



*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 Council President below

Schedule

Tone 8

Sunday, September 23

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education
Counters: Tom and
Natalie B

Tues, September 25

6:30 pm Foundations of
Orthodoxy
7pm Vespers St. John
the Theologian

Sunday, September 30

9:45 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education
Counters: Tom and
Nancy C

Tues, October 2

6:30 Foundations of
Orthodoxy
7pm Supplicatory
Service
7:30 pm Parish Council
Meeting

Sunday, October 7

10:00 am Divine
Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education
Counters: Pani and
Barbara

Sunday, October 14

10:00 am Divine
Liturgy
11:15 am Fellowship
Youth Education
Counters: Pani and
Svetlana

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning October 7, start time for Divine Liturgy is 10 am.

Please allow the youth and their families to get their food first at fellowship so the youth can go over the church for their lesson.

Did you notice? The floors of the hall and the church have been deep cleaned by Toney and Tina! Also, a few bushes were removed by Ilya, Vasily and Vladislav. We can now see the church sign.

Parish council contacts: Scottie (President): 813-629-6027, Brian (Vice President): (813) 763-5226, Rebecca (Treasurer): (813) 763-5225, Paula (813) 838-4554 (Secretary) Tom Moore Financial Secretary

September shopping list: napkins, Windex

Sign up for fellowship! It can be as simple as bagels or donuts. Please see the board in the hall, or a council member if you have any questions.

We are planning on having a church picnic at Andy and Kathy's on October 28 after church. More details to follow!

Holy Protection's Vision is to be an authentic continuation of Christ's Church locally planted, to operate and to live our lives Biblically according to the will of God, walking the path of salvation that He has given us, and bring others into the life in Christ that we might have the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, living and abiding within us and among us both in this age and in the age to come.

Holy Protection's Mission is that of every parish of God's Holy Orthodox Catholic Church: to strive as a parish, as families of the parish and as faithful individuals, to fulfill His commandments that are summarized with the love of God, neighbor, one another, and even our enemies. This culminates in the Divine Liturgy on the Lord's Day, also fulfilled in the other Sacraments and Services of the Church, and in our homes and lives in prayer, self-restraint, and charitable giving.

Holy Protection's Values Holy Protection Orthodox Church, as a parish of God's Holy Orthodox Catholic Church, is a parish family of God's faithful dedicated to put God and what He wants before ourselves and what we want, because God alone has unselfish motives and knows what is best for us with regard to the one thing needful, eternal life. Holy Protection, therefore, has resolved to put God-given principles first and practice Christianity as delivered by God in Scripture and the living deposit of faith given to the Church both as individuals and together as a church. [Epitome: to live Biblically as faithful followers of Christ and to operate Biblically as a Church

We assembled homeless bags. They are by the door, take a few for your car to hand out when driving. Some things you can add: fresh fruit (orange, banana, apple), a bottle of water, cash, granola bar, etc.

When leaving the hall, if you are the last person there, please make sure all the lights are turned off, including the bathrooms. Also, please make sure the air conditioning is turned off. If you are unsure of how to turn off AC, text or call Pani, 813-451-9829, and she will make sure it is off.

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, Elisabeth, 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, Geverylyn, 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, Tori

The Conception of the Venerable Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when Saint Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Saint Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

