

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

- 8, TODAY First Day of Church School classes
Second Sunday Food Sale
- 15, Sunday 11:15 a.m. Special Parish Meeting
3:00 p.m. Concert at HTOC to benefit St. Theodosius
- 17, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. 14th Fr. Prislopsky Dinner Lecture
- 22, Sunday 11:15 a.m. Parish Council meeting
- 26, Thursday 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

FOOD SALE:

Stop at the tables in the Fellowship Hall today for home-made foods!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

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

A SONG OF VICTORY:

The Pan-Orthodox Choir of Greater Cleveland churches will have a concert next Sunday to raise funds for the St. Theodosius Cathedral Restoration Fund. The concert is at Holy Trinity, 3:00 p.m., and all are welcome; free-will donations. CD's will be available for sale at \$20.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, Nov. 3, we are holding our annual Meatloaf Luncheon to benefit the meals we sponsor at St. Herman's House. We are again including the popular Basket Raffle. If you'd like to create a basket, contact Dianna Kall at 216-741-2888; OR you can offer gift cards or any new merchandise.

DINNER LECTURE:

The 14th Annual Fr. Prislopsky Memorial Dinner Lecture is Tuesday, 9/17 at Woodside Party Center. Complete details are on the bulletin board.

"SACRED ALASKA":

A documentary telling Alaska's "story of adventure, faith, and sacrifice" will be shown Monday, Sept. 23, 7:00 p.m., at St. Nicholas Banquet Center in Mogadore. Tickets are under \$11. Details are in the Fellowship Hall.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Upcoming Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12. We begin at 7:00, and new members are welcome!

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Carol and Nick Wislocki in honor of all those named Mary

COFFEE HOUR:

Refreshments today are hosted by HTOC Catechumens and their sponsors.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 9/1/2024	\$ 4397.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	1512.00
CANDLES	275.00
VETERANS' MEMORIAL	1075.00



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Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 2

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Sunday Before The Exaltation Of The Cross

Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos:

The "Kursk-Root" Icon of the Sign, "Poachaeu," "Kholmok," and others

Your Nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from You, O Theotokos! By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal Life.

Troparion, Tone IV

By Your Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!

Kontakion, Tone IV

We celebrate the appearance of your revered Icon of the Sign, O Theotokos, whereby you have granted Your people a wondrous victory over the enemies of your city. Therefore, we cry to you with faith: "Rejoice, O Virgin, the boast of Christians."

Kontakion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18
I CORINTHIANS 9:2-12

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17
MATTHEW 18:23-35

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, September 13	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Exaltation of the Cross
Saturday, September 14	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Exaltation of the Cross
	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.



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

A parish of the Diocese of the Midwest
Orthodox Church in America



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.