



*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

Tone 7

Sunday, July 22

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, July 29

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, Aug 5

Fruit Blessing Transfiguration
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship (Fasting, no meat)

Sunday, Aug 12

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship (Fasting, no meat)

Tuesday, August 14

7:00 pm Service Dormition Theotokos
Blessing Flowers and herbs

Sunday, August 18

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
Blessing Flowers and herbs
11:15 am Fellowship

Youth Education will resume in September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next fast period is for the Dormition of the Theotokos. It begins on Wednesday, August 1 and ends on Wednesday, August 15.

Keep Pani Vera Juhaz in your prayers as she recovers from her stroke. She is currently in rehab.

If you would like to be on the Parish Council or would like to nominate someone for the Council, please submit the name to Brian Delp by August 26. Elections will take place on September 9.

In the narthex, we have printed out music for the troparion and kontakion for those who are interested in having the music for these hymns. Also available are the first and second antiphon.

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 (813) 838-4554 (Secretary)

We will have our annual parish meeting on September 9th. This is a meeting of updates and setting direction for our parish. We need all who are able to attend on this important day.

Do you shop on Amazon? Just a reminder you can donate to your church with Amazon Smile! Holy Protection Orthodox Church on Amazon. A percentage of your purchase goes to the church!

On Sunday, August 5, if you would like to have a basket of fruit blessed for the Transfiguration of Christ, put it on the tetrapod before Liturgy. We will also bless herbs and flowers for the Dormition of the Theotokos on the 14th and the 18th. You can bring in fresh cut flowers/herbs or you can bring in potted ones to bring home and plant.

July shopping list: wasp spray, plates, dish soap

Are you good with social media? We are looking for someone to help with our advertising ministry.

We assembled the homeless bags. They are by the door, take a few for your car to hand out when driving. Some things you can add: fresh fruit (orange, banana, apple), a bottle of water, cash, granola bar, ect.

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.

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

From the Parish Council: Dearest members. Our Church is a small one, and the summer months become very difficult for us financially for many reasons. We need everyone to give regularly even for weeks they are not here. The bills still need paid on weeks that we are away. The electric still needs paid, the phone bill needs paid, the priest needs paid, the security company needs paid the lawn guy needs paid, the fire service and water service techs need paid, the government inspectors need paid, and the people who do periodic work such as service techs all need paid. The A/C has to be left running inside the church to protect the icons especially during the summer, when we have lower attendance and thus lower amounts of money to pay the bills. If everyone would please set aside money for your church just the way you do for your family home (i.e. set money aside to give with your regular bills), we would not have the stress of wondering how to pay the bills in the summer months. Please don't punish the church by only giving for Sundays when you come, since that is like only providing food for your family on days when you don't have to work late.

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

Our next project is going to be collecting back pack supplies for school students in need. The top 18 needs are composition books, index cards, pencils, children's books, rulers, compasses, protractors, backpacks, washable markers, highlighters, glue sticks, scissors, copy paper, pens, large pink erasers, pocket folders, calculators, dividers, crayons.

St. Christina Commemorated on July 24

The Martyr Christina lived during the third century. She was born into a rich family, and her father was governor of Tyre. By the age of 11 the girl was exceptionally beautiful, and many wanted to marry her. Christina's father, however, envisioned that his daughter should become a pagan priestess. To this end he placed her in a special dwelling where he had set up many gold and silver idols, and he commanded his daughter to burn incense before them. Two servants attended Christina. In her solitude, Christina began to wonder who had created this beautiful world. From her room she was delighted by the stars of the heavens and she constantly came back to the thought about the Creator of all the world. She was convinced, that the voiceless and inanimate idols in her room could not create anything, since they themselves were created by human hands. She began to pray to the One God with tears, entreating Him to reveal Himself. Her soul blazed with love for the Unknown God, and she intensified her prayer all the more, and combined it with fasting.

One time Christina was visited by an angel, who instructed her in the true faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. The angel called her a bride of Christ and told her about her future suffering. The holy virgin smashed all the idols standing in her room and threw them out the window. In visiting his daughter Christina's father, Urban, asked her where all the idols had disappeared. Christina was silent. Then, having summoned the servants, Urban learned the truth from them.

In a rage the father began to slap his daughter's face. At first, the holy virgin remained quiet, but then she told her father about her faith in the One True God, and that she had destroyed the idols with her own hands. Urban gave orders to kill all the servants in attendance upon his daughter, and he gave Christina a fierce beating and threw her in prison. Having learned about what had happened, Saint Christina's mother came in tears, imploring her to renounce Christ and to return to her ancestral beliefs. But Christina remained unyielding. On another day, Urban brought his daughter to trial and urged her to offer worship to the gods, and to ask forgiveness for her misdeeds. Instead, he saw her firm and steadfast confession of faith in Christ. The torturers tied her to an iron wheel, beneath which they lit a fire. The body of the martyr, turning round on the wheel, was scorched on all sides. They then threw her into prison.

An angel of God appeared at night, healing her wounds and strengthening her with food. Her father, seeing her unharmed, gave orders to drown her in the sea. An angel sustained the saint while the stone sank down, and Christina miraculously came out of the water and reappeared before her father. In terror, the torturer imputed this to sorcery and he decided to execute her in the morning. That night he himself suddenly died. Another governor, Dion, was sent in his place. He summoned the holy martyr and also tried to persuade her to renounce Christ, but seeing her unyielding firmness, he again subjected her to cruel tortures. The holy martyr was for a long while in prison. People began to flock to her, and she converted them to the true faith in Christ. Thus about 300 were converted.

In place of Dion, a new governor Julian arrived and resumed the torture of the saint. After various torments, Julian gave orders to throw her into a red-hot furnace and lock her in it. After five days they opened the furnace and found the martyr alive and unharmed. Seeing this miracle take place, many believed in Christ the Savior, and the torturers executed Saint Christina with a sword.