



3820 Moores Lake Rd.
Dover, FL 33527

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

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 always shall be!

Schedule:

Sunday, March 1:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
Orthodoxy Sunday

Sunday, March 8

10:00 Divine Liturgy
St. Gregory Palamas

Sunday, March 15:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
The Veneration of the Cross

Sunday, March 22:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
St. John Climacus

Wednesday, March 25:

The Annunciation

Sunday, March 29:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
St. Mary of Egypt

For complete Lenten service schedule, connect online at holyprotection.flocknote.com or text GOODNEWS to 84576.

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: Stephane Blanc (954) 243-6586

Treasurer: Josef Adamiak: (352) 433-6634

Fin. Secretary: Natalie Brennan : (508) 272-0395

Reader’s Schedule:

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Back Up</u>
Mar. 1	Ellen	Derek’
Mar. 8 -	Johnathan	Arlene
Mar. 15	Linda	Sbdn Peter
Mar. 22	Arlene	Ellen
Mar. 29	Sbdn Peter	Linda
Apr. 5	Derek	Ellen

Counter Schedule:

	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>2ndCounter</u>
Mar. 1	Natalie	Mike W.
Mar. 8	Natalie	Jacob
Mar. 15.	Natalie	Nancy
Mar. 22	Natalie	Svetlana
Mar. 29	Natalie	Howard
Apr. 5	Paula	Mike B.

Parish Etiquette:

Entering the Church = The Divine Liturgy begins when the priest intones, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." We should arrive early enough to receive this blessing, When we arrive later it causes a distraction for those who are praying.

Fellowship Hall Themes:

Mar. 1 Fasting Potluck

Mar. 8 – Lenten Breads and Coffee

Mar. 15 Favorite Vegetable Dish

Mar. 22 – Favorite Fruits

Mar. 29 – Salad Bar

April 5 – Palm Sunday 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 Bags of Chips (variety)
- Individual snack items
- Juice cups, 8 – 12 oz.
- Peanut Butter
- Snack Bars, individual
- Fruit Cups/
- Pudding cups
- Jello cups
- Forks
- Paper Towels/ Toilet Paper
- Garbage Bags, 33 gal.
- Drinks
- **No Coffee Needed**
- **No Knives or Spoons Needed**

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, Rick, Chris, 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, Paula, Laura, Kyle, Sally, Avi, Rebeka, Barbara, Susan, Joseph, Rebekah, Father Frederick, Matthew. Michelle, Anton, Jacob, Richard, Konstantin, Tina, Anthony, Patricia, Emily, Colter, Riley, Kent, Donna, Lorelei, Sbdn Peter, Kelly, Rebecca Rachel, Kelly, Natalie, Maggie, Denise, Judy, Joshua, and Brittanly

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.

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:

Jacob Beyea 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 Jacob or Pani Carrie during Fellowship if you would like to join this ministry.

Outreach Ministry:

On Souper Bowl Sunday we supported the Soup Kitchen in Ukraine by collecting _____. We also enjoyed delicious soups prepared by parishioners during Fellowship.

During the month of April we will collect cash donations for The Pregnancy Care Center Of Plant City and 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.

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.

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
"Count the Cost"

"(Hannah) was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow... (1 Samuel 1:10-11 RSV)

Jesus reminds his followers that it is always necessary to "count the cost." Listen to His words: *"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" (Luke 14:28 RSV).* Good stewards understand what it costs to be good stewards. Hannah, mother of the Prophet Samuel, also knew what it costs to be a good steward.

Hannah was without children. This was a source of not only personal sorrow for her, but also a cause for others to mock her childlessness. It was not socially acceptable in those days for a married woman to be childless. So, Hannah prayed fervently to the Lord for a child. So fervent were her prayers, that those prayers included a vow, a promise that Hannah would keep in exchange for a child. And what was that promise she made to God? She promised God that she would dedicate her child to the Lord's service. In time God granted Hannah's prayer. She bore a son whose name was Samuel.

Hannah then kept her part of the bargain. Hannah counted the cost and completed what she had vowed to do. She offered her only son to the God who had given him to her in the first place.

It seems that most parents sacrifice their children so some god or another. Would that we faithful stewards offer our children to the God to Whom they belong anyway. Would it not be better to offer our children to a life of service to God and His Church than to try and nurture them in the ways of this world – the ways of materialistic buying and selling? Hannah recognized in what had to have been a very emotional moment, the truth that David the Psalmist would later write: *"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness"* (Psalm 84:10 RSV).

Good stewards count the cost of their stewardship and then make a response in faith. That stewardship includes much more than what we do or don't do with our money. Faithful parents who are also good stewards know that their children, though generated by them, do not belong to them. Their children are gifts of God that are to be cherished, nurtured, cared for, and brought up in the fear of the Lord.

God offers us children with the knowledge that we will give them back to Him.

