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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of Zacchaeus. The Epistle is 1 Timothy 4:9-15. The Gospel is from Luke 19:1-10. Relics of Ignatius of Antioch.

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

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| Sunday, January 29, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy | Presentation- Blessing of Candles |
| Sunday, January 29, 11:30 AM – Stewardship Sunday | Thursday, February 2, 5 PM – 7 pm – Monthly Perogie Sale |
| Sunday, January 29, 11:45 AM – Annual Parish Meeting | Friday, February 3, 9 AM – Old Testament Class |
| January 301, 9 AM – Perogie Session | Saturday, February 4, 5 PM – Vespers |
| Wednesday, February 1, 6 PM – Vespers for the Presentation of Christ in the temple | Sunday, February 5, 10 AM – Liturgy |
| Wednesday, February 1, 7 PM – Catechism Class | |
| Thursday, February 2, 9 AM – Liturgy for the Feast of the | |

Readers Schedule

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

Coffee Hour

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 \$30 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.

Monthly Food Sale This Thursday—Feb. 2nd will be our next monthly food sale from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Spread the news to friends that we have plenty of perogies, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and nut rolls for sale.

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

I want to thank the entire parish for the effort and participation for this past Friday's visit of the Kardiotissa Weeping Icon of Taylor, Pennsylvania. I want to thank Stephen Fong and all the choir members who came to sing; Suad and who coordinated all those who cooked and donated food; Rodger for coordinating the

shuttle to and from church. Paul Sulich, Paul Toaso and Nick Huott who worked parking the many cars. It was estimated that we had about 350 people here this past Friday to venerate the Kardiotissa.

It was great blessing and privilege for us to have hosted her icon here at our parish. We are grateful for

her presence among us. We must also thank His Grace, Bishop Gregory for his blessing to allow Fr. Mark Leasure and those who traveled with him to come to Holy Trinity with the Kardiotissa.

Prayer Group

Prayer Group—Our Prayer Group is now meeting on Thursday 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 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

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

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| January | |
| Connie Somoskovec | 30 |
| February | |
| Leon Guerrero | 1 |
| Jerry Kachevsky | 5 |
| Emily Varney | 13 |
| AJ Villa | 13 |
| Rob & Andrea Paltauf Anniversary | 14 |
| Kristina Bunda | 20 |

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

Annual Meeting — Sunday, January 29, 2017

Wild Game Dinner – Saturday, February 11

Stewardship Sunday— Sunday, January 29th

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

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

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.

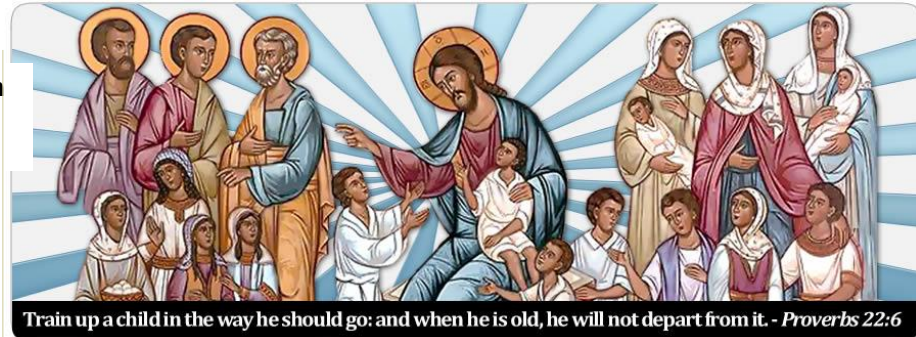
8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

For the Children

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



Do you like learning how to do things for yourself? Maybe you know how to make a little snack when you come home from school, or maybe you can clean your own laundry. You might have heard your parents tell you, “You have to do some things on your own!”

But as a kid, you still have some things you depend on others for—like if you want to learn about our Lord. Right now, you probably hear about Jesus and about His Church from your parents. Or you might be blessed to have church school each Sunday, when you learn even more. When you are older, you will still want to grow closer to God, but how will you do that?

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear about a man named Zacchaeus. He was the one who climbed up into a tree so he could see Jesus. Zacchaeus wanted to know more about Jesus, so he went out of his way to see Him!

In a way, we are like Zacchaeus too. Sometimes people will tell us about God, but sometimes we have to go out of our way to “see” Him, or to learn more about Him! One great way is by reading your Bible. Do you have your own Bible you can read sometimes? Another great way is by coming to church as much as we can. We can go out of our way too, just like Zacchaeus!

CHEERS FOR THE 3 HIERARCHS: ST. BASIL, ST. JOHN, AND ST. GREGORY

Do you ever compete against your friends? If you are on a sports team together, you probably do. But sometimes we might get jealous, even of our friends! Sometimes you might want to get a better grade than a friend got, or maybe sometimes you might wish YOU had scored the goal, instead of your friend.

Tomorrow we remember three saints—St. Basil, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Gregory the Theologian. These three saints are now friends together in heaven, but long ago people fought about which one was the best saint. Each one of these saints did GREAT things for the Church, but people still fought. Some said St. Basil was the best. Some said St. John was the best. And some said St. Gregory was the best. That’s why, about a thousand years ago, another St. John wrote a beautiful service to remember all three saints. Tomorrow is a special day when we remember all three saints together, and we celebrate all the amazing things they did for the Orthodox Church.

By the way, did you know these are the saints you can pray to if you want help with school or with learning? All three men were brilliant teachers who taught us with the things they wrote...so they can teach in a different way now!

We celebrate the nameday of these 3 saints tomorrow, January 30th.

We’re on the Web!
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