



*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)

Schedule

Today is Tone 8

Sunday, Oct 1

Parish Feast Day!
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Wednesday, Oct. 4

7:00 Vespers

Sunday, Oct 8

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
Baptism
11:15 am Fellowship

Monday, Oct 9

7:00 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 11

7:00 Vespers

Sunday, Oct 15

9:35 Memorial Fr. Anastasje
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, Oct 22

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Wednesday, Oct 25

7:00 pm Vespers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church had some damage to the property due to Irma, we lost fence panels, the rectory roof has a leak, the cross on the top of the rectory has broken, and soffit came off of the church in some places. We will have a second collection today to help with repairs.

Time to help Texas and Florida! The Outreach Ministry will be accepting donations to help those by Hurricane Harvey. New or used clothes, shoes, blankets, ect, paper plates, plastic ware, cups and cups will be collected from September 10 to October 8. See Sue Johnson with questions. Thank you!

If you would rather give monetarily, you can write a check to the church, with Hurricane relief in the memo.

We need you for our Lenten Retreat Planning! The theme is "Need for Repentance in an Unsorry World". The dates are February 23-24 at the Bethany Center in Lutz and February 25 at our church. Save the dates now, think of your talents and how you can be a part of this fantastic event. Please see Natalie or a Parish Council member for more information.

Don't forget, Saturday, October 28th is our shed clean out day. We will start in the morning, around 9:30 and end around 2:00. Come for the whole day, come for part of the day, come and help us!

Stewardship Teams

Oct 1 Nancy
Oct 8 Linda
Oct 15 Rebecca
Oct 22 Scottie

Readers Schedule

Oct 1 John
Oct 8 Brian
Oct 15 Andrew
Oct 22 Mike

Would you like to sponsor a fellowship hour? There is a sign up calendar in the hall, just write your name down on the Sunday you would like!

Council contacts: Scottie (President): 813-629-6027, Brian (Vice President): (813) 763-5226, Rebecca (Treasurer): (813) 763-5225, Nancy (Co Treasurer) (727) 584-7907, Linda (Secretary) (407) 399-2336. You can text all, except Nancy.

We have scheduled a clean up day on October 28 to clean out the sheds! Put in on your calendar now to come and help out. The more help we have, the faster it will go!

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

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.

The grounds ministry needs your help! We need our bushes trimmed! If you

Please note, that bible study is temporarily canceled until further notice. Denis will be working overtime with all the insurance claims from Texas. There is vespers this week on Wednesday.

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

Please don't forget that if you want a memorial service to please, in addition to mentioning it, also email both Fr. and Pani (panicarrie@yahoo.com) (she keeps Fr.'s schedule).

Our parish feast day commemorates a miraculous occurrence that took place on October 1, 911 AD. During that time, the city of Constantinople, at that time, the largest city in the world (over a million people within the city gates), was under threat of barbarian invasion. As such, the people remained in church day and night.

The church of Blacharnae, near the city gates, was filled in the early morning hours of October 1, as a vigil was going on. It was this church that housed certain relics of the Mother of God, including her Veil.

At 4 o'clock in the morning of October 1, our Lady appeared above the people, holding her omophorion outstretched as a protective covering for the faithful, and flanked by many Saints. St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ and St. Epiphanius, were both standing in the rear of the church, with the former remarking: "Do you see, brother, the Queen and Lady of all praying for the whole world? Epiphanius replied: "I see, Father, and am struck with amazement!" The invading barbarian armies also beheld a vision, and saw it as divine disapproval of their invasion, and they turned back, and the impending bloodshed and disaster were avoided.

We will be celebrating all month long.

As a side note, even though the miracle happened on October 1, because of the recession every 100 years of the Julian calendar, those on the Julian observation celebrate 13 days later on Oct. 14. Interestingly, the Church of Greece celebrates the feast on October 28. This is because, while the original Protection miracle happened on October 1, 911, other miracles of the Protectress happened in Greece in 1940 throughout October, saving the Church and her people from Axis forces, culminating on October 28. As such, the Church of Greece in 1952 officially transferred the celebration of the feast from October 1 to October 28. Thus, the Churches of Constantinople, Antioch, Alexandria, Cyprus, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Albania, Czech, and Slovakia, all celebrate it on Oct. 1, Ukraine, Russia, and Serbia on Oct. 14, and Greece on Oct. 28.

