



*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

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Sunday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fasting Fellowship

Sunday, July 1

9:35 am Memorial Susan Johnson
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, July 8

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Assemble Homeless bags

Sunday, July 15

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, July 22

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, July 29

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Father Kyril!

If you have an emergency the week of June 23-June 30, please contact a parish council member for assistance.

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)

Paul Tomachesky's wife Cynthia (Cindy) has passed away. Her funeral and burial was held on Thursday. Paul's address, if you want to express condolences in writing, is 7312 Glen Meadow Drive Lakeland FL 33810.

Please note Susan Johnson's 40 day memorial will be on July 1. The Apostles Fast ends on June 29 on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Pick up an updated parish contact list! We made a few changes to it.

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.

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!

We are looking for people interested in being a greeter before church. If you are interested, please speak to a council member.

Youth Education will resume in September.

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)

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, 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, Raghyn, Sylvia, Andreas, Josh, Nicole, Joyce, Sandy, Yamileth, Georgina, Kathy, Pam, Ann, Eli, Shay, Ocean, Lauren, Donna, Kim, Lori, Nancy, George, Sharon, Sylvia, Kristi, Gary

On Sunday, July 8 we will assemble the homeless bags.

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.

Do you receive emails? If not and would like to, email Pani at panicarrie@yahoo.com

Do you have a calling for outreach? We need someone who can head up the Outreach Ministry. Please see a member of the parish council if you are interested.

The Nativity of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The Gospel (Luke. 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of Saint John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elisabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elisabeth was barren. Once, Saint Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that Saint Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words.

Saint Elisabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elisabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. Saint John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

Soon Saint Elisabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked Saint Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and Saint Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79).

After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, Saint Elisabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Saint Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elisabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.