



*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 6

Sunday, Sept 17

9:35 am Memorial
9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Retreat Meeting

Monday, Sept 18

7:00 pm Women of Faith
Bandon Mall Food Court

Wednesday, Sept 20

7:00 pm Vespers
Leave taking of the Elevation

Sunday, Sept 24

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

Sunday, Oct 1

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

Sunday, Oct 8

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's services are in loving memory of John and Sonia Tita, parents of Nancy Collins. May their memory be eternal!

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).

Stewardship Teams
Sept 17 Rebecca
Sept 24 Scottie
Oct 1 Nancy
Oct 8 Linda

Readers Schedule
Sept 17 Andrew
Sept 24 Mike
Oct 1 John
Oct 8 Brian

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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 someone with a truck to haul away some trash on the church grounds. If you can help, please see Natalie and Mike Brennan.

Have you turned in your information sheet to the council? Did you lose it and need a new one? Please see a Parish Council member if you need one, and if you still have it, please turn it in.

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).

The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her Daughters Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Their mother was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters for the three Christian virtues. Faith was twelve, Hope was ten, and Love was nine. Saint Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Sophia and her daughters did not hide their faith in Christ, but openly confessed it before everyone.

An official named Antiochus denounced them to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), who ordered that they be brought to Rome. Realizing that they would be taken before the emperor, the holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking that He give them the strength not to fear torture and death. When the holy virgins and their mother came before the emperor, everyone present was amazed at their composure. They looked as though they had been brought to some happy festival, rather than to torture. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis. The young girls remained unyielding.

Then the emperor ordered them to be tortured. They burned the holy virgins over an iron grating, then threw them into a red-hot oven, and finally into a cauldron with boiling tar, but the Lord preserved them.

The youngest child, Love, was tied to a wheel and they beat her with rods until her body was covered all over with bloody welts. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom and remained steadfast in the Faith.

They subjected Saint Sophia to another grievous torture: the mother was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage, and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword.

In order to intensify Saint Sophia's inner suffering, the emperor permitted her to take the bodies of her daughters. She placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city limits and reverently buried them on a high hill. Saint Sophia sat there by the graves of her daughters for three days, and finally she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. Instead, she suffered in her heart. Believers buried her body there beside her daughters.

The relics of the holy martyrs have rested at El'zasa, in the church of Esho since the year 777.