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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 3:9-17. The Gospel is from Matthew 14:22-34. Apostle Thaddeus.

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, August 22, 8:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for Olga Petrik

Saturday, August 27, 3 PM – Akathist Inexhaustible cup

Saturday, August 27, 5 PAM – Vespers

Sunday August 28, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 28, 12:30 PM — Parish council Meeting

Readers Schedule

8/21 - Susan Sulich 8/28 – Luke Mihaylo

Coffee Hour

8/21 - OPEN 8/28 - OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen: We are in need of decaf coffee and cold cups.

Perogie Dash

Perogie Dash: A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped at this years' annual Perogie Dash 5K Road Race/Health Walk. We had plenty of volunteers to help out. It was truly a whole parish affair! Over a thousand dollars was for Healing Hearts Center for Grief and Loss! Thank you to our sponsor of the race.

| Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish Family Day

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.

Family Days—Last week we enjoyed a fun trip to Silverman's Orchard to pick the first apples of the season. We are hoping to have one Youth and Family Day each month. For the fall, we will be scheduling these on the last Saturday of the month in the afternoon or evening. Save the following dates: September 24th, October 29th, and November 26th. Specific details for each day to follow.

Fire Prevention Reminder | Woodpecker Food

Fire Prevention

Reminder: Please do not put out cigarettes in the mulch around the church. With the extremely dry weather, mulch can smolder for several hours and then catch fire.

Woodpecker Food:

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

| Monthly Food Sale

Monthly Food Sale — Our next monthly food sale will take place on Thursday, Sept. 1st from 4-7 p.m. Income from our monthly sales is growing. We also sold about 34 dozen perogies at the Perogie Dash Road Race. If you are interested in helping out at the month sale, please contact Rodger Behrend or Diana Borsari.

Soup Kitchen

Dorothy Day-Our next day to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, September 2nd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. We are always happy to have new people to serve and you can help out for all or half of the afternoon. Anyone who is interested in participating or has questions, see Susan Sulich.

Bowling Day

Bowling Day with St. George's—On Sunday, October 16th we will join our brothers and sisters from St. George's parish in Danbury for bowling at Danbury Duck Pin Bowling at 1:30 p.m. Please let Father Luke know if you plan to attend.

DDD Dinner

DDD Dinner—Our Distinguished Diocesan Donor Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 4:30 p.m. at Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe. The Distinguished Diocesan Donors Program (DDD) which was founded By His Grace, Bishop John of Thrice-Blessed-Memory, offers the faithful and friends of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese an opportunity to assist, in a meaningful way to our diocesan apostolates and ministries. See attached donor form.

Meals for the Radcliff Family | Perogie Sessions | Parish Dinner Out

Meals for the Radcliff Family—We would like to offer the Radcliff Family some meals during the upcoming weeks. If you would like to make a dinner for them, please contact Susan Sulich at ssulich@yahoo.com.

Perogie Sessions—We will be starting up our perogie sessions on Tuesday, August 30th, immediately following the Hours service (about 9:00 a.m.). Calling all veteran and newcomer pinchers no experience necessary!

Parish Dinner Out—We are planning a parish dinner at Venice restaurant in Ridgefield for Thursday, Sept. 8th. Dinner will be \$23 per person which will include salad, entrée, wine, dessert and coffee or tea. Please let Susan Sulich know if you would like to attend.

Birthdays August 23 Brenna Singer 25 Amy Fong Susan Paltauf 25 Marika Gutzman 26 Cyril Gutzman 26 Mariana Bundra 28 Todosiev Kristen Szymanowicz 31

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

Akathist to the Icon of our Lady of the Inexhaustible Cup - Saturday, August 27 3 PM

Monthly Food Sale—Thursday, September 1st 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Day—Friday, September 2nd 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Parish Dinner Out to Venice Restaurant—Sept. 8th 6: 30 p.m.

Adult Mission Trip to St. John the Compassionate Mission— September 12-17th

Family Outing - Saturday, September 26th

Dorothy Day - Friday October 7th 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Diocesan Sobor-October 9-12th

Duck Pin Bowling with St. George's parish - Sunday, October 16th 1:30 p.m.

Trinity Troubadours Cabaret - Saturday, October 15

Consecration of St. George Church Taylor, PA weekend of October 21-23

DDD Dinner - Sunday, October 23 Roberto's Restaurant Monroe, 4:30 PM

Family Outing - Saturday, October 29th

Family Outing - Saturday, November 26th

Lenox Retreat—Nov. 4-6th

Annual Lenox Retreat | Adult Mission Trip

Annual Lenox Retreat—Yes it's only August but we are already getting reservations for our annual retreat in Lenox, MA. The retreat will be held at the Village Inn (same location as in past vears) from Friday Nov. 4-Sunday, Nov. 6th. Rates are \$320 per couple or \$210 for a single which includes 2 nights' accommodations, 2 full breakfasts, and 1 dinner. Reservations are due October 1st. Please R.S.V.P. to Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) if you wish to attend. Rooms reserved on first come, first serve basis.

Adult Mission Trip—Plans are underway for an adult mission trip to St. John the Compassionate Mission (www.stjohnsmission.org) in Toronto, Canada from Monday Sept. 12-Saturday Sept. 17th. This diocesan mission has many outreach programs including a soup kitchen, bakery and refuge house as well as an active parish life. This will be an exciting opportunity both to serve and learn about mission work. If you are interested in participating, let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich

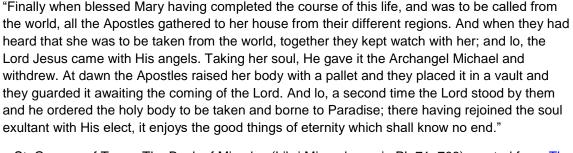
know. You will need your passport to enter Canada.

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St. Gregory of Tours: On the Dormition

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



+ St. Gregory of Tours, The Book of Miracles (Libri Miraculorum in PL 71, 708), quoted from <u>The Life of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos</u>, Holy Apostles Convent, p 484.

Elder Thaddeus: The Most Holy Mother of God prays for us ceaselessly. . . .

"The Most Holy Mother of God prays for us ceaselessly. She is always visiting us. Whenever we turn to her in our heart, she is there. After the Lord, she is the greatest protection for mankind. How many churches there are in the world that are dedicated to the Most Holy Mother of God! How many healing springs where people are cured of their ailments have sprung up in places where the Most Holy Theotokos appeared and blessed those springs to heal both the sick and the healthy! She is constantly, by our side, and all too often we forget her."

+ Elder Thaddeus, Homily on the Dormition of the Theotokos delivered August 15/28

St. Mary of Egypt: Prayer of Repentance

"O Lady, Mother of God, who gave birth in the flesh to God the Word, I know, O how well I know, that it is no honour or praise to thee when one so impure and depraved as I look up to thy icon, O ever-virgin, who didst keep thy body and soul in purity. Rightly do I inspire hatred and disgust before thy virginal purity. But I have heard that God Who was born of thee became man on purpose to call sinners to repentance. Then help me, for I have no other help. Order the entrance of the church to be opened to me. Allow me to see the venerable Tree on which He Who was born of thee suffered in the flesh and on which He shed His holy Blood for the redemption of sinners an for me, unworthy as I am. Be my faithful witness before thy son that I will never again defile my body by the impurity of fornication, but as soon as I have seen the Tree of the Cross I will renounce the world and its temptations and will go wherever thou wilt lead me."

+ Prayer of St. Mary of Egypt while standing in front of the icon of the Theotokos at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem



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Consecration of the Holy Altar of St. George's Taylor, PA

St. George's Orthodox
Church will celebrate the
consecration of the Holy
Altar and the completed
iconography project in
thanksgiving for the
blessing of the Kardiotissa
Theotokos on the
weekend of October 2123. The Holy Relics to be
embedded in the Altar will
be escorted by His Grace,
Bishop Gregory at 6 PM

Friday evening, followed by Great Vespers. The service of consecration will begin at 9 AM Saturday morning followed by the celebration of the first Divine Liturgy on the newly-consecrated altar.

The Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will begin at 10 Am on Sunday morning immediately followed by a complimentary banquet in St. George's Center.

Reservations for the banquet on Sunday can be made with Karen Pehonich at (570) 963-5832.