

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Colossians 3:12-16. The Gospel is from Luke 18:18-27. Paul of Thebes.

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

**Sunday, January 15, 10 AM –** Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, January 15, 11:30 AM –** Church School

**Sunday, January 15, 11:30 AM –** Panachida for Victor Kuziak, John Fedyna and Dorothy Lloyd-Brown

**Monday, January 16, 7 PM –** Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, January 17, 8:30 AM –** Hours

**Tuesday, January 17, 9:30 AM –** Prayer Group

**Tuesday, January 17, 7 PM –** Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 18, 9 AM –** Liturgy in memory of for Victor Kuziak, John Fedyna and Dorothy Lloyd-Brown

**Thursday, January 19, 8:30 AM –** Akathist

**Thursday, January 19, 7 PM –** Anointing Service to St. Nectarios

**Friday, January 20, 9 AM –** Old Testament Class – **Note time change**

**Saturday, January 21, 5 PM –** Vespers

**Sunday, January 22, 10 AM –** Divine Liturgy – **Collection for Zoe for Life**

**Sunday, January 22, 11:30 AM –** Church School

**Sunday, January 22, 12:30 PM –** Choir Seminar

**Sunday, January 22, 5 PM –** OYMT Meeting

## Readers Schedule

1/15 – Susan Sulich  
1/22 – Paul Sulich  
1/29 – Harry Fong

## Coffee Hour

1/15 – Pancake Breakfast  
1/22 – Carlos Morfa  
1/29 – Suzanne Molineaux

## Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

Decaf coffee.

## Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish Family Day | Church School

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. Look here for our next service.

Our next **Family Night** will be sometime this January. Watch here for upcoming details.

**Church School** meets on Sundays. Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy. Fr. Luke will be talking to the parents of the high school students to work on a schedule to meet outside of Sunday.

## Weeping Icon Visit

The Kardiotissa Weeping Icon of Taylor, Pennsylvania will be visiting our parish on Friday, January 27. A service to the Mother of God will be served at 7 PM. No media coverage or video in church please. Fr. Mark Leasure will accompany the icon and give a presentation after the service. There will be a

lot of people here so be sure to arrive early and car pool if you can.

We will have coffee and food downstairs for our visitors so we will need people to make some light snacks and food.

We will also need help with parking and also ushers to be sure that things in church are done orderly.

## Prayer Group

**Prayer Group**—Our Prayer Group is now meeting on Tuesday mornings, immediately following services. We are currently reading “Courage to Pray” by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom and George Lefebvre. In this class we are learning about prayer, personal and intercessory, and it is an opportunity to share some of the struggles and encouraging parts of our prayer lives.

## Annual Meeting Announcement

**Annual Meeting Announcement**—Our annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> following liturgy. We have a number of important items to discuss, including moving forward with our new Rectory/Office/Class room project. Your attendance is vital. If you can't be there, arrange to give your proxy vote to another member of the parish.

If you need a proxy form please see Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2017:

President – **Susan Sulich**  
Vice President – **Harry Fong**  
Treasurer – **Monika Mihaly**  
Assistant Treasurer – **Luke Mihaylo**  
Secretary – **Nicholas Fong**  
Members at Large:  
**Lorraine Fedyna**  
**Luke Faubel**  
**Diana Borsari**

## Envelopes Available

**Envelopes Available**—if you had envelopes last year or you requested them, envelopes for weekly offerings are in the hall labeled by name. If you did not request envelopes but would like a set, see Susan Sulich

## Clothing Drive Starts Our next Clothing Drive is ON!

Thank you, Ann and the entire Huott Family. Start saving all your extra clothes, shoes, pillows, etc. for our clothing drive. The last clothing drive we collected more than a tone of clothes and we received more than \$400.00

## Birthdays

January	
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	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.

## Upcoming Events

**Council Meeting**—Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Choir Workshop** — Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Orthodox Youth Mission Team Training Session** — Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Myrrh Streaming Icon Visit** —Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting** — Sunday, January 29, 2017

**Stewardship Sunday**— Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Wild Game Dinner** – Saturday, February 11

**Missions Sunday – Visit from Alex Goodwin from OCMC** - Sunday, February 26,

## 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

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

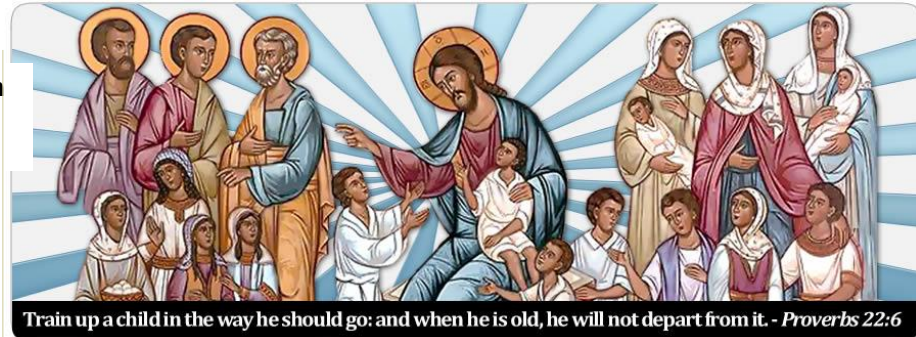
## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

We are having a collection on Sunday Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> for Zoe for Life which is a Pan Orthodox Outreach of Orthodox Christians which has three goals: to help women during crisis pregnancies; assist Orthodox Christians seeking to adopt; provide education and resources.

## For the Children

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“... a place of refuge full of love and joy.”



Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

When do you say “thank you” to God? Whenever He helps you with something? But that’s impossible! He is helping you all the time!

In the Gospel, we hear the story of the ten men who had the awful skin disease of leprosy. When Jesus healed these ten men, only one came back to say “thank you”! Only one out of ten!

Do you say “thank you” to God even one out of every ten times He does something for you? Even that is hard, isn’t it?

Many of the saints of our Orthodox Church tell us how important it is to say “thank you” to our Lord! Not so long ago there lived a very holy nun named Mother Gavriilia (she died in 1992). Lots of people think she might be called a saint one day. She spent her whole life helping and healing very poor people, even people with that same awful skin disease, leprosy!

Mother Gavriilia once said that when we really know the gifts of God, “We keep going and saying, Thank you...Thank you...Thank you... We see a person...Thank you. We see a flower...Thank you. We see a glass of milk...Thank you. Thank you...for everything!” Do you think you can follow this saintly woman’s example? Do you think you can try to notice the gifts God gives you?

### SAINT EUTHYMOS: THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE!

Have you ever tried to show off about something? Maybe you wanted to show others that you were really good at something, or that you could do something they couldn’t do.

This week, we celebrate the nameday of a saint who taught others not to be show-offs. Saint Euthymios was a humble monk, but he grew to be in charge of lots of other monks. He started lots of monasteries in Palestine, so that men there could try to grow closer to our Lord. They could focus their whole lives on God. Saint Euthymios was a holy man, but he tried hard not to show off. God gave this saint lots of gifts, but Euthymios didn’t want other people to know how close he was to God! He just didn’t want to show off.

Sometimes we might think that monks and nuns are so holy that they don’t ever do anything wrong! That’s not true, of course. They have struggles too, just like we do...but just in different ways. Once, some young monks wanted to show off how much they could fast. They wanted to show how little they could eat. But Saint Euthymios (who was their leader), told them to come to the table with the other monks. He told them it was more important to have love for each other. He wanted them to learn to be humble... and not to show off. See how we can learn so much from the saints?

We celebrate the nameday of Saint Euthymios on Friday, January 20th.

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