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Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M.

Church School Every Sunday at 10:45 A.M.

(During the Months of September thru May)

Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.

Choir Rehearsals Every Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

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JULY 26, 2009

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*The Repose of St. Jacob (Netsvetov), Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska*

*Hieromartyr Hermolaus and Martyrs Hermippus and Hermocrates at Nicomedia;*

*Ven. Moses the Hungarian, of the Kiev Caves;*

*Martyr Parasceva of Rome; Ven. Gerontius of St. Anne Skete;*

*The "EMVOLON" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos in Constantinople*

## **HOLY GREATMARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON**

*Monday, July 27*

"You imitated the most merciful Lord, O victorious martyr of Christ, and in return He bestowed on you the gift of healing. By your prayers, then, heal all our ills, and drive far from us all those who try to make us stumble, for in our faith we constantly implore the Lord to save us."

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TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 15:1-7  
PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14  
NEXT SUNDAY: I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:27-35  
MARK 10:29-31,42-45  
NEXT SUNDAY: MATTHEW 14:14-22

## **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, August 1

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

## **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, July 27  
(St. Panteleimon)

I Corinthians 9:13-18  
II Timothy 2:1-10

Matthew 16:1-6  
John 15:17-16:2

Tuesday, July 28

I Corinthians 10:5-12

Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, July 29

I Corinthians 10:12-22

Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, July 30

I Corinthians 10:28-11:7

Matthew 16:24-28

Friday, July 31

I Corinthians 11:8-22  
Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 17:10-18  
Matthew 12:30-37

Saturday, August 1

(7 Maccabean Martyrs)

I Corinthians 1:18-24  
Hebrews 11:33-12:2

John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35  
Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1

**Saturday, August 1, is the Beginning of the Dormition Fast.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**JULY:**

26, TODAY 11:00 a.m. HTOC Family Picnic

**AUGUST:**

3, Monday 9:00 a.m. HTOC Vacation Church School for children and adults

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

13, Thursday Noon - 4:00 p.m. Mohican Canoe Adventure

23, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Corn and Hot Dog Roast

31, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL:**

Please join us for "Traveling on the Ark of Salvation," the HTOC Vacation Church School program, which will be held on Monday, August 3. There will be a program for adults and for children, kindergarten through 6th grade. Forms are available in the Fellowship Hall or register with Karen Mravetz (karenmravetz4@sbcglobal.net) by July 31.

**ARCHIVES:**

In preparation for Holy Trinity's 50th Anniversary, the Archives Committee requests parishioners to donate/loan HTOC memorabilia. A collection trunk is in the Fellowship Hall; include pertinent information regarding your items. Items selected by the Committee may become part of a permanent display, so please note if your item is to be returned. For further info, call Alice Reta at 440-526-3613.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Marie and Mike Daily.

**WEDDING BANNS:**

Kaitlyn Renee Benedict will marry Robert Austin McNerney on Saturday, August 22, at 1:00 p.m.

**MOHICAN CANOE ADVENTURE:**

Plan to join us from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, for a Mohican Canoe Adventure. Cost is \$12. Or join us just for the picnic and fellowship if you do not wish to canoe. See details in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Chris Koch (440-427-0013) or Karen Mravetz (216-661-7449).

**BOSE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD:**

Many elders recall worship in Slavonic they didn't understand... and now to English they can't hear. Ethnic Foods has donated \$3000 from the recent food sales to the Bose Fund. Please help us meet the cost of installing this solution for the hearing impaired. A gift of any size will be greatly appreciated. The Bose system will be installed within the next few weeks.

**CORN AND HOT DOG ROAST:**

Reserve Sunday, Aug. 23, immediately after Liturgy to enjoy food and a sing-along. The corn is from the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Bakan's son.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Ernie and Mary Ann Schmidt.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 19	\$ 3036.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	115.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	3.00
BUILDING FUND	136.00
MORTGAGE FUND	321.00
CANDLES	155.00

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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### WAYS OF RELATING TO THE LORD

*“Then Peter, turning around, sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following: the one who leaned on His breast at supper and said, ‘Lord, who is the one who will betray You?’ Peter seeing him said to Jesus, what shall this man do? Jesus told him, ‘If I wish him to remain till My return, what is it to you?’” (John 21:20)*

*“There came to Him a certain man kneeling before Him and saying: ‘Lord have mercy on my son who is a lunatic....I brought him to Your disciples and they could not cure him.’ Then Jesus answered, ‘O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you?’” (Matthew 17:15)*

Two types of people in search of Jesus: Those who want something from Him, and those like St. John who only want to be with Him. Neither is ever satisfied. It's the same relationship between children and parents. What can they do for me, versus how can I be with them? Contrast the two most prominent apostles, Sts. Peter and John. Peter will go on after the crucifixion and resurrection to be the acknowledged leader of the Church, and yet not before he is forgiven three times for his triple disavowal of being a disciple of the Lord. Even in the early days of the Lord's ministry we find the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. There is nothing comparable in the life of John, even being the only one to put his life in his hands by standing at the foot of the Lord's cross. His greatest joy was to be loved in a special way by Jesus.

It came to mind earlier this summer while observing the traumatic struggle with a terminal form of cancer by a famous performer on screen and television. Her “significant other,” to use the euphemism for those who live together without being married, in an interview expressed aloud his innermost thoughts. “Why would God allow such a beautiful person to die?” It reminded me of the epileptic's father in the quotation above. Granted, he approached our Lord Jesus with a respectful bow; however, after that he complained - I brought my son to be healed and Your disciples failed to do what I wanted. Note that Jesus did not respond to the man but rather to the entire society that produced such an attitude. Why would the man presume that he had some right to demand the grace of healing from the Lord? In a parallel version, the Lord confronted the man directly, asking if he had faith - In God? In the Spirit of God within the man? In the ability of the disciples to perform a miracle in the name of the Lord? The man hardly understood: “I believe, help my unbelief.” A shrewd response. Give me some reason to believe, he tells Jesus. The man had brought nothing to the disciples but skepticism, and that attitude proved to be vindicated. Now he announces to the Lord that he would believe in God after the miracle, not before.

How would genuine faith help? Authentic faith is trust in the living God and in His plan for everything that comes to pass. Rather than manipulating God to do our will, it contains real prayer, the communication between the Creator and us creatures who have been given the precious gift of opening ourselves to God's will for everything that happens. All our prayers have the same codicil of Christ in Gethsemane garden. He prayed, “Father, if it be Your will, let this cup pass from Me. Nevertheless let Your will be done.” Sincere faith includes the openness to the Lord's will for our lives – whether healthy or handicapped, whether extended into old age or cut short, the true believer will say: “Thy will be done.”

*Father Vladimir Berzonsky*

“As the physical eye looks at written letters and receives knowledge from them through the senses, so the mind, when it becomes purified and returns to its original state, looks up to God and receives Divine knowledge from Him. Instead of a book it has the Spirit; instead of a pen, thought and tongue (‘my tongue is the pen’ says the Psalm [42:1]); instead of ink - light. Plunging thought into light, so that thought itself becomes light, the mind, guided by the Spirit, traces words in the pure hearts of those who listen. Then it understands the words: ‘And they shall be all taught of God’ (John 6:45), and ‘he that teacheth man knowledge’ (Psalm 94:10).”

St. Gregory of Sinai