

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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TONE 6

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AFTERFEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

Greatmartyr Eustathius Placidus, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children,

Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus, of Rome;

Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael and his councilor, Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernigov;

Rt. Blv. Oleg, Prince of Briansk; Monk Martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete

THE REPOSE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

Saturday, September 26

“Hasten to save us, O beloved apostle of Christ, our God, for we have no other recourse but you. As He let you rest your head on His chest, O theologian, so will He hear your prayers on our behalf. Entreat Him to dispel the darkness that forever clouds the nations, and bestow upon us all His peace and great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 2:16-20
II CORINTHIANS 4:6-15

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-9:1
MATTHEW 22:35-46

NEXT SUNDAY: II CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY: LUKE 5:1-11

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, September 26 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 21	Galatians 4:28-5:10	Luke 3:19-22
Tuesday, September 22	Galatians 5:11-21	Luke 3:23-4:1
Wednesday, September 23 (Forerunner)	Galatians 6:2-10 Galatians 4:22-31	Luke 4:1-15 Luke 1:5-25
Thursday, September 24 (New Martyrs)	Ephesians 1:1-9 Romans 8:28-39	Luke 4:16-22 Luke 21:12-19
Friday, September 25 (St. Sergius)	Ephesians 1:7-17 Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 4:22-30 Luke 6:17-23
Saturday, September 26	I Corinthians 10:23-28 I John 4:12-19	Luke 4:31-36 John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

20, TODAY Church School begins
All-Parish meeting
Women’s Club meeting
27, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Outreach organizational meeting

OCTOBER:

4, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Women’s Club meeting
5, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting
9, Friday 7:00 p.m. Opening lecture of 25th Eastern Churches Seminar at HTOC
10, Saturday 8:30 a.m. Eastern Churches Seminar at Notre Dame College
17, Saturday Macy’s Shop for A Cause

ALL PARISH MEETING:

Today, during Coffee Hour, Council will update the parish on the results of Joe Kormos’ visit.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE:

Macy’s Shop for A Cause will be held on Saturday, October 17. Obtain your shopping pass for only \$5 at the table in the Fellowship Hall and save 25% on one item, up to 20% all day on purchases, and enter for a chance to win a \$500 gift card. Shop online as well. HTOC keeps all the money collected from the sale of shopping passes.

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Classes begin today and are offered for ages 3 and up. Please contact Karen Mravetz (216-661-7449) to register children new to the program.

INTERESTED IN OUTREACH?

Join us on Sunday, 9/27, in the pew area of the Fellowship Hall for an organizational meeting regarding our Outreach efforts. Contact Jack Palivoda at 216-235-2990 with questions.

WOMEN’S CLUB FASHION SHOW:

The Fashion Show and Silent Auction will be Sun., October 25, at 2:30. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Jewelann Stefanar (216-741-0985) or Pat Schwartz (440-871-1197). Proceeds will help fund Women’s Club future service projects.

We’re asking the help of all parishioners to make this day a success; donate a silent auction item, a dessert or an appetizer. The auction items will be displayed beginning on Oct. 4. Contact Barbara Filipow (440-582-4352) to offer your donation.

ETHNIC FOODS:

The profit from the Stuffed Cabbage Sale on Sept. 10-11 is in our treasury to help refund our large donation to the BOSE project. The profit is \$4700!

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

Brochures are available for the 25th Seminar, with the topic, “Holy Communion: You and I in Christ.” HTOC will host the opening lecture on Oct. 9 at 7:00. Oct. 10 events are at Notre Dame College, S. Euclid.

PROJECT MEXICO 2010:

If you have interest in Project Mexico next summer, please contact Jack Palivoda (216-235-2990; jackpal@microsoft.com). Target dates are July 6-12; volunteers will be staying at St. Innocent Orphanage and spending the week building a house for a family.

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY LITURGY:

Anyone interested in joining our fine team of greeters is welcome to sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Mike Burgan at 440-382-9877.

COFFEE HOUR:

As our Church School year begins, please remember that donations are always welcome for the ongoing refreshment program. Various levels of support are needed; the money raised supports our Church School program. Contact Arlene at 440-888-2052.

FLOWERS:

The wreath of flowers adorning the cross is offered by Jewelann Stefanar in memory of her husband Andrew.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Helen and Ed Kling.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 13	\$ 3413.00
CHILDREN’S COLLECTION	2.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	370.00
BUILDING FUND	437.00
MORTGAGE FUND	375.00
CANDLES	166.00
HTOC ANNIVERSARY	100.00

I FEEL, THEREFORE I AM

“People who can speak and can complain of their ills are greatly to be pitied, but those dumb creatures made by our King can only suffer in silence, and surely the alleviation of their sufferings will be required at our hands.” (Sts. Cosmas and Damian, twin physicians who healed without recompense) [270-303]

Can you share the sensitive nature of those glorious saints, the twin brothers Cosmas and Damian? It's like having a double dose of empathy for the sufferings of all living things. We pray for them along with others in that category called unmercenary physicians. Like the famous St. Pantaleimon, they were physicians who offered their services free of charge to all who had pains or discomfort. They served the ill and afflicted by applying their medical skills and medicines of the time to heal the way that Christ healed through miracles. We celebrate their charity and sensitivity to human beings - but can we go along with them to the concern for all living things that suffer without having the ability to explain in words what ails them?

Are you able to care about the animals as an extension, a logical conclusion to the unity with the world's creatures that is expected from those who say that they are children by adoption of the Creator of all that lives? Can you love with Christ's love all that has come into being? Or do you think that it's expecting too much from Him? We are an odd kind of creature. Consider this: We Orthodox Christians fast half of the year. We don't eat meat then, not even dairy products, partly to show that the ideal is to allow other creatures to survive. Monks do it more than the rest of us. Many choose to be vegetarians. Many other vegetarians – and they can be assorted by what they define as going veggie – make no-meat a way of life without reference to religion. Other Christians, “ustabe fasters,” no longer are. They're taught that it's not relevant to their faith. Others have a theology that insists all such rules like fasting and self-denial are merely pride, *hubris*, and are worse than irrelevant; they deprive the Lord Jesus of complete salvation of sinners by trying to help the cause by their own efforts.

But more serious at least on behalf of the animal kingdom was the Age of Enlightenment, the 18th century concept that whatever does not think doesn't really exist. Blame it on the famous quotation that explains it all: Cogito, ergo sum: I exist because I can think; Rene Descartes. Those who really exist can understand that they do. We discover it also in the discussion we have with the Anabaptists, or more commonly called Baptists, who reject the infant baptism of Orthodox Christians, Roman Catholics and other traditional communions, even among the Protestants. They feel that infant baptism is worthless because the baby cannot understand what is going on. This is a matter of theology, serious enough; but the logic that leads to a catastrophe in such a definition is that it leaves out the entire animal kingdom as we know it – or at least as they understood it in that era. Are there rudiments of thought which cannot be translated by humans, such as shown by modern day research among gorillas, other primates, and certain sea animals? They communicate with one another; does that count? Even more uncertain and therefore horrible is the application of comprehension to human life prior to birth. Abortionists will not welcome the recent research that is proving that the unborn child they prefer to term *fetus* is capable of certain feelings even at several days of womb life. So we are polarized: Part of humanity celebrates the humane insights of the saints who could love all living things and promote their welfare, while what are called “humanists” consider it an advance in modern thought to ignore the feelings not only of animals, but even of the unborn and those at the other end of life who can no longer speak for themselves.

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

WHY BOSE?

Why do we need a professional sound system?

1. We felt it worthwhile to enhance the listening of our worshippers who have hearing difficulty.
2. We realize that the broadcast of our worship through our new recorder is reaching a wide listening audience via our website.

Top 20 countries visiting our site, in order of hits:

1. USA
2. Russia
3. China
4. Romania
5. Canada
6. Latvia
7. Japan
8. Ivory Coast (Cote D'Ivoire)
9. Ukraine
10. Hong Kong
11. Saudi Arabia
12. Finland
13. India
14. Malaysia
15. Great Britain
16. Indonesia
17. Turkey
18. South Korea
19. Ireland
20. France

VEN. SERGIUS, ABBOT AND WONDERWORKER OF RADONEZH
Friday, September 25

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