

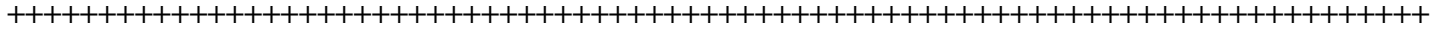
In case of emergency: Call Father Harry Linsinbigler, (813) 406 – 2620. If there is no answer, leave a message. Then call Pani Carrie at (813) 451-9829.or text Father Brian Delp at (813) 763-5226.

**Christ is 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, January 4:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 5:

6:00 pm Vesperal Liturgy, Theophany with Blessing of Waters.

Tuesday, January 6:

10:00 Festal Liturgy Theophany
Distribution of Sanctified Waters
(Bring bottles),

Wednesday J anuary 7::

10:00 am Festal Liturgy, The Nativity of Christ, at St. John’s Church in Tampa, 9:00 am Matins
6:00 pm Parish Council Meeting, Dover
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday, January 11:

10:00 Divine Liturgy, Post Feast of Theophany

Wednesday January 21:

7:00 Bible Study

Sunday, January 18:

10:00 Divine Liturgy:

Sunday, January 25:

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>
Jan. 4	Linda	Sub Dcn Peter
Jan. 11	Arlene	Ellen
Jan. 18	Sub Dcn Peter	Derek
Jan. 25	Derek	Linda
Feb. 1	Linda	Derek

Counter Schedule:

	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>2ndCounter</u>
Jan. 4	Ellen	Howard
Jan. 11	Ellen	Mike B.
Jan. 18	Ellen	Nancy
Jan. 25	Ellen	Mike W.
Feb. 1	Josef	Howard

Parish Etiquette:

It is not necessary to cross oneself when the priest is giving a blessing or censing the parishioners. Simply bow to receive the blessing.



Fellowship Themes:

Jan. 4 -New Year's Potluck
Jan. 11 Italian
Jan. 18 – Hispanic
Jan. 25 – Deli Luncheon
Feb. 1 = Breakfast for Lunch

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, 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, Socorro, 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, 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, and Patricia.

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The Fellowship Hall:

The following supplies are needed:

- Individual Bags of Chips (variety)
- Tortilla Chips
- Salsa
- Peanut Butter
- Snack Bars
- Fruit Cups/Pudding cups
- Individual Creamers
- Sodas, Variety
- Paper Towels/ Toilet Paper
- Garbage Bags, 33 gal. and 13 gal.

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 iclean up.

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.

Welcome Ministry Schedule:

Jan. 4 – Madi and Richard
Jan. 11 Jacob and Danny
Jan. 18 Richard and Madi
Jan. 25 Danny and Jacob

Outreach Ministry:

A Big thank you to the parish for donations to the Kennedy Cares Tampa Bay. They serve Hillsborough and Pasco County's families experiencing economic hardships. They appreciated all the donations that were made. We will take a relief from donations during the month of January then make cash contributions for Souper Bowl Sunday. Donations will be given to a charitable organization. and we will enjoy delicious soups prepared by parishioners during Fellowship. Anyone wishing to join this Ministry should contact Arlene, Derek, or Apryl during Fellowship.



On Stewardship and the Christian Life

By Father Frederick Watson

Looking Back

"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."
(Philippians 3:8 RSV)

The Apostle Matthew was a rich man. He gained wealth by means of his work. He was a tax collector, in the employ of the Roman government. He was required to collect taxes from the people in the Roman province of Palestine. The amount of tax that was expected to be paid by the Romans was one amount – the amount of tax collected by the tax collectors was another amount. And the latter amount was higher. In other words, the tax collectors forced people to pay more tax than was required. And the tax collectors pocketed the difference. Tax collectors were cheaters and liars. Matthew the tax collector got rich in his ill-gotten gains.

The Holy Apostles Andrew and Peter were brothers. Both worked as fishermen. Every day they would go out to the Sea of Galilee, throw their nets into the sea, gather what fish they could, bring them in, clean their nets, and sell their fish. Some days were good days, others were not. In any case, Peter and Andrew were not rich. Fishing was one of the lowest-paid occupations in the time of Christ. Fishermen were among the poorest of the people of Palestine.

Yet to Matthew in his wealth and Andrew and Peter in their poverty, the same call was made. For Andrew and Peter, the call came now of success, when their nets were filled with fish, and the financial future for each of them was brightest. Matthew was called from his tax collector's desk. He was probably counting his income for the day. His financial future was brightening at each moment. To each – Matthew, Andrew and Peter – came the call to leave everything and follow Jesus.

So, it is with everyone. The call, the test is always a choice of which is stronger: the desire to get and keep earthly goods or to be a follower of Christ.

And this test does not come just once. It is repeated daily, hourly, minute-by-minute. There are no time and no place where the call to be followers of Christ is not being made. How that call is answered is the key to life as Christian stewards. It is the key to our eternal life.

For no one can answer "yes" to the call of Christ unless his or her whole heart is in the work. No one can answer "yes" to the call of Christ unless he counts, like the Apostle Paul who writes to the Philippians, "*everything*" as loss. Yes, we are to count everything as loss because fellowship with Christ surpasses everything – *everything!*