

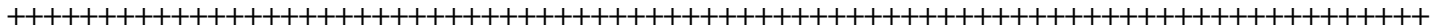


In case of emergency: Call Father Harry Linsinbigler, (813) 406 – 2620. If there is no answer, leave a message. Then call Pani Carrie at (813) 451-9829.or text Father Brian Delp at (813) 763-5226.

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

3820 Moores Lake Rd.
Dover, FL 33527

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



Schedule:

See Attached

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.

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:

March 2	Arlene	Derek
March 9	Subdn Peter	Ellen
March 16	Derek	Linda
March 23	Linda	Arlene
March 30	Ellen	Derek
April 6	Subdcn Peter	Linda

Counter Schedule:

	Council Member	2ndCounter
March 2	Natalie	Shannon
March 9	Natalie	Derek/Apryl
March 16	Natalie	Jacob
March 23	Natalie	Svetlana
March 30	Natalie	Nancy
April 6	Paula	Mike

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, 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, Lori, Michelle, Erica, Anton, Carter, Samantha, Jacob, Leigh, Richard, Konstantin, Tina, Anthony, Patricia, Emily, Colter, Riley, Merle, and Mihail.

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 Pancia..

Parish Etiquette:

How should we Show Proper Respect and Reverence in Church? When we come to church, we are entering the Kingdom of God on earth, (or Heaven on earth.) Our purpose is to pray and worship God. It is important to enter quietly and reverently. Those in church are in prayer and need a quiet environment.

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:

March 2 – Cheesefare Sunday (any cheesy dish)

March. 9 - Bagels and Fruit

March 16 - Veggie Potluck

March 23 - Salad Bar

March 30 - Potluck Fasting

April 6 - Bagels and Fruit

The Fellowship Hall:

The following items are needed:

- Individual Bags of Chips (variety)
- Individual Granola Bars
- Coffee
- Plates, all Sizes
- Forks
- Small spoons
- Individual Puddings
- Large Bags of Tortilla/Potato Chips
- Jars of Salsa

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. The first Wednesday of this month we will meet in the church.

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 March 2nd and March 16th at an available table in the Fellowship Hall. On March 9th they will meet with Father Harry in the church to learn about Orthodox

vestments.

Ministries:

Men's Book Club:

Meetings are planned for the second and fourth weeks of every month (opposite weeks of the Bible Study) They are beginning the book of The Spirit of Pride. On Saturday March 1, they planned on going to Panagia Vlahernon Men's Monastery in Williston, which is near Ocala, to restore damaged graves. 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:

We are excited to announce that we will be transitioning our communication platform to Flocknote. Flocknote will not only be able to continue providing a way to send our monthly newsletters but will also provide a convenient way for group emails and texting. In this way, when important information needs to be shared, it will simplify the process and keep current contact information for everyone in one place. It will also allow us to create and manage groups which will tailor the messages to only those specific people who are in those groups. The texting feature is something new for us to use in this way for the purpose of managing updates or information that needs to be shared throughout the month in between newsletter publication. Both the email and texting features are bidirectional, which means if you reply to a message, we will see your response and will be able to truly communicate just like with regular emails or texting. Groups, such as the various ministries, will also be able to manage themselves and have access to create and send their own messages to those within their group.

We are asking that you opt in to this new platform. You can do so by visiting:

holyprotection/flocknote.com

or text to join by sending the phrase:

GoodNews to 84576

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.

On February 9th we celebrated Souper Bowl Sunday by having a second collection for the benefit of the homeless and those in need. Thank you for your generosity, we collected \$450 that was sent to the IOCC, (International Orthodox Christian Charities), which, in the spirit of Christ's love, offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination.

During the months of March and April we will sign up a group to walk in support of the Plant City Pregnancy Care Center. This year's theme is for each of us to become "Warriors for Life" and support those who participate in the walk for life. A collection for their walk on April 12 will be held closer to that date. Interested individuals can sign up and register to walk in the event,

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!

On Stewardship and the Christian Life

By Father Frederick Watson

Land of Opportunity

"...put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:14 RSV) *"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* (Galatians 3:27 RSV) *"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we*

Events in recent years have rekindled the discussion about immigration into our country. As our Christian forebears were mostly all immigrants, this is a discussion that could affect us deeply. In generations past, many came to this country from Europe because the United States of America was seen as "the land of opportunity." For those who had little or no opportunity in their own homelands, America seemed to be the place to come.

But what was the "opportunity" that these immigrants sought – and, as well, what the modern-day immigrants seek. What was this "opportunity" that was not theirs elsewhere, but was available in the USA? A definition of "opportunity" is a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something, specifically, a chance for employment or promotion. For some, opportunity means the chance to gain oneself in a new location, what could not be gained where one was. If immigrating to America was done to "get ahead" financially, many did so. And many continue to attempt to do so today. The question to be asked is this: what does one do with the gains one has made through a change of location, a real change of life?

In a sense, being a Christian is being an immigrant seeking a better life. When one is becomes a Christian, by whatever means, that new life begins. The immigration is complete. That new life is described by St. Paul as having "*put on Christ.*" We can very well look at how we are blessed in our American life in the same way precisely as we have been blessed with our Christianity.

When God entrusts to us, in our new Christian life, means and riches that abound as they do in America, God does so with the purpose that we use these means not for personal gains and satisfaction, but to adorn the New Life of Christ that we have put on. We are to represent Christ, the Christ we have "*put on.*" We are to live not to please and glorify ourselves, or to receive honor because we have succeeded in finding material gains in this "*new life.*" The self of the pre-baptismal life is gone. Selfishness is put aside. "*For me to live is Christ...*" (Philippians 1:21 RSV)

