

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

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Today is the Sunday before Theophany. The Epistle is 2 Timothy 4:5-8. The Gospel is from Mark 1:1-8. Prophet Malachi.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, is our diocesan ruling hierarch.

Divine Liturgy is offered Sunday at 10 am. As reminder only those Orthodox Christians who are properly prepared are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Everyone is invited downstairs following Divine Liturgy for Coffee Hour and Fellowship.



Come down and meet Fr. Luke and the parishioners.

Our parish offers many opportunities to pray, to study and learn more about Jesus Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church.

If you have any questions about the Orthodox Church, our Faith, or our

parish please feel free to contact Fr. Luke. He is more than happy to meet with you and talk.

## Schedule of Services and Events for this week

<b>Monday, January 11, 6 PM – Prayer Group</b>	<b>Saturday, January 16, 4 PM – Vespers</b>	<b>Lorraine Fedyna – Secretary</b>
<b>Monday, January 11, 7 PM - Spirituality Class</b>	<b>Saturday, January 16, 7 PM – New Years Dance</b>	<b>Open – Assistant Treasurer</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 12, 8:30 AM – Royal Hours</b>	<b>Sunday, January 17, 10 AM – Fr. Nicholas' First Liturgy</b>	<b>Nicholas Fong, Luke Faubel and Christopher Mihaly – Member at Large</b>
<b>Wednesday, January 13, 7 PM – Catechism Class</b>	This is the second of three announcements for the Annual meeting which is set for Sunday, January 24.	
<b>Thursday, January 14, 8:30 AM – Akathist</b>	Parish Council Officers are as follows:	
<b>Friday, January 15, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class</b>	<b>Susan Sulich - President</b>	
<b>Friday, January 15, 7 PM – Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Harry Fong – Vice President</b>	
	<b>Monika Mihaly – Treasurer</b>	

## Readers Schedule

1/10 – Susan Paltauf  
1/17 – Harry Fong  
1/24 – Susan Sulich  
1/31 – Sandi Fong

## Coffee Hour

1/10 – Pro-Liturgy  
1/17 –Catered for 1<sup>st</sup> Liturgy  
1/24 - OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:  
We are in need of the following items: Decaf Coffee, 10-inch plates, 5-inch plates (cake size) and napkins.

## Offering Envelopes | Fr. Nicholas' 1<sup>st</sup> Liturgy

**Weekly Offering Envelopes:** Pick up your weekly offering envelopes for 2016 in the hall.

Fr. Nick Mihaly First Liturgy—Nick Mihaly will serve his first liturgy here on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Following the liturgy, we will have a luncheon to celebrate his ordination. (I don't know if you want

people to R.S.V.P. or we just take a best guess estimate for the count.) Also, we will be giving Nick a set of Vestments as a gift from the parish. Please see Harry Fong if you would like to contribute to this gift.

## Catechism Class | New Year's Dance

Our ongoing **catechism class** which meets on Wednesday at 7 PM. Is taking this week off for Theophany We are using the text: *The Living God* by Oliver Clement. We resume class again on January 13.

Our New Year's Dinner Dance is set for Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 p.m. (snow date Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.). Tickets are \$35 per person and include dancing with DJ Bill Lopez and a catered dinner. BYOB. Please R.S.V.P. to Bethany or

Susan Sulich by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## House Blessings

Fr. Luke will be scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.

2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first

names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.

3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.

4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on

your cell phone at the end of the service.

5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.

6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.

7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.

8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor,

## Council Positions Open

We are currently seeking someone to fill the position for our Parish Council of Assistant Treasurer.

Council meets once a month. For job description for Assistant Treasurer, see Vida Bundra or Monika Mihaly.

## | Clothing Drive

We are now collecting for our 4<sup>th</sup> clothing drive.

## Penny Social

We have decided to postpone the Penny Social to April 3. Please continue to save items for this fundraiser and a new date will be announced. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Penny Social was a success mainly because of the quantity and quality of the donations. We will accept any item with a tag or in its original packaging. We are also looking for gently used collector's items including (but not limited to!) china, glassware, jewelry and home décor.

If you would like to help with this Penny Social or have any questions, please contact Kristen Szymanowicz at [kszymano@gmail.com](mailto:kszymano@gmail.com) or 203.529.3144.

## | Prom Dress Project

Cheyenne River Youth Project Prom Dress Collection: We will be helping our friends on the Lakota reservation in South Dakota with a special collection of gowns, jewelry, make-up and accessories for teens to attend their high school prom. See the attached flyer for details. All items can be brought to the church.

### Birthdays

<b>January</b>	
Pablo Gabriel Villa	3
James Kavallines	10
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

## Upcoming Events

**Fr. Nicholas Mihaly, First liturgy and Celebration –**  
Sunday, January 17

**New Year's Dinner Dance -**  
Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> - We are happy to announce that Singer/DJ Bill Lopez will be returning for this event. (Snow date: Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>)

**St. Nectarios Service –**  
Thursday, January 21

**Annual Parish Meeting –**  
Sunday, January 24

**Orthodox Youth Mission Team Meeting -** Sunday, January 24

**Wild Game Dinner –** Saturday, March 5

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**[St. Dorotheos of Gaza: There is the case of a man minding his own business . . .](#)**

“There is the case of a man minding his own business, sitting at peace and quiet; and when a brother comes up and says an annoying word to him, he is put out by it. And from the circumstances he thinks that he is justifiably angered, and he speaks against the one who troubled him, saying, ‘If he had not come and spoken to me and annoyed me I should not have been at fault.’ This is a delusion: this is false reasoning! It was not the one who spoke that put him in a bad mood. He only showed that it already existed in him; so that he could, if he chose, make reparation for his fault. But the man referred to above is like clean-looking winter wheat, externally good and ready to use; but when someone crushes it, its corruption is revealed. He was sitting at peace but he had this anger inside him and he did not know it. One word to him from the other and the corruption hidden inside him leapt out.”

— St. Dorotheos of Gaza, Discourses and Sayings

**[St. Dorotheos of Gaza: Do not ask for love](#)**

“Do not ask for love from your neighbor, for if you ask and he does not respond, you will be troubled. Instead show your love for your neighbour and you will be at rest, and so will bring your neighbour to love.”

— St. Dorotheos of Gaza

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**Perogie Sessions to start January 19th**

Perogie Sessions—We will start up our Perogie sessions again on Tuesday Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Since our Easter and Western Easter are so far apart this year, we will be having two bake sales on March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>.