



*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

Sunday, December 23

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education
Counters: Paula,
Marijean

Christmas Services:

Monday December 24

5:30pm Office of
Confession
6pm-7:30pm
Candlelight Vigil
(Matins and Liturgy)
with procession,
traditional Christmas
carols, etc.

Tuesday, December 25

12 NOON Akathist for
Nativity (approx 30 min)

Sunday, December 30

6th day Christmas
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
With special New Year
Petitions
11:15 am Fellowship
Theophany Set Up
Youth Education
Counters: Paula

Sunday, January 6

Theophany: The Holy
Epiphany of our Lord,
Manifestation of the
Trinity at the Jordan,
Great Blessing of
Waters
10am Divine Liturgy
Followed by Bonfire
and Potluck Festal Meal
Great "Feast of Lights"
**You may bring bottle to
take water home or we
have some holy water
bottles for sale.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Services of the Nativity

Monday, December 24

5:30pm Office of Confession

6pm-7:30pm: **Christmas Candlelight Vigil of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**, Matins and Liturgy with exposition of reliquary with piece of the cave of the Nativity in Bethlehem, procession. To partake of communion eat no meat, eggs, dairy, sweets, nor alcohol during the day and cease eating altogether from about 3:30pm (unless there is some serious medical need to eat, and then eat only strict fasting foods). Younger children do not do the strict fast from 3:30pm but should still not have sweets, as they need to be encouraged to some self-restraint.

Next week's fellowship is a pot luck for Christmas! If you can, bring something in.

2019 Church calendars are here! We ask for \$5 to cover the cost of the calendar. Pick yours up in the narthex today.

Today is the last day to sign up for house blessings. Please put your address and phone number on the list with your name. It helps with the logistics to have it all in one place.

HELP US! The Maintenance Ministry has compiled a list of projects that need to be addressed around the property. "Ongoing projects" are those which need to be done regularly. We ask that you sign up and take responsibility for these tasks for a 3-month period. A second list highlights "One-time repairs". Please review both lists on the bulletin board in the Social Hall and see if you can lend a hand. If you have questions or have items you feel need to be addressed please see any Council member or Mike B.

If you are coming to confession, please be in line by 9:50 am on a normal Sunday. On a Sunday there is a Memorial scheduled, please be in line by 9:35 am. Please line up down the center isle of the church.

Please allow the youth and their families to get their food first at fellowship so the youth can go over the church for their lesson.

Parish council contacts: Scottie (President): 813-629-6027, Brian (Vice President): (813) 763-5226, Rebecca (Treasurer): (813) 763-5225, Paula (813) 838-4554 (Secretary) Tom Moore Financial Secretary 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.

Save the date!! There will be a Lenten Retreat on March 23.

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, Elisabeth, 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, Tori, Joan, Thomas, Susan, Kristine

The Sunday before the Nativity of the Lord (December 18-24) is known as the Sunday of the Holy Fathers. On this day the Church commemorates all those who were well-pleasing to God from all ages, from Adam to Saint Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, those who are mentioned in the genealogy of Luke 3:23-38. The holy prophets and prophetesses are also remembered today, especially the Prophet Daniel and the three holy youths (December 17).

The Troparion to the Prophet Daniel and the three holy youths ("Great are the accomplishments of faith...") is quite similar to the Troparion for Saint Theodore the Recruit (February 17, and the first Saturday of Great Lent). The Kontakion to Saint Theodore, who suffered martyrdom by fire, reminds us that he also had faith as his breastplate (see I Thessalonians 5:8).

