



*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 2



### **Sunday, February 4** **Prodigal Son**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

### **Tuesday, February 6** 7:30 Council

### **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**

9:45 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Fellowship

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

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.

February 4<sup>th</sup> is Souper Bowl Sunday! We will have a collection to help soup kitchens feed the hungry. We will hold a second collection that day for that purpose. If you would like to bring soup for fellowship to go with the theme, that would be wonderful.

During the month of February, after the 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

If you bring food for fellowship, which is much appreciated, please take it with you when you leave or offer it to another person if you do not want to bring it back home with you. If it is something that can be used in the future, it needs to go into the freezer. Health Department rules do not allow leftover cooked food for more than 5 days. If it is left in the fridge, it must have a date and label but will not be good the following Sunday because that is 7 days and we can only keep it for 5 days.

Sign up for fellowship! Please see the board in the hall, or a council member if you have any questions.

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

**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.

**Readers Schedule:**

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

February shopping list: hand sanitizer, paper towels, napkins. 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.

The council has voted that Monday and Saturday's will be Father's days off (except weeks when there is a feast day or some other duty is required). Please, do not call or text on those days, except for legitimate emergencies. If you have an emergency on one of those days, please also call or text Pani at 813-451-9829 or one of the council members.

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.

**Presentation of our Lord**

**Tone 1        Troparion**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

**Tone 1        Kontakion**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb  
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now You have come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,  
O only Lover of Man!