



*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

Today is Tone 3

Sunday, February 11 **The Last Judgment**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Monday, February 12

7:00 pm Women of Faith
Brandon Mall Food Court

Sunday, February 18 **Forgiveness Sunday**

9:35 am Memorial Godmother of
Rebecca Delp
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Friday, Feb 23-Sunday Feb 25

Pan Orthodox Retreat

Sunday February 25

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
4:30 pm Lenten Vespers St. Nicholas
Tarpon Springs

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendars are here! We ask for a donation of \$5 for them, that is the cost to the church. These are great for knowing Saints of the day, fast periods, readings for the week, ect. Pick yours up today!

Please keep The Waters of Babylon in the pew for next week, we will be singing it again.

Sign up for a ministry duty for Great Lent/Pascha. The sheets are attached the bulletin. If you have any questions, please see a council member. We all have our parts, let's work together to make this season full of stewardship and repentance.

Our first project for 2018 for the Outreach Ministry is a blanket drive for local hospitals and nursing homes. Please see Sue Johnson if you are willing and able to participate.

During the month of February, after the 4th, we will be dedicating the month for donations for church repair. This will be in addition to your weekly offering, which is needed for everyday expenses. Please give what you can so we can improve the church!

We need suggestions for roof repair. If you know of someone who could give us an estimate, please see a member of the parish council.

Sign up for fellowship! We need a volunteer for next Sunday. 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 first day of Great Lent is Monday, February 19. All Sunday fellowship until Pascha will be fasting.

Our Lenten Retreat is scheduled for February 23-25, 2018. The time has come to register! You can do so online on our website or you can fill out a paper registration and give it to Paula.



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, Geverylyn, 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.

Readers Schedule:

February 11 Andrew
February 18 John
February 25 Mike
March 4 Brian

February shopping list: hand sanitizer, paper towels, napkins, coffee. If you are at the store, pick up something and bring to church.

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 (Secretary) and Susan.

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.