



*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 5

### **Sunday, February 25**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

4:30 pm Lenten Vespers St. Nicholas  
Tarpon Springs

### **Feb 28 Wednesday**

7pm Penitential Liturgy of the  
Presanctified Gifts (see guidelines for  
Communion)

### **Mar 2 Friday**

11:45am Penitential Liturgy of the  
Presanctified Gifts

### **Sunday, March 4**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Fellowship

11:30 am Christian Ed for Children  
5:00 pm Lenten Vespers St. George  
Clearwater

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Metropolitan Antony and visiting retreat guests and all those who are visiting this week!

Memory Eternal Nicholas Svetahor, father of Ilya who fell asleep in the Lord this week.

Friday, at the retreat, Metropolitan Antony suggested everyone should read Romans 8 during Great Lent along with the footnotes in the Orthodox Study Bible. Let's all commit to reading it this week!

Christian Ed for our youth is beginning March 4. The children will come to fellowship for something to eat and then Miss Lupe will give the children a lesson.

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.

During the month of February, 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!

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.

Lent is a time for repentance and self-denial. Take this time to reflect on how you can become closer to God through prayer and stewardship.

**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.

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.

You can sign up to read the Psalter during Great Lent with people across the country. See the flyer on how!

**Readers Schedule:**

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

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.

**Lenten Vespers:**

March 11 5:00 pm St. Andrew New Port Richey  
March 18 5:00 pm St. Nicholas Pinellas Park  
March 25 5:00 pm St. Gregory Tampa



**Icon of the Feast**

The icon of the Sunday of Orthodoxy commemorates the “restoration” of icons in the churches and to their use in Orthodox worship. The focal point of the icon is an icon itself, the Virgin Hodegetria, a popular depiction of the Theotokos as “Directress,” or literally “She who shows the way to God.” The icon is carried by two angels.

To the left of the icon is the Empress Theodora and her son Michael III. To the right of the icon are the Patriarchs Methodios and Tarasios. The icon is surrounded by numerous saints who struggled against the Iconoclastic heresy.

The icon also represents the triumphant procession that was made on Sunday, March 11, 843, from the Church of the Theotokos in Blachernai to Hagia Sophia, where a Liturgy was celebrated to mark the restoration of icons.