

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

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Today is the Thirty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel is from Luke 18:35-43. Venerable Xenia.

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

Monday, January 25, 6 PM – Prayer Group	Saturday, January 30, 8 AM – Service for Three Hierarchs	The Annual meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 31.
Monday, January 25, 7 PM - Spirituality Class	Saturday, January 30, 5 PM – Vespers	Parish Council Officers are as follows:
Tuesday, January 26, 8:30 AM – First Hour	Sunday, January 31, 9 AM – Church School	Susan Sulich - President
Tuesday, January 26, 9 AM – Perogies	Sunday, January 31, 10 AM – Liturgy	Harry Fong – Vice President
Wednesday, January 27, 7 PM – Catechism Class	Sunday, January 31, 11:30 AM - Annual Meeting	Monika Mihaly – Treasurer
Thursday, January 28, 8:30 AM – Akathist	Sunday, January 31, 3 PM - ASP Meeting	Lorraine Fedyna – Secretary
Friday, January 29, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class		Luke Mihalyo – Assistant Treasurer
		Nicholas Fong, Luke Faubel and Christopher Mihaly – Member at Large

Readers Schedule

1/24 – Susan Sulich
1/31 – Sandi Fong

Coffee Hour

1/24 – OPEN
1/31 – Bundra
2/7 – Villa
2/14 - Sulich

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' Ordination 1st Liturgy

Weekly Offering

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

On behalf of Pani Bethany and I, we thank you for all that you have done for Fr. Nicholas and his family. Your love, generosity and support is a testament to your love of our Lord and

His Holy Church. May God continue to bless our parish.

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.

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 31st 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	
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

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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Orthodox Reading Week at St John the Compassionate Mission



Saturday February 13 to Saturday February 20 2016

- Live in community with others at Lourmel, the Mission's community house.
- Involve yourself in the daily service (diakonia) of the Mission to the inner city poor and marginalized
- Participate in the daily liturgical life of the Mission.
- Engage in theological reflection on the mission of the Church in the world today with clergy and others serving at St John's.
- See what can happen when the Church meets the Street (**another way being parish!**)
- Free time to relax and see Toronto (at your own expense)

Cost: only \$125 for full board and lodging at Lourmel

Travel: pay your own fares to and from Toronto*

Spaces limited so book asap! Non-returnable deposit of \$125 secures your place.

Applications to stjohnsmision@sympatico.ca or by mail to: St John the Compassionate Mission, 155 Broadview Avenue, Toronto M4M 2E9

Arrivals: by Saturday afternoon

Departures: mid-day Saturday (or later)

Co-curricular record: if desired the Mission will supply you with proof of your service at St John's during this week.

* airport pickups available

Help Feed Our Woodpecker!

A woodpecker who started pecking the siding of the church this fall seems to have been deterred by a suet feeder in the front of the church. If you would like to contribute to feeding the woodpecker and other birds (and hopefully keeping them off the church!) please bring in suet

cakes (hi-energy peanut flavor is popular). The feeder hold two suet cakes and we are refilling about every 1 ½ to 2 weeks.