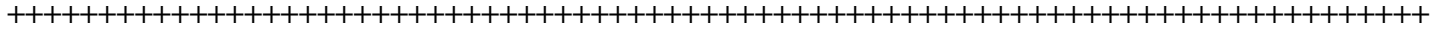


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Church Motto: "Cling to What is Good" – Romans
Theme: "Balance"

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 Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**



Schedule:

Sunday, May 3:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 6:

10 am Divine Liurgy

Midfeast Pentecost

7:00 pm. Bible Study

Sunday, May 11:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 17:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 20:

Leave-taking of Pascha

7:00 pm, Bible Study

Thursday, May 24:

Ascension of the Lord

Sts. Constantine and Helen

Sunday, May 31 Pentecost:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

For Weekly Services connect online at holyprotection.flocknote.com

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>
May 3	Arlene	Ellen
May 10	Linda	Derek
May 17	Derek	Arlene
May 24	Ellen	Derek
May 31	Sbdn Peter	Linda
June 7	Linda	Sbdn Peter

Counter Schedule:

	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>2ndCounter</u>
May 3	Stephane	Svetlana
May 10	Stephane	Mike B.
May 17	Stephane	Howard
May 24	Stephane	Jacob
May 31	Stephane	Nancy
June 7	Josef	Svetlana

Parish Etiquette:

Special Considerations During Liturgy:

Refrain from socializing while in the nave of the church. Keep your greetings and conversations for the church porch or fellowship hall. The nave is to greet God with our prayers and worship.

Fellowship Hall Themes:

May 3 –Potluck

May 10 – Mother’s Day Luncheon

May 17 – Breakfast for Lunch

May 24 – Memorial Day Luncheon

May 31 – Asian Heritage Luncheon

June 7 - Pot Luck, Your Choice

Remember: Sign up to help clean the Fellowship Hall after Lunch! The signup 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 Week.

The Fellowship Hall Supplies:

The following supplies are needed:

- Snack Bars, individual
- Hot Chocolate Packets
- Large dinner plates, Dessert plates Forks, Spoons
- Paper Towels/Toilet Paper/Tissues
- Garbage Bags, 33 gal./13 gal.
- Coffee creamer and K-cups, regular and decaf
- Spray Sanitizer

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, Barbara, Charlie, Jana, Erin, Petya, Denise, Keith, Kassey, Clay, Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Robert, Celina, Christina, Robert, Socorro, Eli, Laura, Kyle, Sally, Avi, Barbara, Father Frederick, Matthew. Anton, Jacob, Richard, Konstantin, Tina, Anthony, Patricia, Riley, Kent, Donna, Lorelei, Sbdn Peter, Rachel, Kelly, Natalie, Denise, Joshua, and Brittanly, Ilham, Fr. Deacon Brian

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, Estelle, Cletus, Joshua, Sara, Dawn, Stacy, Jea, Pani Susan, Taras, Joanne, Mikhail, Tom, Briana, Mary, Isabelle, Debbie, Evan, Patricia, Joseph

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 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 begins. Contact Manny or Pani Carrie during Fellowship if you would like to join this ministry.

Outreach Ministry:

In March collected more than \$500 in cash donations for The Pregnancy Care Center Of Plant City to support their Walk for Life, which will was held on Saturday April 11. Anyone wishing to join this Ministry should contact Arlene, Derek, or Apryl during Fellowship.

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)

actonjes@hotmail.com

On Stewardship and the Christian Life

By Father Frederick Watson

The Gift of Generosity

“Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!” (Psalm 37:7 RSV)

This Psalm ponders how well the wicked appear to fare in this life. The Psalmist finds this not only unjust but distasteful. The situation is often pondered even today, more than two thousand years later. We today often compare our own situations in life with others who seem to thrive due to “ill-gotten gains.” We work and play by the rules, yet never seem to get “ahead.” The Psalm, however, is clear: *“Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil”* (Psalm 37:7 RSV).

There has always existed those in the churches some form of what has been called the “gospel of prosperity.” This corrupt understanding of the Gospel urges believers to give to God for the single purpose that God will give back to them. What a turnaround! Perhaps our own society has taught us to treat God as we do each other: I give to you – you give back to me, and in some way we are better off!

This Psalm provides sage advice for those who buy into the gospel of prosperity. It advises Christian stewards: *“Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security”* (Psalm 37:3 RSV). This is a total reversal of that prosperity Gospel. God is not good to us because we first give to Him. Rather, God frees us from our insecurities about earthly things so that we may then give to and for others. We do this by offering to God our gifts and talents.

And then what happens? The Psalm tells us clearly: *“...wait patiently for him.”* Wait. Be patient. Wait on Him! How hard this is in our world today. To wait. And wait. And wait. We want what we want, and we want it now! It is God who prepares life for us. It is not something that, as the TV commercials proclaim, we “grab by the horns.”

God offers us prosperity as a gracious gift. There are no strings attached. There is no way to “buy” it by our stewardship. There is no way to get by giving. God in His graciousness supplies our needs, not our wants. James Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China in the nineteenth century said, “God’s work done in God’s way will never lack for God’s supply.”

The great stewardship gift given by God is the gift of generosity.