

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Preparing to Worship the Thrice-Holy God

Upon Entering the Church

I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy;
and in thy fear I will worship toward thy holy temple.

(Ps. 5:7)

A Prayer before Holy Communion

O Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ, our God,
who alone hast authority to forgive men their sins:
overlook in thy goodness and love for mankind all my offences
whether committed with knowledge or in ignorance;
and make me worthy to receive without condemnation
thy divine, glorious, spotless, and life-giving Mysteries,
not for punishment, nor for an increase of sins, but for purification and sanctification and as a
pledge of the life and the kingdom to come,
as a protection and help, and for the destruction of enemies,
and for the blotting out of my many transgressions.
For thou art a God of mercy and compassion and love for mankind, and to thee we send up
glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(St. John of Damascus)

NEWCOMERS

A warm welcome to all those worshipping with us at Holy Trinity! Please join us for coffee after the service; we look forward to getting to know you.

About receiving Holy Communion: The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be – among other things – the paramount expression of Christian unity. Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a formal unity with all the dogma and practice and discipline of the Orthodox Church, **non-Orthodox** guests do not receive Holy Communion. **Orthodox** communicants are reminded that we approach the Chalice with due preparation including recent Confession, keeping the appointed fasts of the Church, and appropriate prayers of *preparation* for the reception of Holy Communion and *thanksgiving* after.

DIVINE LITURGY of ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Variable Hymns and Readings



FIRST ANTIPHON

*Verse: It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name,
O Most High.*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

Verse: Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Glory to the . . . Now and Ever . . .

SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty;

the Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself.

Refrain: O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee.
Alleluia.

Verse: For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

Verse: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Glory to the . . . Now and ever . . . Only begotten Son ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Beatitudes: In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake;
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

AT LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for Pentecost, patronal feast of the parish (Tone 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fisherman as most wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Kontakion in Preparation for Nativity

Byzantine Chant - Tone 3
arr. Fr. James Meena

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a Soprano/Alto part on a treble clef staff and a Tenor/Bass part on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

Soprano
Alto

To - day the Vir - gin com - eth, com - eth

Tenor
Bass

un - to the cave to give birth to the Word

Who was born be - fore all ag - es, be - got -

ten in a man - ner that de - fies des - crip -

tion. Re - joice, there - fore, O U - ni - verse, if

thou shouldst hear and glo - ri - fy

with the An - gels and the shep - herds. Glo - ri - fy

Him Who by His will shall be - come a new - born Babe,

and Who is our God be - fore all ag - es.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-7 (*25th Sun. after Pentecost*)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 18:18-27 (*13th Sun. of Luke*)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

ST. NICHOLAS will be celebrated with Great Vespers and St. Nicholas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, beginning at 6:00 PM. Peanut & Tree Nut FREE please.

NATIVITY OF CHRIST will be celebrated with Royal Hours at 9:00 AM on Friday, Dec. 22nd. Usual schedule on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Nativity Services (Orthros & Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 24th. There will be no services on Sunday the 25th.

Canned Goods Drive for the Nativity Fast

Each Sunday bring canned goods and non-perishables food items for distribution to the needy of our area by LTCare, the inner-city ministry led by our own Jim Philips.

THIS WEEK

Nativity Fast

Monday, Nov.27	Great-martyr James the Persian; Venerable Palladios of Thessalonika; Venerable Nathanael of Nitria; James, bishop of Rostov
Tuesday, Nov. 28	Venerable-martyr Stephen the New; Martyr Irinarchos of Sebaste
Wednesday, Nov. 29	Martyrs Paramon of Bithynia and Philoumenos of Ancyra; Venerable Akakios of Sinai; Hieromartyr Dionysios, bishop of Corinth; Urban, bishop of Macedonia; Nicholas, archbishop of Thessalonika
6:00 pm	Vespers
Thursday, Nov. 30	Apostle Andrew the First-Called; Frumentios, archbishop and enlightener of Ethiopia; Alexander, bishop of Methymna
9:30 am	HomeSchool NHC (contact Jennifer Glasgow to learn more)
Friday, December 1	Prophet Nahum; Venerable Philaretos the merciful of Amnia; Martyr Ananias the Persian; Theoklitos, archbishop of Lakedaimonias
Saturday, Dec. 2	Prophet Habakkuk; Martyrs Abibos the New and Myrope of Chios; Venerable Theophilos and Andrew of Egypt
9:00 am	Baptism (Margaret Carder)
10:00 am	Balcony Work Party (drywall, door install, etc.)
6:00 pm	Great Vespers
6:45 pm	Confessions
Sunday, Dec. 3	LORD'S DAY - Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonios); Martyrs Agapios and Seleukos; New-martyr Angelis of Chios; Venerable Theodoulos of Constantinople
9:00 am	Church School
9:00 am	Orthros
10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
11:30 am	Coffee Hour

Women's Bible Study

Our next Bible Study, on the Epistle to the Hebrews, will kick-off with a *cookie swap* on Thursday, December 7th, at 6:00 PM.

Just bring a dozen cookies to share, and we'll visit and talk about the study.

Copies of the study book will be available on the parish Book Table.