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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.

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

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Theme: “Balance”

Schedule: Please see Flocknote for full descriptions

Wednesday, April 1

5pm Confessions
6pm Liturgy of Presanctified gifts
7pm Bible Study

Friday, April 3

Eve Lazarus Saturday
5pm decorated church
6pm Vespers Lazarus Saturday with Presanctified Liturgy.

Sunday, April 5:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
Palm Sunday

Great Tuesday, April 7

6pm Bridegroom Presanctified Liturgy followed by Holy Unction

Great & Holy Thursday April 9

7pm Candlelight Passion of Christ

Great & Holy Friday April 10

6-8 pm Crucifixion and Burial of Christ
Great Saturday & Great & Holy Pascha
11:30 am First Resurrection Vesperal Liturgy w/Baptisms & Christmations
10:30 pm Nocturns 10:45pm Paschal light, procession, Divine Liturgy

Bright Wednesday April 15

6pm Resurrection Vespers

Bright Friday April 17

10 am Bright week Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 19:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
St. Thomas Sunday

Sunday April 26:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
MyrrhBearing Women

Sunday May 3:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Reader’s Schedule:

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Back Up</u>
Apr. 5	Derek	Ellen
Pascha	Ellen	Linda
April 19	Peter	Derek
April 26	Linda	Arlene
May 3	Arlene	Linda

Counter Schedule:

	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>2ndCounter</u>
Apr. 5	Paula	Mike B.
Apr. 12	Paula	Howard
April 19	Paula	Jacob
April 26	Paula	Nancy
May 3	Stephane	Svetlana

Venerating Icons:

The Orthodox Church teaches that it is proper to venerate , not worship, icons. It is acceptable to kiss either the hands or feet of the saint depicted in the icon, or scroll, the Gospel book, or handcross a saint is holdin. Please do not wear lipstick since the residue will ruin the icons.

Fellowship Hall Themes:

April 5 – Palm Sunday Potluck
April 12 – Pascha , on your own
April 19 – Meatlovers
April 26 – Italian
May 3 –Potluck

Remember: Sign up to help clean the Fellowship Hall after Lunch! The sign up sheet is at the Dessert Table. Many hands make Work Light!

Tasks include:

- Clear Food Counters and wipe down with sanitizer.
- Dishes, washed, dried and put away
- Floors swept
- Trash emptied and taken to the road
- Make the Fellowship Hall ready for the next W

The Fellowship Hall Supplies:

The following supplies are needed:

- Individual Snacks, Chips, Fruit cups Juice Cups, and Pudding
- Peanut Butter
- Snack Bars, individual
- Hot Chocolate Packets
- Jello cups
- Forks
- Paper Towels/ Toilet Paper
- Garbage Bags, 33 gal.
- Drinks, Unsweetened Tea

Volunteers Needed:

The council is looking for members willing to help as a counter once a month. You would assist a council member in counting and reconciling 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, Nicole, Ashley, 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, Laura, Kyle, Sally, Avi, Barbara, Susan, Joseph, Father Frederick, Matthew. Anton, Jacob, Richard, Konstantin, Tina, Anthony, Patricia, Emily, Colter, Riley, Kent, Donna, Lorelei, Sbdn Peter, Kelly, Rachel, Kelly, Natalie, Denise, Judy, Joshua, and Brittanly, Joseph

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, Taras, Joanne, Mihail, Tom, Briana, Mary, Isabelle, Debbie, Evan, and Patricia.

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Christian Education:

Bible Study:

Bible Study meets at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Youth Christian Education:

The elementary group will meet during the homily on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The teens will meet each Sunday at an announced location at 12:15 and assist adults in cleaning the Fellowship Hall when they are able to do so.

Volunteers:

The elementary group is looking for volunteers to assist the teachers during the lesson and during hands on sessions during fellowship. Interested individuals or parents should see Alex during fellowship.

Ministries:

Men's Book Group:

Meetings are planned for the second and fourth weeks of the month. If any of the men in the parish want to join the Men's Book Club, please see Alex or Calaam for more information during Fellowship.

Newly Growing Women's Group:

Interested parish members should speak to Jennifer Langlois during coffee hour. Meetings will involve discussions about Father Harry's podcasts. and making orthodox centered crafts.

Communications:

Father Brian Delp is leader of the Communications Ministry, which includes the church website, newsletter, and videos of the Liturgy on U-tube. One way to keep in touch is to text GOODNEWS to 84576; or connect online at holyprotection.flocknote.com If you would like to join this ministry, contact Father Brian during Fellowship.

Welcome Ministry:

Manny is leader of the Welcome Ministry where he welcomes parish members and new guests to the Liturgy. He gives the newcomer a Liturgy Book and answers any questions they may have. We are looking for parishioners who would like to assist in welcoming people before Liturgy, Contact Manny or Pani Carrie during Fellowship if you would like to join this ministry.

Outreach Ministry:

During the month of March collected more than \$500 in cash donations for The Pregnancy Care Center Of Plant City to support their Walk for Life, which will be held on Saturday April 11. Anyone wishing to register and walk during the Walk can contact Derek during coffee hour. He will register you online. Walkers should wear a light blue shirt or the church tee shirt during the walk and meet the team between 8:30 and 9:30. The walk begins at 9:30.

Anyone wishing to join this Ministry should contact Arlene, Derek, or Apryl during Fellowship.

UOL News:

Essay Contest: See copies in the Narthex. Essays are due April 30, 2026. Leave any essays with Linda during fellowship.

UOL, Praying Our Way Through Lent:

Beginning Monday, February 23rd, all who wish to participate were encouraged to use the Orthodox Study Bible to pray at home along with other Orthodox Christians. Participants follow a schedule of prayers sent by email from the organizer. Please send your email address to: linda.m.winters@verizon.net if you would like to join; it may not be too late.

Ministry Leaders: To add announcements to the newsletter, send a note: by the last Tuesday of the month to: 863-221-1464 (text or email) arlenetonjes@hotmail.com

On Stewardship and the Christian Life

By Father Frederick Watson

“In Debt to God

“I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish...”
(Romans 1:14 RSV)

When St. Paul speaks to the Romans about being “*under obligation*,” he actually means that he is *in debt* to “*Greeks and to barbarians...to the wise and to the foolish.*” What does St. Paul owe to these people he mentions? And why does Paul say he is in “debt” to them? When we speak of being “in debt,” we usually refer to the amount of money we owe on credit cards, loans or mortgages. We have purchased something or we have borrowed cash, and we owe the cost or the repayment. These are our debts. St. Paul says he is in debt to virtually all people, including the “*wise and the foolish.*” Here St. Paul is not talking about money (which is perhaps why the translators have used the word “obligation” rather than “debt”).

St. Paul recognized what he has received, not only from God but from the Church. When he was known as Saul, St. Paul persecuted the Church. He is said to have actually murdered Christians, and was giving his approval to the death of Stephen when

Stephen was stoned. St. Paul, however, was rescued from his life as a persecutor. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he was converted to Christianity and was given many gifts to use to spread Christianity to the known world.

God had revealed His truth to St. Paul. What St. Paul “owed” as a debt was an obligation to take this truth and share it with Greeks, barbarians, the wise and the foolish. He felt he had to pay God back for the many gifts St. Paul himself had received in the process of his conversion and the mission work that followed.

Seldom do we think about the fact that all that we have are gifts from God. The first and foremost gift is the gift of life on this earth. Our lives, provided and supported by God Himself, become our own debt to God. We owe *Him* our lives. We owe God something in repayment for allowing us to live on this earth. But there is more. We have been given the means by which we live, the money by which we buy the necessities (and pleasures) of life. But these, too, are loans, so to speak. We have become debtors to God. We owe God a return on what He has actually “lent” to us while we are on earth. None of this is our own – we are debtors to God.

St. Paul saw his life, his whole life, all he was and all he owned and all the gifts given to him as missionary and preacher something he needed to give back. Let us take stock of our lives, and see how much we actually owe to God and our neighbor.