

## ***HOLY RIGHTEOUS ANCESTORS OF GOD, JOACHIM AND ANNA***

St. Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah, and was a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed.

St. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi. St. Anna's family came from Bethlehem.

The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age, and all their life they grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never grumbled, but fervently prayed to God, trusting in Him.

Once, during a great feast, the gifts which Joachim took to Jerusalem as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest Reuben, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained the old man very much, and he, regarding himself the most sinful of all people, decided not to return home but to settle in solitude in a desolate place.

When St. Anna learned what humiliation her husband had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his desolate solitude, the righteous Joachim also asked God for this. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that she would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Sts. Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them, and they named her Mary.

St. Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. St. Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband.



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(During the Months of September thru May)

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross*

*Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Most-holy Theotokos*

*Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna;*

*Martyr Severian of Sebaste; Ven. Joseph, Abbot of Volótsk;*

*Uncovering of the Relics of St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov;*

*Ven. Theophanes the Confessor and Faster, of Mt. Diabenos; Martyrs Chariton and Stratton;*

*Bl. Nicetas the Hidden, of Constantinople; St. Onufrie of Verona;*

*Commemoration of the Third Ecumenical Council*

## THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

*Friday, September 14*

“Today the Cross is raised on high, and all the world shares in its saving power. For You who are enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit, have spread Your arms upon it and drawn the world to know You. By Your holy Cross, O Christ, enlighten us and save us.”

Exapostilarion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18  
II CORINTHIANS 4:6-15

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17  
MATTHEW 22:35-46

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Thursday, September 13 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers  
Friday, September 14 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - **Elevation of the Cross**  
Saturday, September 15 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 10	Galatians 4:28-5:10	Mark 6:54-7:8
Tuesday, September 11	Galatians 5:11-21	Mark 7:5-16
Wednesday, September 12	Galatians 6:2-10	Mark 7:14-24
	Ephesians 1:1-9	Mark 7:24-30
(Theotokos)	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Thursday, September 13	Hebrews 3:1-4	Matthew 16:13-18
	I Corinthians 2:6-9	Matthew 10:37-11:1
Friday, September 14	I Corinthians 1:18-24	John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35
Saturday, September 15	I Corinthians 1:26-29	John 8:21-30
	Ephesians 1:7-17	Mark 8:1-10
	I Corinthians 10:23-28	Matthew 24:34-44

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER:**

- 9, TODAY                    First day of Church School classes
- 14, Friday                 7:30 p.m. Konevets Quartet concert
- 15, Saturday             ZOE for Life! Work Session
- 21, Friday                 1:00 p.m. Golf Scramble Benefit for St. Vladimir Camp

**CHURCH SCHOOL:**

Parents of Church School students are asked to register their children. Registration forms and the schedule of classes and events for the coming school year are available from Coordinator Nellie Wislocki. Forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

**KONEVETS QUARTET:**

The Konevets Quartet male vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, will visit HTOC on Friday, Sept. 14. They will sing the festal Divine Liturgy of the Elevation of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. and present a concert of sacred and secular music that evening at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be appreciated.

**ZOE FOR LIFE!**

ZOE House invites all those interested in serving women in need to a work session on Sat., Sept. 15, 9:00-4:00. See the flyer in the Fellowship Hall.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN:**

Our parishioner Aaron Rutz has returned to St. Vladimir’s Seminary for his second year of studies. We are again conducting a special collection to help him offset the cost of tuition and housing. All of the monies that we collect will be bundled and sent to the Seminary, which will match our contribution, dollar for dollar. A basket for this will be at the rear of the church. If you are writing a check, please make it out to “Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.”

**“TIMELESS CHRISTIANITY”**

Sister Vassa Larin, PhD., author and scholar of Byzantine liturgy and host of an online catechetical program, will speak at Notre Dame College on Sunday October 21, 300-5:00. The topic is “Timeless Christianity in Today’s Changing World,” and the presentation is free and open to the public. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL:**

Photos, presentations and videos from the recent 19th All-American Council are online on the website of the Orthodox Church in America. There is much to choose from and much to learn. Parishioners are encouraged to take a look. Go to: [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

**UPDATING HTOC E-MAILS; ROBOCALLS:**

If you have not been receiving email notifications from the parish and would like to, please submit your name and email to Parish Secretary, Janene Hatch ([jmhatch8@gmail.com](mailto:jmhatch8@gmail.com)). Also, if you would like to receive phone or cellphone messages from the parish (regarding cancellations and important events), submit your phone number to Janene.

**ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:**

The Book Circle will meet Monday, October 8, at 12:30. We will complete reading Chapters 6-7 of Exodus. Further information will be announced on our new book in the week or two before our meeting.

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

REGULAR COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 2	\$ 5644.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	90.00
BUILDING FUND	65.00
MORTGAGE FUND	45.00
CANDLES	102.00
BUILDING REPAIR	50.00
IN MEMORY OF ALICE RETA	460.00

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### CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday, September 9 is the first day of this year's Church School program. This gives us an opportunity to honor our Church School teachers, students and their parents. Over the years we have been blessed with many excellent teachers and helpers, all of whom worked as volunteers, for the love of God and for the Church. Our outstanding present teachers, Laura Gluntz and Stephanie McNeely, together with Church School Coordinator Nellie Wislocki, continue the legacy that has been an important part of Holy Trinity Church since its beginning.



Education is a fundamental aspect of the Church. We gather at Church for both liturgical celebration *and* spiritual learning. An important event in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ Himself shows how important education is. This event is depicted in an icon called "Christ in the Temple." (The reproduction above is similar to the one we have on the left wall in the north-east corner of our church.) It is the story of religious education in action. We see a young, twelve-year-old Jesus among the learned scholars in the Temple in Jerusalem. The Gospel of St. Luke tells us that Jesus was "sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions" (Luke 2:46). The icon portrays Jesus in the act of teaching because Our Lord is the "Teacher," who teaches us how important learning is.

One of the early Church Fathers, Clement of Alexandria, said, "Knowledge is God's treasure given to us for our benefit." To obtain knowledge we need to study, read and write. In other words, to learn! It begins in childhood, and that requires special attention and support, which is what we acknowledge in our parish today. However, learning is a life-long enterprise, and we pray and hope that love of spiritual learning will remain with our children throughout their lives.

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*