



*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

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Today is Tone 7

Sunday, Nov 19

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, Nov 26

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11:15 am Fellowship

Monday, Nov 27

7:00 pm Women of Faith
Brandon Mall Food Court

Wednesday, Nov. 29

6:30 pm Bible Study

Sunday, Dec 3

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
General Parish Meeting
Council Elections
11:15 am Fellowship
Church Decorating

Monday, Dec 4

7:00 Council Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, You can text all, except Nancy

Stewardship Teams

Nov 19 Scottie
Nov 26 Nancy
Dec 3
Dec 10 Rebecca

Readers Schedule

Nov 19 Mike
Nov 26 John
Dec 3 Brian
Dec 10 Andrew

Beginning Sunday, 11/19/17, the Outreach Ministry will have the Angel Christmas Tree where you can pick an ornament and give a gift for a child less fortunate. We ask that you wrap your items before bringing to the church. We will end the Angel Tree on 12/17/17.

The holidays are fast approaching. It is time to get our church ready! Immediate assistance is needed with altar cloths, please see Nancy Collins. Also, we will need assistance with the Christmas tree, it will go up on Dec 3, decorations, getting out service books, ect. Please volunteer your time to make this another great season! See a council member for more information.

November 15 marked the beginning of the Christmas Preparatory period, otherwise known as Advent or St. Philip's fast. It is a season of repentance. It is tradition to increase prayer, charitable giving and good deeds, as well as fasting during this period. It is customary for people who don't have complications of health, work/school, or living situations to fast at least on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as fasting on December 24/25 until after the Festal Liturgy (midnight/morning). A more strict traditional way is to fast every day during the 40 days (except Thanksgiving, for example). If you cannot fast Mondays Wednesdays, and Fridays, try to keep Wednesday and Fridays, or at least Fridays (which everyone should be keeping throughout the year (except for fast-free periods such as the time from Christmas to Epiphany).

December 3 is our General Parish Meeting we will be having council elections. If you would like to nominate someone or would like to be on the council, please submit the name to a council member.

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, Keegan

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.

Our Lenten Retreat is scheduled for February 23-25, 2018. Make sure you save the date!

Local Inter-Orthodox News

Weekend Nov. 17-19th

The following weekend, on Sunday 19 St. Michael's in Pinellas Park will be marking their 25th anniversary feast day following Liturgy. They invited as many as can come, but did ask that we give them a "heads up" as to how many people are coming so that they can prepare (you can email me on that point).

Also, on the same weekend Nov. 17-19, there is the annual Serb Fest at St. George's in Clearwater.

The Holy Prophet Obadiah [or Abdia] is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichem, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret.

When Ahab's wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food (3/1 Kgs 18:3 ff). Ahab's successor King Okhoziah [Ahaziah] sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias (July 20). One of these detachments was headed by The a holy Prophet Obadiah. Through the prayer of The Prophet Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord 4/2 Kgs 1).

From that moment Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterward, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of The Prophet Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the future salvation of the Gentiles (Ch. 15) and that the Savior would come forth from Sion (Ch. 17). The holy Prophet Obadiah, whose name means servant (or worshipper) of the Lord, was buried in Samaria. In iconography, the Prophet Obadiah is depicted as a grey-haired old man with a rounded beard. His scroll reads: "In that day, saith the Lord, I shall destroy the wise men out of Idumea." (Obadiah 1:8)

