



3820 Moores Lake Rd.
Dover, FL 33527

Church Motto: "Cling to What is Good" – Romans
Theme: "Balance"

In case of emergency: Call Father Harry Linsinbigler, (813) 406 – 2620. If there is no answer, leave a message. Then call Pani Carrie at (813) 451-9829.or text Father Brian Delp at (813) 763-5226.

“Christ is in Our Midst

He is and Ever Shall Be!”

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Schedule:

Wednesday December 3:

6:00 Vespers. 7:00 Bible
Study

Sunday, December 7:

10:00 Divine Liturgy
St. Nicholas Day Celebration

Sunday, December 14:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 17:

6:00 Akathyst. 7:00 Bible
Study

Sunday, December 21

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 24:

(see note in announcements)
4-6:15pm Vespersal Liturgy
6:30-7:30 Candlelight Vigil

Thursday, December 25:

The Nativity of Christ
10:00 Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 28:

10:00 Divine Liturgy

Sunday January 4:

10:00 Divine Liturgy Prayers for New Year **Monday**

January 5

6:00 PM Vespersal Divine Liturgy of Theophany

Announcements:

Christmas Services (Services of the High Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ)
*Please note, you don't have to come on time nor stay for all of a service if time does not permit. Please come for what you can to any of these services. All times are approximate.

Wednesday December 24 Christmas Eve

4pm-6:15pm Vespersal Liturgy of Nativity with Baptisms/Chrismations/Receptions (no mammal/bird products all day, and to partake of Holy Communion eat nothing after 1pm unless health requires it).

6:30pm-7:30pm Candlelight Nativity Vigil

Parish Council:

President: Ellen Flynn – (863) 242-4865

Vice President: Paula Karagounis – (813) 838-4554

Secretary: Stephane Blanc (954) 243-6586

Treasurer: Josef Adamiak: (352) 433-6634

Fin. Secretary: Natalie Brennan : (508) 272-0395

Reader's Schedule:

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Back Up</u>
Dec. 7	Linda	Arlene
Dec. 14	Arlene	Linda
Dec. 21	Sbdcn Peter	Arlene
Dec. 25	Jonathan K.	Peter
Dec. 28	Linda	Ellen
Jan. 4	Ellen	Sbdcn Peter

Counter Schedule:

	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>2ndCounter</u>
Dec. 7	Ellen	Howard
Dec. 14	Ellen	Nancy
Dec. 21	Ellen	Jacob
Dec. 28	Ellen	Mike
Jan. 4	Ellen	Howard

Volunteers Needed:

The council is looking for members willing to help as a counter once a month. You would assist a council member count and reconcile the day's offerings. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please see a council member.

Prayer Corner:

Please send prayer requests to Rebecca Delp by text at (813) 763-5225, email at delp10290@yahoo.com or message Rebecca on Facebook.

Living: Please pray for the ailing: Mike, Stella, Amanda, Darla, Bruce, Arlene, Laura, Trevor, Rick, Nicole, Ashley, Martha, Tim, Vilma, Dan, John, Sherrie, Chuck, Rick, Tony, Michelle, Jana, Erin, Cynthia, Petya, Denise, Keith, Kassey, Clay, Alyssa, Lola, Chris, Andrea, Archie, Robert, Celina, Christina, Robert, Socorro, Eli, Paula, Laura, Kyle, Sally, Avi, Rebeka, Barbara, Susan, Joseph, Rebekah, Father Frederick, Matthew, Michelle, Anton, Jacob, Richard, Konstantin, Tina, Anthony, Patricia, Emily, Colter, Riley, Kent, Donna, Lorelei, Sbdn Peter, Kelly, Rebecca, Mechelle, Maggie and Brittanly,

Reposed: Please pray for the departed: John, George, Pavel, Subdeacon John, Jack, Nathaniel, PJ, Dorothy, Thomas, Kristy, Pani, Fr. Anastaje, Archbishop Vsevelod, Metropolitan Constantine, Harry, Mary, Marie Mary, Helen, Jeannette, Betty, Joe, Lucy, George, Fr. Martin, Sue, Vera, Michael, Ertelle, Cletus, Joshua, Sara, Dawn, Stacy, Jea, Pani Susan, Taras, Joanne, Mihail, Tom, Briana, Mary, Isabelle, Denis. and Patricia.

Fellowship:

Themes:

Dec, 7 St. Nicholas Day, Pizza, (church providing)
Dec, 14 Fasting, Finger Foods
Dec, 21- Salad Bar
Dec, 28 Potluck, Meats

The Fellowship Hall:

The following supplies are needed:

- Individual Bags of Chips (variety)
- Tortilla Chips
- Salsa
- Peanut Butter
- Snack Bars
- Fruit Cups
- Pudding cups
- Individual Creamers
- Juice Cups
- Soda, Variety
- Individual Sugars and Sweeteners
- Paper Towels
- Garbage Bags, 33 gal. and 13 gal.
- Toilet Paper

Christian Education:

Bible Study:

Bible Study meets at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Youth Christian Education:

The elementary group will meet during the homily

On the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The teens will meet each Sunday..

Ministries:

Men's Book Club:

Meetings are planned for the second and fourth weeks of the month. If any of the men in the parish want to join the Men's Book Club, please see Alex or Calaam for more information during Fellowship.

Newly Growing Women's Club:

Interested parish members should speak to Jennifer Langlois during coffee hour. Meetings will involve discussions about Father Harry's podcasts. and making orthodox centered crafts.

Communications:

Father Brian Delp is leader of the Communications Ministry, which includes the church website, newsletter, and videos of the Liturgy on U-tube. One way to keep in touch is to text GOODNEWS to 84576. Or connect online at holyprotection.flocknote.com If you would like to join this ministry, contact Father Brian during Fellowship.

Welcome Ministry:

Jacob Beyea is leader of the Welcome Ministry. We are looking for people who would like to assist in welcoming people before Liturgy. Contact Jacob or Pani during Fellowship if you would like to join this ministry.

Outreach Ministry:

A Big thank you to the parish for donations to the Thanksgiving Baskets. Everyone made two families' Thanksgiving very special.

During the month of December we will collect items needed for the Kennedy Cares Tampa Bay. They serve Hillsborough and Pasco County's families experiencing economic hardships.

We will be collecting the following items:

- Laundry detergent
- Dollar Tree Gift Cards
- Used Pots and Pans
- Silverware
- Deodorant For women and children:
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Female pads
- Diapers size 4/5/6
- Pull ups all sizes
- Baby wipes

- Canned meals (spaghetti or ravioli)

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On Stewardship and the Christian Life

By Father Frederick Watson

The Big Deception

“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

(Luke 16:19 RSV)

It is perhaps the first goal of Satan to make the world attractive. After all, the name “Satan” means “the deceiver.” Satan is so deceptive that he is able to gain the friendliness of even the most devout of Christians. For example, there are many who call themselves Christian who will make any sacrifice to gain money or other riches. And, the more successful they are in getting what they want, the less they care for the Christian Truth and for anyone or anything else in the world. Thus is love for God lost: the more the material wealth, the less invested in Christ and His Church.

It is a disturbing fact that so many are deceived by Satan. So attractive does Satan make money and riches that individuals become enchanted with the prospect of happiness forever, provided the money holds out. It is the greatest deception when Satan lays before us the vision of power and wealth, saying that we might use such power and wealth for the good of the poor and powerless of this world. Yet when and if such wealth and power is gained, those who gain it find little further connection with the needs of the world. The deception is complete when, seeing their wealth and newly gained buying power, they now feel the compelling need to protect it. The whole idea of self-denial, self-sacrifice, and humility is gone. They have no desire to part with their dear earthly treasure. Thus, they are no longer servants of Christ, but are now in the service of money, representing Satan himself. Satan has so deceived them that now they are in the service of what Jesus calls “*mammon*” – earthly riches.

The change in individuals from godliness to worldliness is so often a subtle, unnoticeable thing. Satan is truly the deceiver when he can cause such a

change and the target doesn’t even know or realize it is happening. But the result is true: such a person who has been deceived is no longer in the company of Christ, but has a new master.

Can anyone change back? Can anyone put off the deception and return to the company and service of Christ? Yes, of course. But it takes more than just realizing that one has been deceived. He or she must reject the deception. He or she must renounce Satan just as Christ did, and that we do at our conversions. He or she must put this rejection and renunciation into practice by faithful support of Christ, His Church, and His people. Actions, in this case, do speak louder than words. “*Do not be deceived....*” (Galatians 6:7 RSV).