



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.

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“Christ is Baptized;

- -In the Jordan!”

**3820 Moores Lake Rd.
 Dover, FL 33527**

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

Schedule:

Sunday, February 1:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 4:

7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday, February 8:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

The Prodigal Son

Sunday February 15:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Meatfare Sunday

Wednesday February 18:

7:00 Bible Study

Sunday, February 22:

10:00 Divine Liturgy:

Cheesefare Sunday

Monday, February 22:

Lent Begins

Wednesday, February 24:

6pm Presanctified Liturgy

7pm Class on Presanctified Liturgy with Lenten Snacks

Thursday, February 25:

6pm Canon of Repentance

Friday, February 26:

11 am Presanctified Liturgy

March 1:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

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>
Feb. 1	Linda	Derek
Feb, 8	Arlene	Sbdcn, Peter
Feb. 15	Sbdcn Peter	Arlene
Feb, 22	Derek	Ellen
Mar, 1	Ellen	Derek

Counter Schedule:

	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>2ndCounter</u>
Feb. 1	Josef	Howard
Feb, 8	Josef	Svetlana
Feb. 15	Josef	Mike W,
Feb, 22	Josef	Mike B.
Mar, 1	Natalie	Mike W,

Parish Etiquette: Fellowship:

Be happy to welcome newcomers to your table. This shows hospitality to strangers and will help visitors feel welcome and comfortable to return to your parish. It is an important time to teach our children the necessity of manners and God-pleasing honor.

Fellowship Themes:

Feb. 1 – Picnic Luncheon UOL Jr./Teens

Feb. 8 - Souper Bowl Luncheon UOL

Feb, 15 _ Fried Chicken, provided (Meat Fare)

Feb. 22nd – Cheese Fare

Mar. 1 Fasting 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!

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, Kasey, 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.

The Fellowship Hall:

The following supplies are needed:

- Individual Bags of Chips (variety)
- Individual snack items
- Juice cups, 8 – 12 oz.
- Peanut Butter
- Snack Bars
- Fruit Cups/Pudding cups
- Forks
- Bowls
- Small dessert plates
- Paper Towels/ Toilet Paper
- Garbage Bags, 33 gal.
- Lysol All Purpose Cleaner
- **No Coffee Needed**
- **No Knives or Spoons Needed**

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 and assist adults clean up when they can

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 parishoners 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:

During the month of February we wioo collect cash donations for Souper Bowl Sunday. Donations will be given to the UOL for the Soup Kitchen in Ukraine. We will also enjoy delicious soups prepared by parishoners during Fellowship. Anyone wishing to join this Ministry should contact Arlene, Derek, or Apryl during Fellowship.

UOL News:

Essay Contest; See Linda for information

UOL, Praying Our Way Through Lent:

Beginning Monday, February 23rd , all who wish to participate are encouraged to use the Orthodox Study Bible to pray at home along with other Orthodox Christians. You will receive a schedule of prayers by email from the organizer. Please send your email address to: linda.m.winters@verizon.net

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

Giving Without Love

"...one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another..."
(Mark 12:28 RSV)

A reading of the Gospel according to St. Mark reveals the appearance of scribes on several occasions. Scribes in ancient Israel were learned men whose business was to study the Law, transcribe it, and write commentaries on it. In Mark's Gospel the scribes who show up do so as opponents of Jesus. For example: Mark tells us that the scribes ask questions of Jesus and make comments that throw a negative light on what Jesus was saying and doing (see Mark 2:16; 3:22; 7:5).

However, in one instance, Jesus, in discussion with a scribe, says, *"You are not far from the kingdom of God"* (Mark 12:34 RSV). This should make any reader of St. Mark's Gospel take notice. What did that scribe, that opponent of Jesus, say that would evoke this response from Jesus? The scribe responded to Jesus' assertion that the whole law revolved around love for God and neighbor: *"...you have truly said that (God) is one, ... to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices"* (Mark 12:32-33 RSV).

Why did Jesus say that this scribe was not far from the kingdom of God? The scribe understood that everything we do, including what we consider very important, is not as important as love for God and neighbor. What was considered among the people of God as very important were *"burnt offerings and sacrifices."* In our words today, this means that loving God and neighbor is more important even than our worship and prayer.

For Christian stewards, we often talk in our churches about tithing or pledge cards or proportionate giving. These things, as well, can be considered our own *"burnt offerings and sacrifices."* It is easy to get caught up with stewardship as a program that prescribes how and how much we contribute to the life of the Church.

There is an old stewardship saying: "People can give without loving; but no one can love without giving." Let us not make stewardship just another church program. Speaking for true stewards everywhere, hear the Holy Prophet Isaiah: *"What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD;...when you come to appear before me...bring no more vain offerings; ... wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow"* (Isaiah 1:11, 16-17 RSV). People can give without loving; but no one can love without giving.

The Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA announces...

2026 Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 8, 2026 after Divine Liturgy

Join us in helping those in need in Ukraine

Proceeds benefit Saint Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Society, serving the most needy in Ukraine

Cash Donations or Checks Payable to: "Ukrainian Orthodox League"

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