

***RETURN OF THE RELICS
OF THE APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW
FROM ANASTASIOPOLIS TO LIPARI***

The Transfer of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew took place at the end of the 6th century. His apostolic activity and martyr's end are remembered by the Church on June 11. The Apostle Bartholomew suffered for Christ in Armenian Albanus (now Baku) in the year 71, where his relics were originally placed. Numerous miracles occurred from his relics, and many of the unbelieving were converted to Christ. Under the emperor Anastasius (491-518), the relics were transferred into the newly-constructed city of Anastasiopolis and remained there until the end of the 6th century.

When the city was captured by the Persians, Christians took up the chest with the relics of Apostle Bartholomew and fled to the shores of the Black Sea. Pagan priests overtook them and flung the chest into the water; four other chests containing the relics of Martyrs Papias, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius were also thrown into the sea.

The chests miraculously floated upon the waves and reached Italy. The chest with the relics of Apostle Bartholomew came to land at the island of Lipari. The relics of Martyr Papias halted at Sicily, the Martyr Lucian at Messina, Martyr Gregory at Calabria, and Martyr Acacius at Askalon.

The arrival of the relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew was revealed to Bishop Agathon of the island of Lipari, who went with clergy to the shores of the sea, took the chest from the waters and solemnly transferred it to church.

Myrrh flowed from the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew, healing people of various illnesses. The holy relics remained in the church island of Lipari until the middle of the ninth century when the island was captured by pagans. Christian merchants took up the holy relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and transferred them to the city of Beneventum, near Naples, where they were received with great veneration and placed in the main church of the city.

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari;
Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete;
Sts. Barses and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors;
St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople*

You appeared as a great sun to the world with miracles and rays of teaching. You guide to the light all who venerate you, O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.

Kontakion, Tone IV

Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ's mysteries, you were Paul's companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God. Therefore we cry out to you: Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!

Kontakion, Tone II

THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN *Thursday, August 29*

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner, became an act of divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. Let Herodias lament, for she entreated the lawless murder, loving not the law of God, nor eternal life, but that which is false and temporal.

Kontakion, Tone V

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 3:9-17

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:122-34

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, August 28	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Thursday, August 29	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - The Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Saturday, August 31	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. During each Sunday service we offer Holy Communion. If you are a practicing Orthodox Christian and have come prepared to receive Christ's Body and Blood through fasting and prayer, please come forward to partake. All guests are invited to come forward at the end of the service to greet Fr. Christopher and receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Families with children: we encourage children of all ages to be present and participate as they are able during worship. We know sometimes kids need a break, so please take good advantage of our Rest and Refocus Room located on the south side of the lobby/narthex when coming in the main entrance. If you have pre-school and school age children, we invite you to send them to Church School directly after the Divine Liturgy throughout the academic year. May God bless you!

Daily Scripture Readings can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at www.oca.org/readings.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

25, TODAY 11:00 a.m. Parish Picnic
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Betty Scherry 100th BD Open House

26, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House

28, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

SEPTEMBER:

8, Sunday First Day of Church School classes
 Food Sale

15, Sunday 11:15 a.m. Special Parish Meeting

20-22 Retreat at St. Matthew Church: "Godly Marriage and Virginity"

<p><u>PARISH PICNIC:</u> Join us today for our annual Picnic! Hot dogs, burgers and pulled pork on buns will be provided following the Divine Liturgy.</p> <p><u>"A SONG OF VICTORY"</u> The Pan-Orthodox Choir of the Greater Cleveland area churches will be having a concert and selling CD's to raise funds for St. Theodosius Cathedral, which recently experienced a fire. The concert is Sunday, Sept. 15, 3:00 p.m., here at Holy Trinity. The concert is open to the public, and free-will donations will go directly to the Restoration Fund. CD's will be available for sale at \$20.</p> <p><u>FOOD SALE:</u> Our Second Sunday Food Sale will be September 8. Please plan to cook or bake and donate your specialties!</p> <p><u>WEEKEND RETREAT:</u> See details on the bulletin board of a retreat at St. Matthew Church on Sept. 20-22. Fr. Josiah Trenham, Ph.D., will address "Godly Marriage and Virginity: Paths to Holiness."</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Pauline Smolarchuk in blessed memory of her husband John.</p>	<p><u>COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:</u> We are preparing our new list to send out care packages to our college students in early September. Please send Valerie Spoerl your children or grandchildren's new college addresses. valspoerl@gmail.com</p> <p><u>CHURCH SCHOOL:</u> The new academic year will be here before we know it—if you're interested in being part of the Sunday School team, let us know now! The team is in need of teachers and an event coordinator. Please contact Fr. Chris so we can get you plugged in to the program!</p> <p><u>100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:</u> The family of Betty Scherry extends an invitation to the congregation of Holy Trinity to help us celebrate Betty's 100th birthday. Her family will be hosting an open house in Holy Trinity's Hall today, August 25, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome to stop by to share birthday greetings with Betty, and cake too!</p> <p><u>VETERANS MONUMENT:</u> Donations continue to be accepted toward the granite memorial to be placed in our Prayer Garden for HTOC veterans. Write checks to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and designate for "Veterans' Memorial." See info in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Frank Stoyka, 216-401-8938.</p>
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In the temple, in its arrangements and parts, in the icons, in the Divine Services, with the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the singing of the rites, the Old and new Testaments and Church history, the whole Divine ordering of the salvation is traced, as upon a chart, as in figures and general outlines. Grand is the spectacle of the Divine Service of our Orthodox Church for those who understand and penetrate into its essence and signification!

St. John of Kronstadt

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 8/18/2024	\$ 4518.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	300.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	4247.00
CANDLES	151.00
FOR ST. THEODOSIUS	1000.00
VETERANS' MEMORIAL	1350.00



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Special Parish Meeting

September 15, 2024

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Determination of a Quorum
3. Purpose of Meeting: Proposal to change the by-laws to reduce the number of required parish council members from 12 to 7. (Explanation and detail on reverse side.)
4. Discussion
5. Vote/Resolutions
6. Adjournment
7. Closing Prayer



Proposal

Current Parish By-laws state in Article V, Section 1.a.: “The Parish Council shall be composed of the Rector, ex officio, and twelve (12) elected members.”

Proposal to change Article V, Section 1.a., to state “The Parish Council shall be composed of the Rector, ex officio, and **seven (7)** elected members.”

Moving from 12 members to 7 members: Current parish council members will remain for their full term, and will have availability to be reelected for as many terms as the by-laws allow. Reduction to 7 members from 12 will happen by attrition over multiple years until the need for electing council members again arises in order to maintain 7 members.

This Special Meeting is being called before our annual meeting because the outcome of this meeting will determine whether new council members need to be elected at the annual meeting in October.

Notes on proposed change:

1. A reduction of council members would:
 - a. offer the potential for active council members to have a more open platform and space to voice their opinions/concerns,
 - b. align more closely with the current membership of our parish,
 - c. increase in the pool of eligible parish members to be elected to the council, and thereby
 - d. allow those parishioners who have served as parish council members increased opportunities to engage in parish life off the council
2. Parishioners will still have the ability to attend parish council meetings (as stated in our by-laws Article V, Section 7.g.) and to reach out to the priest and/or parish council members for items that they would like for the council to address.
3. In comparison with other OCA parishes, 12 parish council members appears to be higher than most.
 - a. For example, the OCA Diocese of the South (according to their uniform parish by-laws template) recommends 5, 7, or 9 members depending on the size and situation of its parishes.
 - b. Our Archbishop Daniel and our Vice Chancellor, Fr. Esteban Vasquez, have noted that our parish requirement of 12 council members is high and they support a reduction in number.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10th Sunday after Pentecost CHURCH NEW YEAR	2	3	4	5 6:30 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Choir Rehearsal at HTOC	6	7 5:00 p.m. Vigil
8 11th Sunday after Pentecost NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS Church School begins Food Sale	9	10	11	12	13 6:00 p.m. Vigil	14 Exaltation of the Cross 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
15 12th Sunday after Pentecost Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross 11:15 Parish meeting 3:00 Pan-Orth. Concert	16	17	18	19	20	21 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
22 13th Sunday after Pentecost 11:15 a.m. Parish Council meeting	23 Cooking for St. Herman's House	24	25 Serving dinner at St. Herman's House	26	27	28 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
29 14th Sunday after Pentecost	30 6:00 p.m. Vespers - outdoors	October 1 Protection of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers