



*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 5

Blind Man, May 13

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education

Monday, May 15

10:00 am Funeral
Here at the Church

Wednesday, May 16

7:00 pm Ending Paschal Matins and
Liturgy Ascension

Sunday, May 20

9:35 am Memorial Esper & Nancy
Deep
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education

Sunday, May 26

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Risen!

Happy Mother's Day!

Memory Eternal to our sister in Christ, Sue Johnson who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday. The funeral will be here on Monday at 10:00am

We need a few men to take down the tomb after church and store it in the office in the hall. Thank you!

Jewelry sale and orders being taken for Festal Creations, an Orthodox Supplier. 100% of jewelry money goes to the church. Festal, 20% of orders go to the church.

The next Outreach ministry for 2018 is assembling bags for the homeless. We are seeking donations of travel items (toothpaste, tissues, socks, toothbrushes, etc). This will begin on 4/29 and end on 6/3/18. Thank you for your kindness.

May shopping list: hand sanitizer, wasp spray and Lysol spray disinfectant. If you are at the store and pick some up to bring to the church, that would be appreciated!

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

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.

According to ancient tradition and a clear church law, kneeling must not be performed on Sundays and on all days during the week after Pascha and until Pentecost. The brilliant solemnity of the events which the Church commemorates throughout the period of Pentecost and on Sundays precludes, in and of itself, any external manifestation of sorrow or lamentation over one's sins: for ever since Jesus Christ, "blotting out the handwriting of the ordinances that was against us, ... nailing it to His Cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (Col. 2:14-15)—ever since then "there is, therefore, no condemnation to them who are in Jesus Christ" (Rom. 8:1). For this reason, the practice was observed in the Church from the earliest times, beyond a doubt handed down by the apostles, whereby on all these days, in that they are consecrated to the commemoration of the glorious victory of Jesus Christ over sin and death, it was required to perform the public divine service brightly and with solemnity, and in particular without kneeling, which is a sign of repentant grief for one's sins.

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.

Readers Schedule:

May 6 Brian May 13 John May 20 Andrew

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) and Susan (813) 352-5024.

Please allow the youth and their families to be in line first for fellowship so youth education can begin in a timely manner. Thank you.

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

After the Midfeast (John 7:14), the Lord Jesus Christ came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him (John 8:2). After leaving the Temple, He opened the eyes of a man “who was blind from his birth (John 9:1).

The miracle described in today’s Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all! The second Exapostilarion for this Sunday says, “Along the way, our Savior found a man who lacked both sight and eyes...”.

The Gospel says, “Since the world began, it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one who was born blind” (John 9:32). There are examples in the Old (Tobit 2:17) and New (Mark 8:22-26) Testaments of blind people receiving sight, but this is something completely unprecedented.

The Savior placed clay in the man’s empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!

In his MENAION, Saint Demetrius of Rostov calls the blind man Saint Celidonium (see his account of Saint Lazarus in the Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles on January 4).

