



*Jesus Christ, our
Saviour and Redeemer*

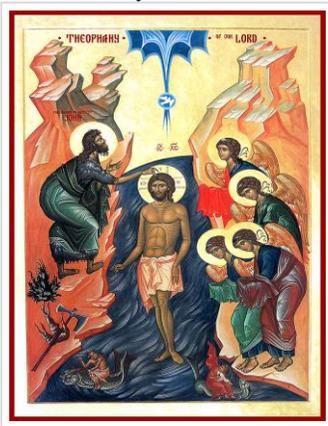
Holy Protection Orthodox Church

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

Schedule

Today is Tone 8



Sunday, January 21 Zacchaeus Sunday

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

Sunday, February 4 Prodigal Son

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, February 11 The Last Judgment

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM! CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN!

Today's services are in loving memory of Sophie, aunt of Natalie and Barbara. May her
memory be eternal!

As most or many of you know, our oldest daughter, Alexis Mary, is being married to
Keegan Federoff next Sunday in Pennsylvania. If you would like to give a donation to
them, there is a basket in the back of the church and it will be presented to them from the
parish. If you would like to send them a card, the address is Alexis and Keegan Federoff 93
Old Church Lane Williamsport, PA 17702.

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 4th 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 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 a volunteer to sign up for fellowship next week! It can be as simple as bagels or
donuts! See the board in the hall.

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.

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:

January 21	John
January 28	Mike
February 4	Brian
February 11	Andrew

January shopping list: 12 oz coffee cups, hot chocolate, bagels and 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.

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.

The 2018 envelopes are in the narthex, pick up yours today.

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.

The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation.

Our lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.