



*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)

Schedule

Today is Tone 1

Sunday Aug 13

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Monday, August 14

7:30 pm Vigil
Dormition of the Theotokos
Blessing of Flowers and Herbs

Tuesday, Aug 15

10 am Divine Liturgy
6:00pm Vespers
6:30 pm Bible Study Social Hall
Blessing of Flowers and Herbs

Sunday Aug 20

9:35 am Memorial
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Monday, Aug 21

7:00 pm Council

Tuesday, Aug 22

6:00pm Vespers
6:30 pm Bible Study

Sunday Aug 27

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Tuesday, Aug 29

6:00pm Vespers
6:30 pm Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Harry will be blessing fruit today and next Sunday Aug 20 for those who bring it. Fr. Harry will be blessing herbs and flowers in honor of Dormition on Monday, Aug 14, Tuesday, Aug 15, Sunday August 20 and August 27.

Please don't forget that if you want a memorial service to please, in addition to mentioning it, also email both Fr. and Pani (panicarrie@yahoo.com) (she keeps Fr.'s schedule).

Stewardship Teams

Aug 13 Linda
Aug 20 Rebecca
Aug 27 Scottie
Sept 3 Nancy

Readers Schedule

Aug 13 Brian
Aug 20 Andrew
Aug 27 Mike
Sept 3 John

Please remember to follow the preparatory guidelines for communion (see website www.holyorthodox.org for details).

The grounds ministry needs your help! We need someone with a truck to haul away some trash on the church grounds. If you can help, please see Natalie and Mike Brennan.

We would like to put a blessing box at the front of the church property and need one built. If you can help out, please see Brian Delp.

We need you for our Lenten Retreat Planning! The theme is "Need for Repentance in an Unsorry World". The dates are February 23-24 at the Bethany Center in Lutz and February 25 at our church. Save the dates now, think of your talents and how you can be a part of this fantastic event. Please see Natalie or a Parish Council member for more information.

Would you like to sponsor a fellowship hour? There is a sign up calendar in the hall, just write your name down on the Sunday you would like!

Have you turned in your information sheet to the council? Did you lose it and need a new one? Please see a Parish Council member if you need one, and if you still have it, please turn it in.

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

**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.

The **Dormition** (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on August 15. For those churches using the Julian Calendar, this feast falls on August 28 in the secular calendar. The Feast of the Dormition, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

According to Orthodox Tradition, Mary died like all humanity, "falling asleep," so to speak, as the name of the feast indicates. She died as all people die, not "voluntarily" as her Son, but by the necessity of her mortal human nature which is indivisibly bound up with the corruption of this world. The feast was added to the Roman calendar in the seventh century as the *Dormitio*. In the eighth century, the title was changed to the *Assumptio* (Assumption).

The Apostles were miraculously summoned to this event, and all were present except Thomas when Mary passed from this life. She was then buried.

Thomas arrived a few days later, and desiring to see her one more time, convinced the others to open her tomb. Upon doing so, the Apostles discovered that her body was no longer present. This event is seen as a firstfruits of the resurrection of the faithful that will occur at the Second Coming of Christ. The event is normally called the *Dormition*, though there are many Orthodox parishes in English-speaking countries with the name *Assumption*. In Greek, *Dormition* is *Koimisis*—falling asleep in death—from which the word *cemetery* derives.

As with the nativity of the Virgin and the feast of her entrance to the temple, there are no biblical or historical sources for this feast. The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary is without personal sins[1], as well that Mary truly needed to be saved by Christ as all human persons are saved from the trials, sufferings, and death of this world. She truly died and was raised up by her Son as the Mother of Life and participates already in the eternal life of paradise. This life of paradise is prepared and promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:27-28)

The dormition of the mother of the Theotokos, the Righteous Anna, is celebrated on July 25.

