



# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sunday, Nov 22nd, 2020 - The Rich Fool

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.

Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple.



## Hymns for Today

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!"

Holy Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Let us praise the Apostles of Christ, who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars: glorious Philemon and dedicated Archippus, Onesimus, together with Mark and Apollos, and the all-wise Apphia. Let us cry to them: "Unceasingly pray for us all!"

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

## Epistle Reading - Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## Gospel Reading - Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will

**DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS:** *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting.*

store all my crops and my goods. ‘And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

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### THIS WEEK’S SERVICE SCHEDULE

NATIVITY FAST: Nov 15–DEC 24

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**SAT, Nov 21:** 5 PM Great Vespers,  
Moliebon for Steve & Jean Anne Hutz

**SUN, Nov 22:** 8:40 AM Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy,  
Church School, **Parish Council Meeting**

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**WED, Nov 25: 6:30 PM:** Moliebon of Thanksgiving

**THURS, Nov 26: Happy Thanksgiving!**  
Enjoy the Fast Free day with your family!

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**SAT, Nov 28:** 5 PM Great Vespers

**SUN, Nov 29:** 8:40 AM Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy,  
Church School

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### NO Wednesday Night Bible Study

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

NEXT CLASS will be DEC 2nd : Chapters 15–16

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### Monthly Parish Council Meeting: TODAY

We will hold a brief November Parish Council Meeting immediately after the Post Communion Prayers following Divine Liturgy. The meeting will be held in the church. Did we mention it will be brief?

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### November Homeless Collection

In an effort to help our community in these trying times, the Church School is holding a collection for the local homeless male population. There is a need for the following men's, full size items: Toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, socks, men's body wash, etc. Monetary donations are also being accepted, please see Colleen.

Donations are being accepted through the month of November. See the poster on the bulletin board for more details. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

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### Christmas Wreaths For Sale TODAY: \$20

Made by and Supports our Parish Church School

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES – MANY YEARS!**

**November Birthdays:** Scott Harvey (11/4), Matushka Melanie Neal (11/4), Irene Dutko (11/5), Fred Pleban (11/6), Steve Nealon (11/10), Joli Dutko (11/12), Andrew Neal (11/24) Douglas Cardoni (11/26) **Anniversaries:** Peter & Paula Holoviak (11/12), Steve & Jean Hutz (11/19), Michael Talpash (11/22)

**This Week:** Michael Talpash (11/22), Andrew Neal (11/24), Douglas Cardoni (11/26)

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### Altar Server Schedule

**Sunday, Nov 22:** Christopher D, Symeon C

**Sunday, Nov 29:** Alec B, Kaleb D, Ephraim N

**Sunday, Dec 6:** Alex H, Tommy D, Andrew N

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**PARISH PRAYER LIST Living:** Archbishop David, Cynthia Dulsky, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nadine Breisch, Rosalie Bagenski, Sonja & Leanne Kay, Brian Cawley, Josie Bissett, Lisa & Scott Harvey, Daniel & Shannon Bissett, Rebecca King, Delores Karas, Antonette Terry, Archpriest Daniel & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Mat Delores Donlick & Fr. Daniel Donlick, Mary DeBenedetto, Violet Filipi, Catherine, Danny Gobish, Lorraine Pace, Camden Thomas, Dr. Peter Kaminski, Peter Holoviak & Family, Mary Krill, Thomas Padrezas, Bachman Family, Brian & Marni, Rose Marie, Elaine Benczkowski, Helen Gudaitis

**Departed:** Met Theodosios, John Gurka Jr., Evelyn Bogan, Joni Belcher, James Balchune, Maria Severino, Mary Ellen, Anna Hutz Lahr

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### Coronavirus Safety Reminder

As we are beginning to see more coronavirus cases in our area let us all be vigilant in following the established guidelines for attending church. If you are feeling ill or have any symptoms associated with Coronavirus please stay home and livestream the services until you are feeling better. In addition to wearing masks and social distancing, please also refrain from stopping in the vestibule on your way in and out of church to greet one another. May Our Lord keep us all safe as we come together as His church to worship and receive the holy sacraments!

## Why Fast Before Nativity?

*Taken from oca.org*

### Question

I was wondering why we fast before Nativity. The Lenten fast seems more obvious. Also, from what foods do we normally fast from during the Nativity fast?

### Answer

We fast before the Great Feast of the Nativity in order to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Our Lord's birth. As in the case of Great Lent, the Nativity Fast is one of preparation, during which we focus on the coming of the Savior by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

By fasting, we “shift our focus” from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and so on in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor. We learn through fasting that we can gain control over things which we sometimes allow to control us—and for many people, food is a controlling factor.

[We live in the only society in which an entire TV network is devoted to food!] While fasting from food, however, we are also challenged to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from those other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.

Just as we would refrain from eating a lot before going to an expensive restaurant for dinner—if we “ruin our appetite” we will enjoy the restaurant less—so too we fast before the Nativity in order to more fully feast and celebrate on the Nativity itself.

During the Nativity Fast, we are called upon to refrain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil. At the same time, we are challenged, within this framework, to fast to the best of our ability, and to do so consistently.

If we must modify the extent to which we fast within this framework, it is of course possible, but in every instance our fasting should be consistent and regular, for Christ does not see fasting as an option, but as a “must.”

In Matthew Christ says, “WHEN you fast, do not be like the hypocrites,” not “IF you fast” or “IF YOU CHOOSE to fast.”

Finally, it seems quite odd that in our society—a society in which people gladly and freely spend huge sums of money for diets, most of which recommend that one refrain from red meats and dairy products—fasting is not more widely embraced. How odd that a Jenny Craig consultant or diet guru or physician will tell us to refrain from eating meat or cheese or butter and we will gladly embrace—and pay large sums of money for—his or her advice, while when the Church offers the same advice [at “no cost”] we tend to balk, as if we were being asked to do the impossible.