

THE TIKHVIN ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS

According to ancient tradition, the wonderworking icon of Tikhvin is one of several painted by St. Luke the Evangelist. The icon was taken from Jerusalem to Constantinople in the 5th century, where it was enshrined in the Church of Blachernae.

In 1383, seventy years before the fall of Constantinople to the Turks, fishermen in the principality of Novgorod witnessed the icon hovering miraculously over Lake Ladoga amidst a radiant light. According to an early 16th century Russian manuscript, "The Tale of Miracles of the Icon of the Tikhvin Mother of God," the Theotokos herself decided that her image should leave Constantinople, perhaps in anticipation of the impending fall of the Byzantine Empire.

Shortly after its miraculous appearance, the icon was discovered in several neighboring towns, including the village on the bank of the Tikhvinka River, before it finally appeared near the town of Tikhvin. A wooden church dedicated to the Dormition of the Theotokos was built on the site of the icon's final resting place. Miraculously, the icon survived a number of fires.

In the early 16th century, through the zeal of Great Prince Basil Ivanovich, a stone church was built and a men's monastery was established near the church and enclosed with a stone wall.

Over the centuries, the icon's fame spread far and wide. Copies of the wonderworking icon began to adorn churches throughout the land. Some of these copies also proved to be sources of miracles, and it was not uncommon to find the faithful praying before the icon to seek healing for children who were ill.

Most miraculous is that the icon was preserved from destruction or sale after the Russian Revolution, which ushered in a 74-year persecution of the Church. During the 1920's, the communist government demanded that the Russian Orthodox Church turn over countless icons and other precious liturgical items; and many of these sacred items were sold. During the WWII German occupation, the Nazis removed the icon from the Tikhvin Monastery; it was taken to Pskov and subsequently to Riga, Latvia. When the city was evacuated, Bishop John [Garklavs] of Riga, in whose care the icon was placed, took the icon to Bavaria, where it was venerated by Orthodox faithful who had been displaced due to the war. While Soviet agents had spotted the icon, Bishop John was permitted to take the icon to the United States in 1949, under the pretext that the icon in his care was a reproduction, the work of a simple monk, and that it was of little historic or monetary value. Shortly after his arrival in the United States, Bishop John, who was later elevated to the rank of Archbishop, was elected to oversee the Diocese of Chicago; and the icon was regularly displayed and venerated in Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral. In 2004 the icon was returned to its home, the Dormition of the Theotokos Monastery in Tikhvin.



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TONE 1

JUNE 26, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Saints of America; All Saints of Russia
St. David of Thessalonica; St. John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea;
St. Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal';
Translation of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Lukhóvsk;
Monk-Martyr David of Thessalonica;
Appearance of the TIKHVIN Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos;
The SEMIYEZERSKAYA Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

“As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

“O people, let us have recourse to the Virgin Theotokos and Queen, thanking Christ God; and, gazing tenderly at her wonderworking Icon, let us come and cry out to her: ‘O Sovereign Lady Mary, you visited this land by the wondrous appearance of your sacred image; preserve all Christians in peace and well-being and make all of them heirs of the heavenly life, for we cry out to you with faith: Rejoice, O Virgin, salvation of the world.’”

Kontakion, Tone VIII

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 2:10-16
HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:18-23
MATTHEW 4:25-5:12

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, June 28 6:00 p.m. Vespers
Wednesday, June 29 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - **Sts. Peter and Paul**

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, June 27	Romans 7:1-13	Matthew 9:36-10:8
Tuesday, June 28	Romans 7:14-8:2	Matthew 10:9-15
	Romans 8:2-13	Matthew 10:16-22
Wednesday, June 29	II Corinthians 11:21-12:9	Matthew 16:13-19
Thursday, June 30	Romans 8:22-27	Matthew 10:23-31
(Twelve Apostles)	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Mark 3:13-19
Friday, July 1	Romans 9:6-19	Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1
Saturday, July 2	Romans 3:28-4:3	Matthew 7:24-8:4

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JUNE:

26, TODAY

Parish Council meeting

27, Monday

11:30 a.m. St. Herman House 9th Annual Golf Classic

JULY:

25-27

Set-up for HTOC Rummage Sale

28-30

HTOC Rummage Sale

Dear Holy Trinity Church Family,

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you for the expression of love and celebration of fellowship at the retirement luncheon last Sunday. These past ten+ years marked a time of transition, both for the parish and ourselves. Throughout, we have been united in the sphere of human activity that is most important and comforting — prayerful worship and spiritual engagement. In retirement we will remain in the area and God-willing, look forward to being with you again. Our personal prayers will forever be for the good estate of this parish and the well-being of all the wonderful parishioners.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Alexander and Matushka Carol

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Parish Council will meet today following the Divine Liturgy.

RUMMAGE SALE:

Parishioners should bring their items to church on Sundays, July 10, 17, and 24. Please place items in the Fellowship Hall on the LEFT SIDE of the stage.

The Sale will be on Thursday, 7/28, 9:00-5:00; Friday, 7/29, 9:00-5:00; and Saturday, 7/30, 9:00-noon.

We are asking all parishioners for help once again this year. With everyone involved from set-up, selling, and cleaning up, we made a good profit last year and can do the same again this year! Can we count on your help? There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

SEEKING HELP:

The Parish Council has decided to seek someone who can function as a part-time custodian and property manager; job description and compensation would be negotiable. If interested, or if you know of someone who is interested, please speak with Council President MaryAnn Bobulsky.

ZOE FOR LIFE! OPENINGS:

Zoe needs your help! If you have a background in accounting and have a few hours a month to help with basic financial statements, contact Karen Contoveros at 440-759-6215.

Also needed is a full-time Executive Director of the Women's Center. Contact paulamk@roadrunner.com

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

COLLECTIONS:

Regular basket collections during Sunday Liturgy will be restarted the first Sunday in July.

ST. HERMAN HOUSE:

The St. Herman House 9th Annual Gold Classic is Monday, June 27, at Tanglewood Club in Chagrin Falls. All proceeds benefit St. Herman House. Tee time is 11:30 a.m., and lunch and dinner are provided. The Individual Golfer donation is \$175; a Foursome is \$700. Last year more than \$75,000 was raised! To register or to support with a sponsorship, go to: www.sainthermans.org/golf

ST. HERMAN HOUSE ONLINE AUCTION:

The On-Line Auction to benefit St. Herman House is already underway. It will end Monday, June 27, at 5:30 p.m.; so be sure to view the site today! Many exciting items, including a Lake Erie boat ride, restaurants, wine and desserts, golf foursomes, museum passes and much more. To view the auction items and place a bid, please visit:

<https://www.32auctions.com/StHermansGolfClassic2022>

COFFEE HOUR:

Our Coffee Hour last week was hosted by the Spak Family.

Today's refreshments are hosted by the Chandler Family.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Marsha Uziel in blessed memory of Dan Uziel.

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ICONS - WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Our Holy Trinity Parish in Parma is well known as the “church with the icons”! The entire interior of the church is painted with icons: feasts of the Church, scenes from the Bible, and saints throughout the ages. A unique feature is the “Revelation Hallway.” Fr. Theodore Jurewicz, the iconographer, told me of how it came about. During the five years that he worked here, he often stayed for a whole week, utilizing a makeshift bedroom in the old church. Going from the old church to the new, he would walk through the hallway. The bare wall “inspired” his imagination with the thought of painting images from the Book of Revelation. Scenes from the Book are not depicted inside of churches, but there are examples of such in the exterior galleries of old churches in Europe. Our hallway seemed to Fr. Theodore to be the perfect setting and so, his final work here became the extraordinary and exceptional Revelation Hall.

Over the past years, I have often witnessed the reaction of visitors on entering the church. Whether they were dropping off a delivery or attending a service, people would always say something like, “Wow, I’ve never seen anything like it.” Some people make the special trip to come and see “the church with the icons in Parma.” Even we, who are accustomed to them, are overcome with wonderment in looking at them. Yet, as the initial sense of awe diminishes, a question should arise: “What do these icons mean?” It’s a question some visitors ask and one that we should ask ourselves.

Of course, they mean a lot. Icons are works of art, they have decorative value and are testaments of Christian history and culture. But icons have a greater meaning. For Christians they are emblems that define in visible terms the limitless scope of the Church. They have a sacramental reality and, as such, they are “food for the soul.” Directly and powerfully icons convey the reality of the Kingdom of God, both in its pure, transcendent, and heavenly splendor, and in the refracted, immediate and earthly form. The wide range of icons at Holy Trinity allow for extended meditation on the course of salvation history, which can be viewed by many people gathered for liturgical services. But they also have a personal dimension, affecting us individually in an intimate way.

Two years ago I took a spiritual journey by reading the Book of Revelation while studying the images depicted in our hallway. It was a rewarding experience, and I enjoyed sharing it during the course of that Great Lent. There is much there to unpack, and I only scratched the surface. The Book of Revelation tells the story of the Church and Christians in the world. The author of the book focused on the end of the 1st century, but as we read it today, and meditate on the Revelation Hallway, we are able to recognize our story. The images are stark and frightening, because that’s what Christians went through in history and still go through today. Significantly, the story ends happily with the inspiring vision of the New Jerusalem. Fr. Theodore’s beautiful rendering of the New Jerusalem depicts a gathering of holy people in Eucharistic celebration. It is a spiritual event that is timeless, encompassing both the created and uncreated worlds. We see there in the icon exactly what happens when we at Holy Trinity Church and Christians throughout the world come together to worship in Church.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Martyr Hyacinth	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 4th Sunday after Pentecost Ven. Anthony	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 5th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Fathers of First Six Ecumenical Councils	18 A L L - A	19 M E R I C	20 A N C O	21 U N C I L	22 I N	23 B A L T I M O R E
24 6th Sunday after Pentecost Martyrs Boris and Gleb	25 Cooking for St. Herman's House Rummage Sale set-up	26 Rummage Sale set-up	27 Rummage Sale set-up	28 9:00-5:00 HTOC Rummage Sale	29 9:00-5:00 HTOC Rummage Sale	30 9:00-noon HTOC Rummage Sale
31 7th Sunday after Pentecost Righteous Joseph of Arimathea	August 1 Beginning of the Dormition Fast					