



*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 1

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

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, Oct 22

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

Monday, Oct 23

7:00 Women of Faith
Brandon Food Court

Wednesday, Oct 25

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, Oct 28

Shed Clean out day
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many years to the newly illumined servant of God Adalyn Jane!

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.

The Orthodox Church initiates its members, from infancy on, according to the ancient Christian order universal in the first millennium (i.e. was common in both East and West). That practice is to give Baptism, Chrismation (Confirmation) and first Communion all at once to the child.

After Rome split from the rest of the Orthodox Church, it would then re-arrange this order. It restricted giving Chrism (confirmation oil) to the Bishops, which made it virtually impossible to give it at every baptism. It also then came to invent the "only people at the age of reason should receive communion" theory, and disconnected that as well. The problem with the latter is obvious: it is food for life. One would not starve an infant from physical OR spiritual nourishment because it is not yet at the age of reason and because it does not fully comprehend what it is receiving. Infants need both physical and spiritual nourishment.

In Baptism the infant does his/her first act as a Christian, and follows Christ who Himself was baptized. "As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ", the Liturgical hymn, comes from Scripture itself. They then are chrismated, that is, consecrated as a bodily temple of the Holy Spirit (again, referenced repeatedly in scripture). They then receive their first Communion (a tiny bit), which fully unites them with Christ and makes them a member of His Body, and, in Christ, becoming the dwelling place of the Father and Spirit.

What about other Christians? Other Christians are received into the Communion of the Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church of God, after learning about the Faith, by various methods. Our Archdiocese goes according to the "northern" practice (that practiced in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Poland, Georgia, Romania, etc.):

1. Adult Roman Catholics of any rite and Oriental Christians are received into Communion by profession of Faith and Communion. Once Communion is received, the person is Orthodox, and so long as they continue in Communion, are bound to pray (talk to God) regularly, to do works of love and mercy daily, and to be moderate in indulgence of food and drink, to keep the commandments, and to repent when failing in doing God's commandments, to take Confession at least once a year from the spiritual father of the Parish (the Parish Priest) and confess at other times when falling into serious sin, and other things pertaining to the life of the Christian. Youth who have not received confirmation, however, should receive Holy Chrism.
2. Protestants are received by Chrismation and Communion. This is because, unlike Roman Catholics, they have never received Chrism.

The Holy Spirit makes full that which is lacking.

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 can help or know of someone who would trim them, let your parish council know.

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).

Saint Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa (Saturday of Cheesefare Week). Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. "We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls," he said.

On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

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!

Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, "Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness." After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.

Stewardship Teams

Oct 8 Linda
Oct 15 Rebecca
Oct 22 Scottie
Oct 29 Nancy

Readers Schedule

Oct 8 Brian
Oct 15 Andrew
Oct 22 Mike
Oct 29 John

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!

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