



*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, Nov 26

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Monday, Nov 27

7:00 pm Women of Faith
Brandon Mall Food Court

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

Sunday, Dec 10

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, Dec 17

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

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 26 Nancy
Dec 3 fasting
Dec 10 Rebecca fasting
Dec 17 Scottie fasting

Readers Schedule

Nov 26 John
Dec 3 Brian
Dec 10 Andrew
Dec 17 Mike

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.

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.

December 24th fellowship will be the Holy Supper. Next week the sign-up sheet will be out.

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!

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor's beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James' mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

