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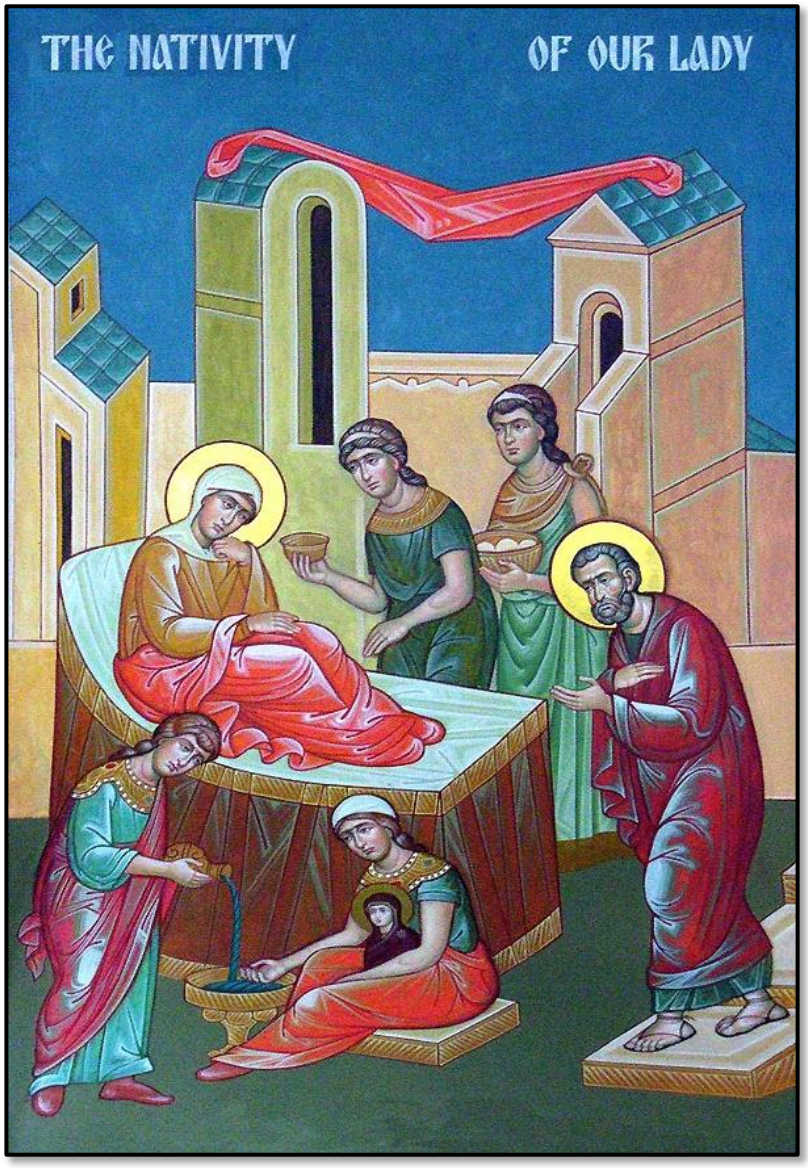

Sunday, September 8, 2019

12th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 3

Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

The Sunday Before the Feast of the Cross (Sep. 14)

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR PARISH PICNIC HAPPEN!

We are sincerely grateful to Mark & Beth Ryzyk who hosted yesterday's Parish Picnic. Many thanks also to everyone who brought food, drinks, and fun to the party!

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TODAY ~ HURRICANE DORIAN AID

Proceeds from today's Second Collection will be sent to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) who will use that money to aid the victims of Hurricane Dorian. You can visit (or donate online to) IOCC online at www.iocc.org *Thank you!*

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – Great Feast of the Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* for the Nativity of the Theotokos, followed by Coffee Hour

Thursday, September 12

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 13 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross

7:00 PM *Great Vespers with Litya & Procession of the Holy Cross*

Saturday, September 14 – Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

5:00 PM *Panikhida* for Marek Kopcza, requested by his mother, Danuta Kopcza, and their family

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, September 15

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Coffee Hour

TODAY'S EPISTLE Philippians 2:5-11 Brethren: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,6who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28** At that time, it happened as they went that Jesus entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE:

- September 20-22: Couples' Retreat, "Making Good Marriages Better", at St. Andrew's Camp in Jewell, NY. Visit www.nynjoca.org and under the "COUPLES' RETREAT" news article, click on "REGISTER ON-LINE NOW."
- October 14-26, 2019: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land With Archbishop Michael! Pick up a poster on the Welcome Table with details.
- July 15-21, 2020: Pilgrimage to Alaska with Archbishop Michael: Celebrating 50 Years of the Glorification of St. Herman of Alaska, and the Autocephaly of the OCA! Pick up a poster on the Welcome Table with details.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE-HOUR CLEANUP and SUPPLIES!

Summertime is behind us, and regular Coffee Hour is back … we need your help with Coffee Hour clean-up! We are thankful to the small "summertime crew" who cleaned up every Sunday … but now we need everyone to step up. Put your names on the poster in the Fellowship Hall.

This week's Coffee Hour Needs are: Hot Cups; Cold Cups; and Small Plates.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING ~ NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Please come to a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, September 15. The purposes of this meeting are to:

- **Report on the now-completed Education Building wheelchair-lift and accessible restroom installation project**
- **Educate everyone on the multi-phase plan to renovate the Fellowship Hall downstairs:**
  - **Phase 1: install meeting space, restrooms, kitchen, and a required second exit**
  - **Phase 2: install an ADA-accessible wheelchair lift and create an ADA-accessible path from Seymour Street to enter the lift, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs**
- **Decide, as a parish, on the plan for funding Phase 1 of the renovations.**

A quorum of at least 24 people is needed to make the important decisions that will be presented at this meeting. Please be here!

St. Andrew's Camp Fundraiser

Calendar Party

Sunday, October 13, 2019
3:00 p.m.

Christ the Saviour Church
365 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ

Tricky Tray

50–50

Tickets: $25.00 per person

Includes appetizer, dinner (chicken or kielbasa), dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages.

RSVP

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If you cannot attend, please consider making a donation.

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120th ANNIVERSARY

PRAYER LIST

Janet Van Duyn, recovering from surgery; Edward Kiss; Mat. Deborah Belonick and her family; George & Madeline Miroshnikov and the child to be born to them; Frankie; Evelyn Bonanno; Eunice Bullock (Nigel's mother); Lawrence DeNoia; Tina Seckerson; Catechumen Judy & Rocco Mastronardi; Frank, Mat. Anastasia Harris; Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, Aaron Hoskins; Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Sharon Turpening; Danielle, Sophia and Stella Miller; Martha Scigliano; Charlie Andonis; child Victoria Saraceno, child Charlie; child Iancu, Cristin, Laura & Ciprian; Timothy, Eugenia, Walda, Janet & Deryl; Vera Bouteneff; Ted Chaiko; Nancy Prusak; Honorina Rodriguez; Mary Braig; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Luka & Elena Herman; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Bill Bodack; Courtney Lyzak; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Vitaly Bahanovich, John Chupeck; Stephen Hoskins, Samuel Kedala, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, Daniel Skvir, Ken James Stavrevsky; Basil Summer, Dennis Swencki; John Tkachuk, John Zabinko; Matushki Ellen Chupeck, Myra Kovalak, Rebekah Markewich, Alexandra Safchuk, Priscilla Shipley; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness, including Eugen Balasenowich, Sr.; Maria Chouplat; Helen Delandri; Olga Donski; Walter Donski; Irene Homa; Anatole Honczarenko; Olga Juck; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Ryzyk; Edward Wirchansky; for all soldiers, especially Mykola; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence and natural disasters, and refugees; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians & families; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Bogdan Wislocki (9/8), Mat. Valerie Sudick (9/9); Nadia Constantine (9/10). Anniversary: James & Tina Reduto (9/13). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Archbishop Nikon of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese (+9/1); Nicholas Proios (+9/1); Andrew Hornick, Jr. (8/28); Christina Sceppaquercia (+8/26); Dn. Simeon Peet (+8/16); Fr. John Matusiak (+8/15); Olga Eagler (+8/13); Dora Kusick (Luke's great-grandmother, +8/12); Nicholai Lagunchik (+8/10); Cornelia; Metropolitan Panteleimon, Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Tyroloi and Serention (+8/7); Fr. Steven Belonick (+8/7); George Libertin; Ioann and Elena; William Wasilko (+7/30), ever-memorable Derek James Statkevicus and baby Sergei Statkevicus; all the victims of the 9/11/01 attacks; Joseph Adamovich (9/8/1963); Victor Makarov (+11/28/18); and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTO their spiritual home away from home!

Tatiana Balasenowich
Elizabeth Bouteneff
Joe Ciamarra
Brandon Ferguson
Samantha Fricke
Kaydee Kowalczyk
Andrew Nolan
Frances Nolan
Peter Nolan
Joshua Ryzyk
Stephanie Ryzyk
Lukas Skalski
Matthew Skalski
Justyna Skalski
Thomas Skalski
Adriana Szpynda
Emily Szpynda
Katherine Wislocki
Olivia Wislocki

"Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic." -- Abp. Michael

Please tell Fr. David if there are anv errors or omissions on this list.

CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR SEPTEMBER:

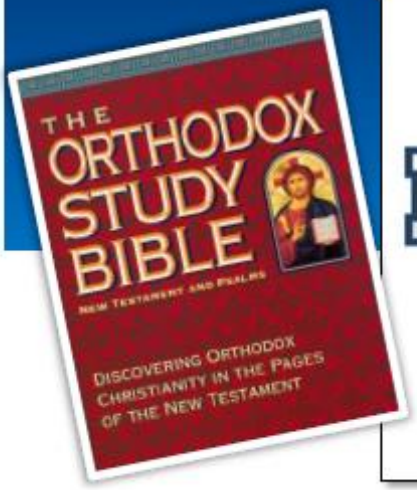
Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia. Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families. **Vigil Candle, St. Nicholas, South Kliros,** Newly Departed Regina Cataldo and Christina Sceppaquercia.

REJOICING IN THE NATIV ITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

If we want to bear Jesus Christ in our hearts, let us follow the example of the Mother of God, whose nativity we now celebrate. Let us bear the fear of God in our hearts. Let us bear in our souls Divine love. Ever bear in mind the thought of death, on our lips the words of holy prayer. Let us have tears of repentance in our eyes and on our face the joy of reconciliation and union with Christ. By mercy and prayer let us make our home a church, and not an infernal cave by drunkenness and lust. Let us make our arms a cradle for a child, and not an instrument of sin. Let us make our children into children of the Church and society, and not agents of destruction. If we thus live, we will become true God-bearers, and the Mother of God will be the most fervent intercessor for us, who by her prayers pours out the joy of Nazareth and prosperity in life upon us, and the bliss of Paradise will also be with us.

Archimandrite Iachint (Unciuleac)

Announcing the 2nd Annual



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BIBLE BOWL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

2019

The Bible Bowl is a quiz competition for teams of young people and adults, focused on Scripture—this year, all questions will come from **The Gospel of Luke** as found in the **Orthodox Study Bible.**

FREE T-SHIRTS! TROPHIES! FUN AND FRIENDS!

Teams dive deep into the Scriptures in a spirit of friendly competition! Study begins now!

COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT
HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH
285 FRENCH HILL ROAD, WAYNE, NJ
SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 2019, 10 AM – 2 PM

Join the competition in these age groups:
Pre-teen: Ages 9-12
Teens: Ages 13-19
Adults: Ages 20+

TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM(S) AND GET STUDY QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Mat. Tamara Cowan
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Diocesan Department of Christian Education

Holy Trinity Church School starts Sunday, September 22 with a new program!

Recently, our Church School teachers attended a week-long training at St. Tikhon's Seminary which was sponsored by our Diocese. They were formed into **catechists** who will guide our smallest members as they establish a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and enter a fuller participation in the common work of our Church, the Divine Liturgy.

One catechist-in-training remarked: "The method of teaching observed was compelling and we were drawn in as if by a powerful magnet." By providing the child with simple, practical and spiritual presentations and materials to work with at their own pace, **the Holy Spirit becomes the Teacher** and the person formerly known as the Church School Teacher becomes part of the environment of the Atrium (classroom), guiding the child.

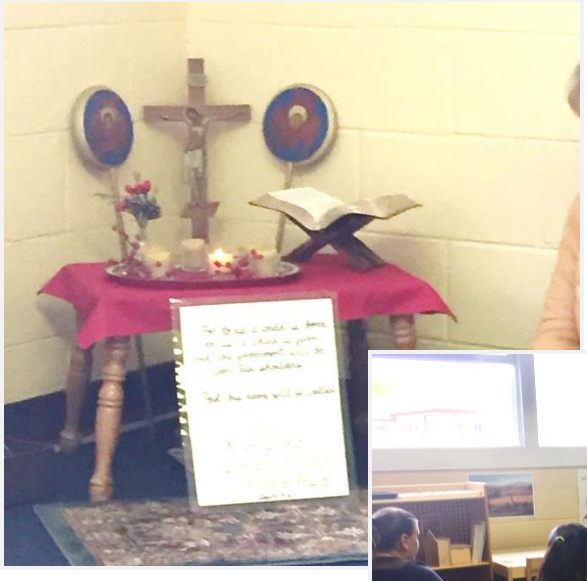
The Orthodox Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an innovative, Montessori-style program where learning is experiential and matches the developmental phases of the child through the environment – the Atrium classroom – which facilitates the already present spirituality of the child.

We are very excited to get started with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd here at Holy Trinity Church! You may have noticed Church School teachers sculpting with clay at coffee hour…we are assembling the many hands-on materials needed for this wonderful program. But Atrium building is really a community effort, the work of many hands, as many different talents are required to set up and sustain this special place where children come to know Jesus.

Won't you help us?

Here is a list of items you might have at home that we will need to get started. Consider donating …
Small candle holders, small vases (3-5 inches), small souvenir sized spoons, small glass pitchers (3-5 inches), a wooden coffee table (not wide), wooden tables (2-3 ft high) and large, shallow, long baskets.

Please see Olga Ptach, Elena Paolercio, or Matushka Tamara if you can help!
And – please keep our children and our catechists in your prayers!



C.G.S. CATECHISTS, TRAINING AT ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY