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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is 1 Timothy 1:15-17. The Gospel is from Luke 18:35-43. Apostle Timothy.

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 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

Monday, January 23, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, January 24, 8:30 AM
– Hours

Tuesday, January 17, 9 AM –
perogie session

Thursday, January 26, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Friday, January 27, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class – **Note time change**

Friday, January 27, 7 PM –
Visit of the miraculous weeping icon of the Kardiotissa from Taylor, PA

Saturday, January 28, 3 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, January 29, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 29, 11:30 AM – Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, January 29, 11:45 AM – Annual Parish Meeting

Readers Schedule

1/22 – Paul Sulich
1/29 – Harry Fong
2/5 – Paul Toaso
2/12 – Christopher Mihaly
2/19 – Susan Paltauf
2/26 – Bob Faubel

Coffee Hour

1/22 – Carlos Morfa
1/29 – Suzanne Molineaux
2/5 – OPEN
2/12 – OPEN
2/19 – OPEN
2/26 – OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

Decaf coffee.

Wild Game Dinner—On

Saturday, Feb. 11th we will have our annual game dinner. Please see Lorraine Fedyna to sign up to make a game or ethnic dish, salad, side or dessert. Tickets are \$35 per person (BYOB) and reservations are strongly recommended. Help will be needed in the kitchen as well as for set up and clean up. We are also looking for raffle basket donations for the event.

Alcoholism and Addiction | 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.

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 29th 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 Mihalylo**
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

Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions—It's time to start making perogies for our spring bake sale. We will meet again on Tuesdays mornings at 9:00 a.m. (after the Hours service). All pinchers or wanna be pinchers welcome—no experience needed!

Birthdays

January	
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

Choir Workshop —
Sunday, January 22nd 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Myrrh Streaming Icon Visit
Friday, January 27th

Annual Meeting — Sunday,
January 29, 2017

Stewardship Sunday—
Sunday, January 29th

Monthly Bake Sale —
Thursday Feb. 2nd 5-7 p.m.

Wild Game Dinner —
Saturday, February 11

OYMT Training Session —
Sunday, Feb. 12th 3-5 p.m. at St. Barbara in Orange

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. 22nd 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.”



SAINT TIMOTHY: “LET NO ONE DESPISE YOUR YOUTH”

Has anybody ever told you, “You’re too little for that”? Sure! Everybody has heard that. We heard in today’s Gospel reading about a man (Zacchaeus) who was too short to see Jesus, so he climbed a tree to see over the crowds.

Today we celebrate the nameday of Saint Timothy, a man who must have been young to be preaching and teaching about God. Some people might not have wanted to listen to Timothy, just because he was young. Saint Timothy was a helper to Saint Paul, and in fact, today we hear from one of the letters Saint Paul wrote to him.

Saint Paul writes, “Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” In other words, Saint Paul tells Timothy (and us too!) not to worry that he is young. Instead, this young man can show people what it means to be a Christian. He can still be loving, faithful, and pure.

We can all follow Saint Paul’s advice to young Saint Timothy, can’t we? You might be too young for some things in the church, but we can try to be good Christian examples at any age. Just remember, you’re never “too little for that!”

We celebrate the nameday of Saint Timothy today, Sunday, January 22nd.



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