

THE TRINITARIAN

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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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HOLY PASCHA **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR** **JESUS CHRIST**

Virgin Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia, in Illyria;
Martyrs Leonidas, Chariessa, Nice, Galina, Calista, Nunechia,
Basilissa, Theodora, and Irene, of Corinth;
Monk Martyr Christopher of Dionysiou; Hieromartyr Nicetas;
The Weeping IL'INSKO-CHERNIGOV and the TAMBOV Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos

“In sincerity of heart you pledged yourselves to Christ, making Him the offering of your blood in the struggle of martyrdom. Laying hold of the enemy through your terrible sufferings, you vanquished an army of evil and won for yourselves trophies of victory. Now that you enjoy everlasting peace, O holy martyrs, beg Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

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TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 1:1-8

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 17	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Saturday, April 22	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 17	Acts 1:12-17,21-26	John 1:18-28
Tuesday, April 18	Acts 2:14-21	Luke 24:12-35
Wednesday, April 19	Acts 2:22-36	John 1:35-51
Thursday, April 20	Acts 2:38-43	John 3:1-15
Friday, April 21	Acts 3:1-8	John 2:12-22
(Theotokos)	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Saturday, April 22	Acts 3:11-16	John 3:22-33

THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.
HOLY PASCHA WILL BE ON APRIL 8 IN 2018 (one week after Western Easter).

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL:

- 21, Friday 6:00 p.m. Bright Friday Dinner Dance
- 23, Sunday 12:30 p.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 29, Saturday 2:30 p.m. Retreat with Fr. Chad Hatfield, at HTOC Fellowship Hall

MAY:

- 1, Monday 12:30 P.M. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

<p><u>A CHRISTIAN LIFE OF THANKSGIVING:</u> Fr. Chad Hatfield, Chancellor of St. Vladimir’s Seminary, will be with us in our Fellowship Hall on Sat., April 29, 2:30 p.m. for a short retreat. His presentation topic is: “God With Us: A Christian Life of Thanksgiving.”</p> <p><u>SPECIAL COLLECTION:</u> In connection with Father Chad’s visit, we will be having a special collection to support St. Vladimir Seminary. Please donate by using collection envelopes in the basket at the back of the church. If writing a check, make payable to “Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.”</p> <p><u>PASCHAL FLOWERS:</u> Thank you to those who have already donated. Please use the designated envelope in your box if you wish to donate; your contributions are appreciated.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by the Bellack and Petrykowski Families.</p>	<p><u>GRAVE BLESSINGS:</u> Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you would like Father Alexander to bless the grave of a family member on St. Thomas Sunday. Grave blessings will begin at 12:30 at St. Theodosius Cemetery.</p> <p><u>ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:</u> The Book Circle will meet May 1 at 12:30 p.m. We are reading <u>The Joy of the Holy (Teachings of St. Seraphim)</u>, pages 1-24 and Appendix A (pgs. 93-122). All are welcome. Books are available at La Coupole.</p> <p><u>IOCC 25TH ANNIVERSARY:</u> All are invited to the International Orthodox Christian Charities 25th Anniversary Celebration on Friday June 9, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence. Cocktails are at 6:00; dinner at 7:00. His Grace Bishop Irinej will be the guest of honor. Tickets are \$50; see Paula Svilar or Diane Hastings.</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> Donors are needed for Sundays in May and June. Sign up in the kitchen.</p>
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BRIGHT FRIDAY CELEBRATION!
 April 21 in the Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall
 6:00 Appetizers; 7:00 Family-Style Dinner;
 Beer & Wine; Mix included-BYOB
 Adults—\$25; Ages 7-17—\$8; Ages 6 and under—Free
 See Jewelann Stefanar (216-741-0985)

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, APRIL 9	\$ 5930.00
CHURCH ADMINSTRATION ASSESSMENT	555.00
BUILDING FUND	150.00
MORTGAGE FUND	185.00
CANDLES	187.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	210.00
ST. MARY OF EGYPT	155.00

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THE DANCE OF THE EASTER SUN

(A short Short Story)

Andrew, who everybody called Andy, first learned that there is a special Easter midnight service when he was just under seven. His parents, who took him to church regularly, told him about it. He knew about Easter, which was also called Pascha by his family. He knew that his mother helped him dye eggs different colors, that there were delicious and interesting foods, that family and friends came over to eat and eat more, and there was also lots of candy, many in the shape of Easter eggs. But then his parents told him they were getting a babysitter to come and stay with Andy while they went to church in the middle of the night. Andy was puzzled. He had been told that night was for sleeping, and that staying up late was not a good thing. He was also told that church was a “good thing,” so it puzzled him that his parents would be going to church for a service at night. That day before Easter Sunday the babysitter did come, and she was nice in letting Andy stay up a little later so that he didn’t even notice his parents left when he fell asleep in front of the television.

The next morning Andy woke up to find his parents sleeping, but when he woke them up, they were happy and they told him that after breakfast they would be going for a short service so that Andy could also have some “church” on Easter. But what interested him most was hearing about that midnight service. His parents’ conversation made it sound like it was exciting, that there was a procession, lots of singing and later there was also a party of some kind. But what Andy found more interesting was his father’s description of what happened on their way home. He said that as they left church, the sky began to lighten up, and when the sun came up over the tops of the trees, it began to dance in the sky! His father was quite excited and kept saying to his mother, “I heard about that on Easter morning, wasn’t that dancing sun amazing!” To which she replied, “Oh yes,” as she put food on the table.

Andy made up his mind that next year he too would go to that night service. Next year did come and Andy didn’t forget, and for several days before Easter he pleaded with his parents until they finally agreed. That Saturday afternoon Andy’s mother told him to take a nap so that he would be rested for the service, but he was way too excited. Later they went off to the packed, dark church, in which a procession did begin as the clergy and people walked around the church singing. Then the church was lit up and there was more singing, nice singing that put little Andy to sleep. He woke up when they went to bless the food, and people sat down to eat and talk, and he enjoyed seeing some of his friends there too.

Getting into the car to go home, Andy was wide awake; he was not going to miss the dancing sun. But with the soft swaying movements of the car, he closed his eyes ... “Just for a second,” he said to himself. Though he tried to stay awake, he fell into a deep sleep. When his father woke him in the back seat, the sun was high in the sky. Disappointed, Andy asked, “Did the sun dance?” “Sure did,” his father said. “Next year for sure,” Andy said to himself. But his sadness soon disappeared as it was another wonderful Easter ... foods, and friends, and lots of sunshine.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus