



*Jesus Christ, our  
Saviour and Redeemer*

# Holy Protection Orthodox Church

Greetings on this blessed Lord's Day! Please take a green information sheet if this is your first time here. You can put in any collection basket or hand to greeter

**IN EMERGENCY CALL/TEXT 813-406-2620 (Fr.'s cell). If in middle of night and no answer, call 813-659-0123 or 813-451-9829 (Pani's cell). If they are off duty please call Parish Council President below**

## Schedule

**Holy Monday April 2** Holy Monday  
7pm-7:40pm Bridegroom Matins

**Holy Tuesday April 3**  
6:30pm-7:30pm Bridegroom Liturgy  
of the Presanctified Gifts  
(Communion service)

**Holy Wednesday April 4**  
7pm Holy Unction  
Must be an Orthodox Christian in  
good standing to receive

**Great and Holy Thursday April 5**  
3:15 Mystical Supper Liturgy with  
Foot washing  
7:30 pm Passion Matins

**Great and Holy Friday April 6**  
11:30am Royal Hours of the  
Crucifixion  
6:30pm Taking down from Cross and  
Burial Service

**Great Saturday and Resurrection  
Saturday**  
3:00pm First Resurrection Liturgy of  
St. Basil  
10:30 pm Nocturnes, Procession  
Matins, Hours, Midnight Liturgy

**Sunday April 8**  
11:45am ProLiturgy (for those not  
able to make it to midnight  
12:30pm Agape Vespers  
Egg hunt  
Pot Luck Luncheon

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we will have a second collection for flowers for Pascha.

Next Sunday, if staying after Agape Vespers, bring a dish to share if you are able to.

During Holy Week is acceptable to sit during services when if you need to. Sitting is a position of prayer.

If you come to a midweek service and you are a few minutes early, and the candles are not lit on the tetrapod, above the Holy Door, and above the candle boxes, please take a moment to light them.

We are looking for people interested in being a greeter before church. If you are interested, please speak to a council member.

We still need a few things to be done during Holy Week, especially Holy Friday. If you are coming to a service, please add a few extra minutes in your schedule to help out. Please see a council member to see what you can do to help.

We would like to get a group of women together to see the Christian comedian Chonda Pierce at the Country Side Christian Center on May 11 at 7pm. The tickets are \$27. If we get a group of 10, the tickets are \$24. Let Pani know if you are interested, today is the last day to let her know to ensure we will have a seat!

Sign up for fellowship! It can be as simple as bagels or donuts. Please see the board in the hall, or a council member if you have any questions. The weeks throughout Great Lent need to be fasting for fellowship.

\*To take Communion at an evening Presanctified Liturgy, eat fasting foods (not meat, etc.) sparingly during the day, and cease eating altogether following midday light fasting lunch, ceasing eating altogether at least 4 hours prior to Communion (unless medical needs demand otherwise).

It is time for the UOL essay contest for people of all ages! The theme is "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." --Jeremiah 29:11. Please, see the flyer for specific information.

Please remember to follow the preparatory guidelines for communion (see website [www.holyorthodox.org](http://www.holyorthodox.org) for details).

**Prayer Corner:** Please pray for the ailing: Mary, Kathy, Susan, Helen, Neila, Olexander, Anna, John, Carol, Mat. Mary, P.Vera, SD. John, Randee, John, Ryan, Marie, Paul, Mary, Pangratios, Tikon, Vasili, Jeremiah, Dcn. Luke, Maria, John David, Elizabeth, Joshua, Alexander, Nicholas, Rebecca, Genevieve, Panteleimon, Vladimir, Margaret, David, Sarah, Jonathon, Simon, Gene, Judy, Fr. Michael, Fr. John, Anastasia, Demitrios, Alexandra, Israel, George, Michelle, George, Beth, Alex, George, Joseph, Jaqueline, Michael, Geverlyn, Thomas, Norma, Sally, Sarah, Derek, Susan, Lucy, Beth, Kathy, Phyllis, John, David, Shirley, Kalie, Madeline, Thomas, Patricia, Marie, Archimandrite David, Jake, Tom, Beverly, Taylor, Reghyn, Sylvia, Andreas, Josh, Nicole, Joyce, Sandy, Yamileth, Georgina, Kathy, Pam, Ann, Eli, Shay, Ocean, Lauren, Donna, Kim, Lori, Nancy, George, Sharon, Sylvia, Kristi, Gary, Father Basil

*If you would like someone on the bulletin prayer list just let Pani know.* Please review the prayer list, if you know of someone who should be taken off, please let Pani know.

Parish council contacts: Scottie (President): 813-629-6027, Brian (Vice President): (813) 763-5226, Rebecca (Treasurer): (813) 763-5225, Nancy (Co Treasurer) (727) 584-7907, Paula (813) 838-4554 (Secretary) and Susan (813) 352-5024.

**Readers Schedule:**

April 1            Andrew            April 8 Pascha            April 15 Brian

Pani printed the phone list for the parish. If there are any mistakes, or anyone is missing, please let her know.

Christian Ed for the youth has begun. We would like to have the youth and their families be able to get in line first for their food so they can proceed to the church and the lesson in a timely manner. We appreciate your cooperation in this!

**Bright Monday, April 9**

7pm Paschal Vespers

**Bright Wednesday, April 11**

7pm Paschal Vespers

**Bright Friday, April 13**

10 am Paschal Liturgy of Bright Friday

**St. Thomas Sunday, April 15**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the "hour" of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.