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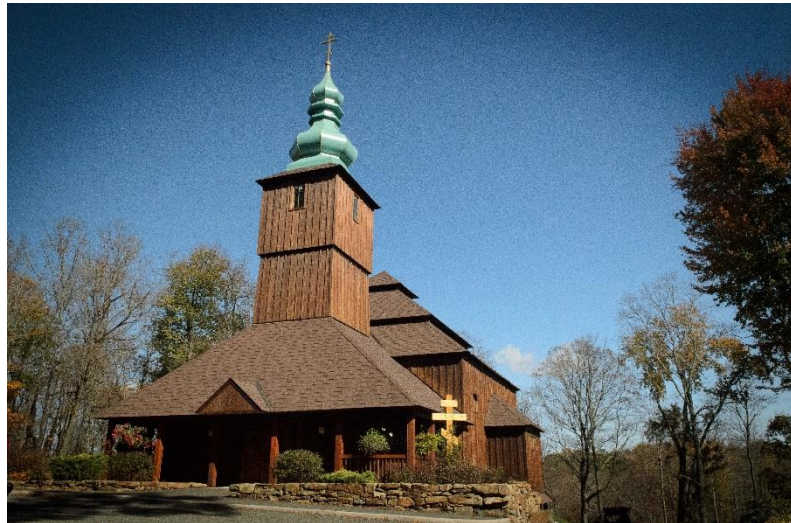
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. The Gospel is from Luke 8:26-39. Zenobius & Zenobia.

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

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, October 30, 11:30 AM – Church School elementary Students	Friday, November 4, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class	Wednesday, November 9, 7 PM - Catechism Class
Monday, October 31, 6 PM – Prayer Group	Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6 - Lenox Retreat on MISSIONS with Kenneth Kidde OCMC	Friday, November 11, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class
Monday, October 31, 7 PM – Spirituality Class	Sunday, November 6, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy with Fr. Sergei Bouteneff	Saturday, November 2, 9:30 AM – Church grounds Fall clean up
Tuesday, November 1, 8:30 AM – Hours	There will be no Prayer Class or Spirituality Class on Monday, November 7. Fr. Luke will be out of town.	Sunday, November 13, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, November 1, 9 AM – Perogie Session	Tuesday, November 8, 9 AM - Perogie Session	Sunday, November 13, 11:30 AM – Parish Meeting on new parish rectory immediately following Divine Liturgy in the church
Wednesday, November 2, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class	Wednesday, November 9 – Archaeology Dig at cemetery	Clocks FALL BACK 1 hour next Sunday, November 6
Thursday, November 3, 8:30 AM – Akathist		

Readers Schedule

10/30 – Robert Faubel
11/6 – Chris Mihaly
11/13 – Suzanne Molineaux
11/20 – Luke Mihaylo
11/27 – Sandi Fong

Coffee Hour

10/30 – FONG
11/6 – Natalia
11/13 – Behrend
11/20 – OPEN
11/27 - OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

We are in need of kitchen size garbage bags.

Ham and Cheese for

Sale--\$4 a pound.
Available in the kitchen.

Rectory/Office and Classroom Fundraising Meeting

—There will be a brief update on our Rectory/Office and Classroom on Sunday, Nov. 13th immediately following liturgy.

Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish Family Day | Church School Starts

The **Akathist Service to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup** has proven to be a great help to all those who know someone or who themselves are struggling with alcoholism and addiction. We at Holy Trinity have quietly started serving the Akathist to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup. If you are interested in attending the service please see Fr. Luke. This service is open to all parishioners. This Saturday, October 29 at 2 PM is our next service.

Last night we had a bonfire following Vespers for our monthly Family and Youth activity. Parents had the opportunity to meet with Church School Director, Stasia Thompson and learn about the curriculum for the upcoming year. If you missed the meeting, contact Stasia to find out about church school for your children. Our next **Family Night** will be Saturday Nov. 26th and then again on Saturday Dec. 3rd.

Church School meets on Sundays. Middle and High School Students will meet before Divine Liturgy at 9 AM and Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Family Day October 29th for a meeting to discuss Church School.

Woodpecker Food

Woodpecker Food:
Our woodpeckers are running out of food. Donations of suet cakes (regular size) would be greatly appreciated

| Archaeology Dig at St. Platon's

On Wednesday, Nov. 9th starting about 9:00 a.m. we will be continuing with the dig at our cemetery, focusing on the altar area of the original church. All amateur archaeologists welcome!

Clothing Drive Update | Rectory/Office and Classroom Fundraising Meeting

The final day to accept clothes for the Summer/Fall **Clothing Drive** is Sunday, November 20. So bring in those bags of clothing. Thank your Ann and the entire Huott Family for this great fundraiser!

Rectory/Office and Classroom Fundraising Meeting

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Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions — We will resume our perogie sessions this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

| Fall Clean Ups Scheduled

We will need to do a grounds clean-up both at our cemetery and around the church before the winter. The parish grounds clean-up will be on Saturday, Nov. 12th starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring rakes, leaf blowers, weed baskets and clippers.

Upcoming Events

Lenox Retreat—Nov. 4-6th

Archaeology Dig at St. Platon's Cemetery – Wednesday, Nov. 9

Roll Baking – Saturday Nov. 12th

Parish Grounds Clean Up—Sat Nov. 12

Rectory/Office and Classroom Fundraising Meeting – Sunday Nov. 13th following liturgy

Council Meeting – Sunday Nov. 13th following liturgy

OYMT Informational Meeting on 2017 Mission Trip to Alaska – Sunday, Nov. 13th 3:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20

Family Outing - Saturday, November 26th

Birthdays

October	
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30
November	
Stephen Fong	5
Paul Sulich, Jr.	7
Paul & Elaine Toaso Anniversary	9
Kathryn Kerpchar	9
John Somoskovec	11
Sophia Baroody	11
Michael Dran	12
Matthias Robert Paltauf	13
Daniel John Huott	13
Sandy Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

Knitting Group: Our knitting group will be meeting certain Sundays, immediately following coffee hour. All ages and experience levels welcome. If you would like to learn to knit, see Suad for a list of supplies to bring and if you have any questions.

Annual Lenox Retreat | Holiday Craft and Bake

Annual Lenox Retreat—If you have not already done so, please let Susan Sulich know today if you plan to attend our annual parish retreat at the Village Inn in Lenox, MA, Nov. 4-Nov. 6. The inn reserves all of its rooms for us until Oct. 1st so it is now time for us to give them our reservation list. Reservations will continue to be accepted as long as the inn has space. The retreat master this year will be Kenneth Kidd, Director of Development for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center who will be speaking about missions in the Orthodox Church and specific work the OCMC is involved in. The cost is \$320 for a double and \$210 for a single which includes 2 nights' accommodations, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. See tentative schedule attached.

Our Thanksgiving Craft and Bake Sale will take place on Nov. 19 and 20 and our Christmas sale will be on Dec. 10. We have begun signing up crafters for our sales. If you would like to reserve a space or you know of any crafter of high-quality, handmade items who would like to participate in our sale, please let Susan Sulich know. Tables are \$35.

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[St. Symeon the New Theologian: You may find yourself hampered by someone who sows tares of despondency. . . .](#)

“You may find yourself hampered by someone who sows tares of despondency. He tries to prevent you from climbing to such heights of holiness by discouraging you with various thoughts. For instance, he will tell you that it is impossible for you to be saved and to keep every single one of God’s commandments while you live in this world.

When this happens you should sit down in a solitary place by yourself, collect yourself, concentrate your thoughts and give good counsel to your soul, saying:

Why, my soul, are you dejected, and why do you trouble me? Put your hope in God, for I will give thanks to Him; for my salvation lies not in my actions but in God (cf. Ps. 42:5). Who will be vindicated by actions done according to the law (cf. Gal 2:16)? No living person will be vindicated before God (cf. Ps. 143:2). Yet by virtue of my faith in God I hope that in His ineffable mercy He will give me salvation. Get behind me, Satan (cf. Matt. 16:23). I worship the Lord my God (cf. Matt. 4:10) and serve Him from my youth; for He is able to save me simply through His mercy. Go away from me. The God who created me in His image and likeness will reduce you to impotence.”

—St. Symeon the New Theologian

[St. Symeon the New Theologian: Through repentance the filth of our foul actions . . .](#)

“Through repentance the filth of our foul actions is washed away. After this, we participate in the Holy Spirit, not automatically, but according to the faith, humility and inner disposition of the repentance in which our soul is engaged. For this reason it is good to repent each day as the act of repentance is unending.”

— St. Symeon the New Theologian, Philokalia Volume 2

[St. Symeon the New Theologian: Those of whom I speak and whom . . .](#)

“Those of whom I speak and whom I call heretics are those who say that there is no one in our times and in our midst who is able to keep the Gospel commandments and become like the holy Fathers...Now those who say that this is impossible have not fallen into one particular heresy, but rather into all of them, if I may say so, since this one surpasses and covers them all in impiety and abundance of blasphemy. One who makes this claim subverts all the divine Scriptures. I think (that by making this claim) such a person states that the Holy Gospel is now recited in vain, that the writings of Basil the Great and of our other priests and holy Fathers are irrelevant or have even been frivolously written. If, then, it is impossible for us to carry out in action and observe without fail all the things that God says, and all that the saints, after first practicing them have left in writing for our instruction, why did they at that time trouble to write them down and why do we read them in Church? Those who make these claims shut up the heaven that Christ opened for us, and cut off the way to it that he inaugurated for us. God who is above all, stands, as it were, at the gate of heaven and peers out of it so that the faithful see him, and through his Holy Gospel cries out and says, ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest’ (Mt. 11:28). But these opponents of God or, rather, antichrists say, ‘It is impossible, impossible.’”

—St. Symeon the New Theologian

Incense Donation

We are running low on incense. If you would like to make a donation

towards incense please see Fr. Luke. A half-pound of incense can cost between

\$25 and \$30. We need about 3 lb.