
- April 13 – Fasting, Fish Allowed
- April 20 - Pascha
- April 27 – Meat Lovers
- May 4 - Potluck, Bring your Favorite Food

**The Fellowship Hall:**

The following items are needed:

- Individual Bags of Chips (variety)
- Individual Granola Bars
- Coffee
- Tea, Sweet and Unsweetened
- Plates, all Sizes
- Bowls
- Forks
- Individual Puddings
- Large Bags of Tortilla/Potato Chips
- Jars of Salsa

**Pascha Flowers:**

A collection for Pascha Flowers will be asked the first two Sundays in April.

**Pysanky Egg Decorating:**

Natalie Brennan and Tracy Galla will be leading a class in Pysanky egg decorating for those interested. You will need to bring an egg on a Sunday after fellowship. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and the date will be determined later. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

**Church Cleaning:**

In preparation for Pascha volunteers are needed to dust icons, polish brass and steam clean floors on Saturday April 12. What is not completed will need to be finished after Fellowship on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

**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. 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. The large class has been divided into a younger group and middle group.

The teens meet twice a month focusing on the ten commandments and reviewing prayer and feast days. They will meet April at an available table in the Fellowship Hall.

Soon parish members will be asked to speak to the teen group about their careers or vocations.

**Ministries:**

**Men’s Book Club:**

Meetings are planned for the second and fourth weeks of every month (opposite weeks of the Bible Study They have finished the book The Institutes. they have gone to Panagia Vlahernon Men’s Monastery in Williston, which is near Ocala, to restore damaged graves. A new book will be voted

on at the next meeting and the next visit to the monastery will be discussed.

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

#### **Communications:**

Father 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 Father Brian 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.

April 12 we are supporting the Plant City Pregnancy Care Center. This year's theme is for each of us to become a "Warrior for Life" and support those who participate in the walk for life. A collection for their walk will be held on two Sundays in April. Interested individuals can sign up and register to walk in the Narthex.

The mission of the Pregnancy Care Center is to share God's compassion and provision to those facing an unexpected pregnancy and to uphold the sanctity of life. Two of the services provided at the center are: ultrasounds, and parenting classes for moms and dads at no cost.

The center's goal this year is to raise \$80,000 to reach abortion- vulnerable women and men; offering support and services to help them choose life. Last year, 31 clients made the decision to follow Christ, and 81 lives were saved from abortion!

A signup sheet is in the Narthex. You are being asked to wear your blue Holy Protection Tee Shirt or a light blue shirt and join the team and Team Leaders Derek and Apryl between 8:30 and 8:45 on April 12. The information and parking location is near the signup sheet in the Narthex.

## **On Stewardship and the Christian Life**

By Father Frederick Watson

## **"The Loyalty Test III"**

*"God loves a cheerful giver."* (2 Corinthians 9:7 RSV)

Cheerful giving – here is the loyalty test that challenges Christian believers today. The New Testament teaches us to give voluntarily to support the needs of others. The community in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles set the standard very high: *"And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need."* (Acts 2:45). The churches of Greece in St. Paul's day provided a large offering for the needs of the Jerusalem church. The Saint writes: *"I am going to Jerusalem with aid for the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem"* (Romans 15:25-26).

Cheerful giving provided support for Church workers in the expansion of mission outreach. St. Paul again to the church in Philippi: *"And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, (you) entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving ... for even in Thessalonica you sent me help once and again"* (Philippians 4:15-16).

No specific amount of giving is ever commanded, and no percentage is suggested. While a tithe or tenth of one's finances may be a good standard to use for Christian giving, it is clear the early church did not focus on a specific amount but rather on meeting needs.

This sometimes included giving much more than a tenth, as some believers sold homes or land to meet the needs that existed in the church: *"And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need. Thus Joseph who was surnamed by the apostles Barnabas (which means, Son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field which belonged to him, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet"* (Acts 4:33-37).

God's gifts to us now are no less than the gifts that were abundantly showered on Adam and Eve in the Garden. Those gifts are no less abundant than the gifts that God provided for His people Israel in the

Promised land flowing with milk and honey. God's gifts today flow upon us all. Take the test of loyalty to our God. The test is simple. It goes like this: "*God loves a cheerful giver.*"

**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 those days. The church grounds are closed during this time.