

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, September 22, 2019

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 5

The Holy Prophet, St. Jonah ~ Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope

### **“THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD” BEGINS TODAY!**

Congratulations to our Church School students, who today are beginning their journey of Christian formation in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The Choir Loft has been re-configured into “The Atrium”, the learning space for the C.G.S. experience. Many thanks to our C.G.S. Catechists who have sacrificed many hours to be trained

in the new program and to the parishioners who have donated materials, household items AND hours of time to create this new environment!

Church School parents are asked to attend an Orientation meeting during Coffee Hour.

Other adults interested in seeing the Atrium and learning about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are welcome, also.

**May God grant our students, catechists, and families Many Blessed Years!**



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## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Today – Sunday, September 22

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by the First Day of Church School, and Coffee Hour offered in celebration of Reader Gabriel Cowan's 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday tomorrow. **NOTE: Church School parents are asked to attend a brief Orientation Meeting during Coffee Hour.**  
**ALSO: Teens will meet with Father David while the younger kids are in Church School.**

### Wednesday, September 25

6:30 PM Building Committee Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 27

7:00 PM Mary & Martha Women's Group – Meeting at Tina Reduto's Home.

### Saturday, September 28

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, September 29

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

**TODAY'S EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4** Brethren: Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11** At that time, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

### COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE:

- Fri., September 27: Mary & Martha Women's Group – Meeting at Tina Reduto's Home. Contact Tina if you'll be attending, [legalcareers2000@hotmail.com](mailto:legalcareers2000@hotmail.com)
- October 6: OYMT (Orthodox Mission Youth Team) Video and Talk at Coffee Hour. Come learn what the Mission Team experienced this summer helping families in Tennessee, and hear about plans for 2020!
- October 14–26: 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:** small plates, butter, tortilla chips, dips.



## GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT OUR CHURCH RENOVATIONS: WE NEED BATHROOMS ... WE NEED A KITCHEN ... WE NEED YOU!

**EXCITEMENT** was in the air this past Sunday -- at the Parish Meeting held during Coffee Hour, where **\$30,000 was pledged within ten minutes** (and some of it already paid), to kick off the funding of "Phase One" of the Fellowship Hall Renovations!

The parish voted overwhelmingly to take a bold and faithful step toward realizing the long-awaited vision of installing restrooms, making the space and water connections for a kitchen, and creating a meeting room and a classroom in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. We will pursue a loan from a Church-based lending company to accomplish the renovation, and we have committed to a Capital Campaign to raise, within 5 years, the \$200,000 estimated to pay off the loan.

Inspired by the Parish Council's presentation of this plan for doing and funding the renovations, 9 parishioners stood and spontaneously pledged a total of \$25,000 (and some handed in their gifts on the spot) to kick-start the fundraising. Other parishioners unable to attend had submitted pledges in advance of the meeting. His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, sent his greetings and encouragement on the beginning of "Phase One" and put forth a most generous financial pledge, which -- as with each donor who announced their support -- was met with grateful applause by the parish assembly.

As you know, we have also been envisioning putting in an ADA-accessible wheel chair lift, and landscaping the walkway from Seymour Street to the rectory side of the church, so that anyone not able to climb the steps can get into either floor of the church. This remains our ultimate vision -- we are calling it "Phase Two". We are looking into opportunities to apply for outside grant assistance for Phase Two.

Meanwhile we need bathrooms ... we need meeting rooms ... we need to start building in a kitchen ... and we need (by law) a second exit so that we may use the hall to its fullest. So, Phase One is the goal, for now. We estimate Phase One will cost \$200,000.

So -- by now, you are asking: **How can I join in this excitement?**

One way, of course, is to come to church on a Sunday, or a holy day, and worship here...  
another way is to come to Coffee Hour and experience the joy of breaking bread and chatting with brothers and sisters in Christ...  
still another way is to offer a pledge to the Capital Campaign.

### HOW CAN I PLEDGE MY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE RENOVATIONS?

Approximately 100 households (a single person or a family)  
are either parish members or friends of the parish.

**Our goal is to raise \$200,000 within 5 years.**

**On average,** \$200,000 divided by 100 families is \$2,000 per family, **in addition to regular annual stewardship pledges to operate the parish.** This could be spread out, for example:

- **OVER 3 YEARS:** \$2,000 over 3 years = \$667 per year ... \$55.58 per month ... \$12.83 per week
- **OVER 5 YEARS:** \$2,000 over 5 years = \$400 per year ... \$33.33 per month ... \$7.70 per week

Some people have been blessed with more materially so can give more than the average.

Some people can give something, even if it is less than the average.

*What can you give, as an offering of thanks for all that God has blessed you with?*

Won't you join in the excitement -- the ownership -- and the commitment of making real the dream of making our Church building a single ministry center, complete with all the facilities we need to provide beautiful space and warm hospitality to our members and our visitors?

Please prayerfully consider what you can give -- over the next 3 to 5 years, or now if you wish. One of our Capital Campaign Team members will contact you soon to invite you to be a part of this next chapter in the life of Holy Trinity Church!

Thank you for your prayers and your participation!

***With love in Christ, Fr. David***

## PRAYER LIST

Child Daniel Markewich; Edward Kiss; Mat. Deborah Belonick and her family; George & Madeline Miroshnikov and the child to be born to them; 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, Sofia and Stella Miller; Marilyn; 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 Rzyk; 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. Birthday: Alexander Statkevics (9/17); Reader Gabriel Cowan (turns 13 9/23); Penny Cowan (Fr. David's mom, 9/24). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Church building.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Frank Pugliese (+9/20); Bartholome (+9/18); Gertrude Mach (Samantha Fricke's grandmother, +9/12); Paraskiewa Salej (Bill Prusak & Lidia Rzyk's mother, +9/7); 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); George Libertin; Ioann and Elena; ever-memorable Marek Hyra (Danuta Kopcza's son, +9/18/18); Victor Makarov (+11/28/18); and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

**Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server.**

**Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise.**

**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  
Sofia Miller

Stella Miller  
Andrew Nolan  
Frances Nolan  
Peter Nolan  
Joshua Rzyk  
Stephanie Rzyk  
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 any 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.

## WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS ...

“Many people take no account of their own gifts; they see only the gifts of others and are overcome by envy. They view themselves as having been wronged, as lesser, and end up tormenting themselves, making their lives miserable...”  
(Elder St Paisios in 'Passions and Virtues')