

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

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Today is the Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Hebrews 13:17-21. The Gospel is from Luke 6:17-23. St. Anthony the Great.

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.

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Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Monday, January 18, 6 PM – Prayer Group	Thursday, January 21, 7 PM – meeting which is set for Sunday, January 24. St. Nectarios Monthly Service
Monday, January 18, 7 PM - Spirituality Class	Friday, January 22, 9:30 AM – Parish Council Officers are as follows: Old Testament Class
Tuesday, January 19, 8:30 AM – Royal Hours	Saturday, January 23, 5 PM – Vespers Susan Sulich - President Harry Fong – Vice President
Tuesday, January 19, 9 AM – Perogies	Sunday, January 24, 9 AM – Church School Monika Mihaly – Treasurer Lorraine Fedyna – Secretary
Wednesday, January 20, 8 AM – Memorial Liturgy	Sunday, January 24, 10 AM – Liturgy Luke Mihalylo – Assistant Treasurer
Wednesday, January 20, 7 PM – Catechism Class	Sunday, January 24, 11:30 AM - Annual Meeting Nicholas Fong, Luke Faubel and Christopher Mihaly – Member at Large
Thursday, January 21, 8:30 AM – Akathist	This is the third of three announcements for the Annual

Readers Schedule

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

Coffee Hour

1/17 –Catered for 1st 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' 1st 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 17th. 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 | Monthly Food Sales

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.

Monthly Food Sales: We have decided to open our freezers once a month (on non-bake sale months) to sell perogies, stuffed cabbage, rolls and any other good we have. We will have a sale the first Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please spread the word to your Perogie-

loving friends! If you are interested in manning the sale, see Rodger Behrend or Susan Sulich.

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,

Clothing Drive | Orthodox Youth Mission Team

We are now collecting for our 4th clothing drive.

Next Sunday, January 24th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. we will have our first training session here for our ASP mission trip to West Virginia set for July 9-17, 2016. Adult leaders will meet at 2:15 p.m. This year's team has

grown to 41 members, 6 crews, from 7 parishes in CT, NY, and NJ. Thanks to everyone who supported our Friendship Soup sale in December and for all the ongoing support to the team.

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 1st 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 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

January	
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

The Reverend Dr. John Chryssavgis, archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, will speak at the **33rd Annual Father Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture**, Sunday, January 31, 2016, 7 p.m. on "Toward the Great and Holy Council: Retrieving a Culture of Conciliarity and Consensus," at **St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary**, 575 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers, NY 10707, svots.edu

Upcoming Events

St. Nectarios Service –
Thursday, January 21

Annual Parish Meeting –
Sunday, January 24

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Meeting - Sunday, January 24

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen –
Friday, March 4

Wild Game Dinner – Saturday,
March 5

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[St. Anthony the Great: The truly intelligent man pursues one sole objective: to obey and to conform to the God of all. With this single aim in view . . .](#)

“The truly intelligent man pursues one sole objective: to obey and to conform to the God of all. With this single aim in view, he disciplines his soul, and whatever he may encounter in the course of his life, he gives thanks to God for the compass and depth of His providential ordering of all things. For it is absurd to be grateful to doctors who give us bitter and unpleasant medicines to cure our bodies, and yet to be ungrateful to God for what appears to us to be harsh, not grasping that all we encounter is for our benefit and in accordance with His providence. For knowledge of God and faith in Him is the salvation and perfection of the soul.”

+ St. Anthony the Great, “On the Character of Men and on the Virtuous Life: One Hundred and Seventy Texts,” Text 2, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 1)*

[St. Anthony the Great: Learn to love humility . . .](#)

“Learn to love humility, for it will cover all your sins. All sins are repulsive before God, but the most repulsive of all is pride of the heart. Do not consider yourself learned and wise; otherwise, all your efforts will be destroyed, and your boat will reach the harbor empty. If you have great authority, do not threaten anyone with death. Know that, according to nature, you too are susceptible to death, and that every soul sheds its body as its final garment.”

— St. Anthony the Great

[St. Anthony the Great: A time is coming when men will go mad . . .](#)

“A time is coming when men will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him, saying, ‘You are mad; you are not like us.’”

+ St. Anthony the Great, [The Sayings of the Desert Fathers: The Alphabetical Collection](#)

Perogie Sessions to start January 19th

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