



# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sun, Nov 3, 2019 - Jairus's Daughter & The Woman

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries



## Hymns for Today

Ye were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness, and ye humbled the proud worshippers of fire. Much afflicted hierarch Aképsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Áthalas the deacon, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

O liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, trophy-bearer, great martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Thou didst celebrate the mysteries blamelessly, O wise one, and became thyself an acceptable sacrifice, O divinely blessed one. Thou didst gloriously drank of the cup of Christ, Holy Akepsimas. Together with thy fellow

sufferers thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

As we the faithful flee to thee for refuge and seek thy protection and speedy help, We entreat thee, O Champion of Christ, that we who sing thy praises may be delivered from the snares of the enemy and from every peril and adversary, that we may cry: "Rejoice, O martyr George!"

## Epistle Reading - Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

## Gospel Reading - Luke 8:41-56

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border

**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.

of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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**Please welcome today's serving priest,  
Fr. Alexis Trader from St. Tikhon's Monastery.**

**TODAY @ 9 AM** - 3rd & 6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School

**WED: Nov 6, 6:30 AM** - NO Divine Liturgy  
**6:30 PM** - NO Bible Study

**SAT: Nov 9, 4:00 PM** - Great Vespers / Family Night  
**NOTE: Saturday Night Great Vespers is now at 4PM**

**SUN: Nov 10, 9:00 AM** - 3rd & 6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Church School, Parish Council Meeting

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## Attendance & Donations - 10/27/19

Attendance: 71 | Regular: \$1010  
Improvements: \$242 | Candles: \$145

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## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Living:** Cynthia Dulsky, Josie Bisset, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nancy Valletta & Family, Nadine Breisch

**Departed:** Lovey Klem, Jeffery Hudak

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**FATHER INNOCENT & FAMILY VACATION:** Fr. Innocent and family will be on vacation beginning October 31-November 6. Fr. Alexis Trader from St. Tikhon's Monastery will be serving Divine Liturgy today. PLEASE NOTE the following changes in our weekly schedule.

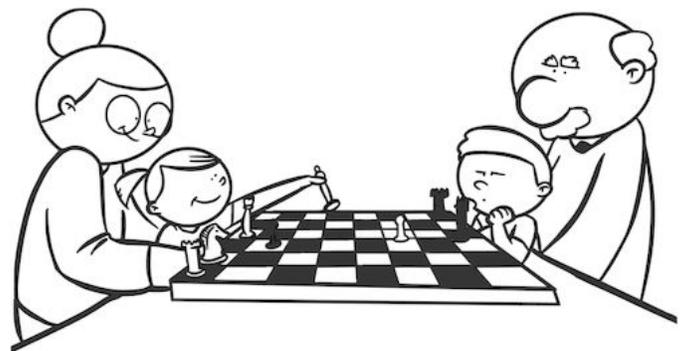
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## NOVEMBER FAMILY NIGHT

**SAT, NOV 9th, 4PM-8PM:**



Join us for an evening of games, conversation, food & fun at our first HOLY TRINITY FAMILY NIGHT. The evening will begin with Great Vespers at 4PM. Immediately following we'll go downstairs for **pizza** and **fun** for kids and families. Everyone in the parish is invited and you are welcome to bring guests. We hope to begin doing these Family Nights once a month so stay tuned!

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**ELECTION DAY NOV 5, 2019 FOOD SALE:** Porketta Sandwiches, Variety of Soups, 7 AM to 7 PM or until the food is sold out. TAKE-OUT ONLY.

**KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY FOOD BANK:** Once again, we will collect food items for the Kutztown University Student Food Bank. This fall, the office is also requesting donations of warm winter clothing. The collection will run until **Sunday, November 9**. Items needed include Granola bars, Breakfast bars, Ramen noodles, Spaghetti sauce, Chef Boyardee – Ravioli/SpaghettiOs, Canned chicken breast, Women's personal care products, CLOTHING - Jackets, hats, gloves, socks, sweatshirts in all sizes. Questions: see Paula Holoviak.

**HARVEST DINNER NOVEMBER 10, 2019:** Doors open at 11:30, Adults \$22.00, Children: 10 to 14 \$12.00, Children under 10 FREE, Reservation Sign up Sheet in Vestibule; Coffee Hr: 10:30 to 11:30. See Mary Ann Kudey to pay for reservations.

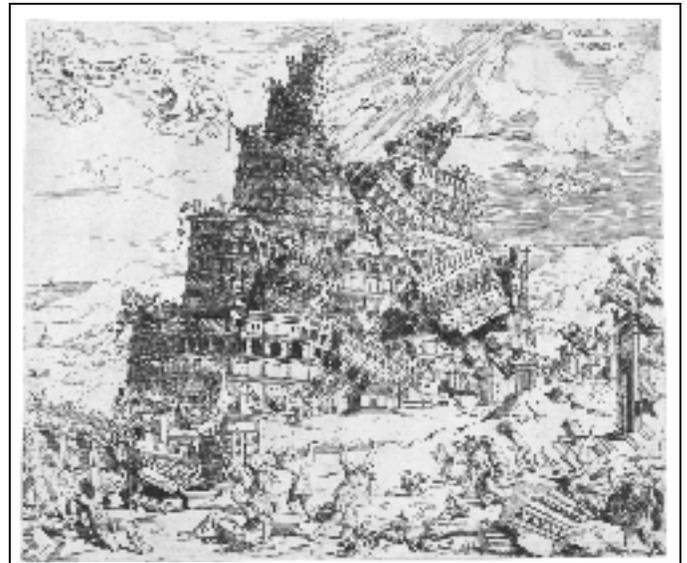
**PEROGIE PROJECT:** The next pierogie project is Monday November 11 and 12. On the 11th, I would like to start making pierogies after lunch. So about 1:00pm, we will need pinchers and all other people. I would LOVE to at least crank out 100 dozen that afternoon so our Tuesday won't be so hectic. We are still taking orders for November. Call Denise 570-825-9719.

**BASEMENT LIGHTING PROJECT:** The parish has received a donation of 25 LED replacement light fixtures to replace the old fluorescent lights downstairs. We will also be doing the work ourselves which means this major upgrade will be entirely free for the Parish. What a great blessing! Steve Dutko and Jason King will be heading up the project and are in need of 6 volunteers. Please see Jason or Steve to offer your help. Thanks so much!

**LIGHTBULB DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation towards the LED Light Bulbs that were recently installed in the church chandeliers, please sign-up on the "Big Lightbulb Sign" in the back of the church and give your checks to Jason King (payable to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church). Thanks so much for your support!

**VISITATION PROGRAM FOR SHUT-INS, ELDERLY, & SICK:** Holy Trinity will begin a structured visitation program for our elder parishioners who are no longer able to be at Church or participate in our community. Our visits will be an expression of our love,

support and gratitude as their brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a great blessing to them and an even greater blessing for you – the one visiting. Our Lord commands us to visit the sick and so upon doing he blesses us greatly. Interested parishioners could commit to visiting as much or little as they would like – as little as once a month! This program is also a great opportunity for families to visit shut-ins together (a great lesson for the kids). If you are interested, please sign up in the vestibule or speak with Fr. Innocent.



## Ethics and Technology

An excerpt of an article by St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Originally, religion was the mother of ethics and technology. First of all, religion was a torrential spring flowing from hidden depths, ethic a life carrying river, and technology with the help of artistic channels, carried the water from this river into all the arteries of man's life.

God announced to man the law of faith, the law of behavior, and the knowledge of technology.

By the directions of God, Noah built a boat that traveled one of the longest journeys in the history of navigation.

By God's inspiration Bezalel was filled with wisdom in understanding, in knowledge, and all kinds of craftsmanship, to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, and in the cutting of stones for

settings, and in carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship. (Exodus 31:1-11)

In the same way, the Temple of Solomon, one of the greatest architectural wonders of the old world, was built by people taught by the Spirit of God and directed by the hand of the Lord. This is the witness of the Holy Scriptures.

God was the reason of true faith and good behavior and of the knowledge of technology among people.

While people continually felt God above them, before them, and around them, in the same way air and light is felt, they attributed and dedicated all their technological works and handiwork to Him, their Lord and Creator.

When the feeling of God's presence became dulled and spiritual vision darkened, that is when pride entered into tradesmen and technologists, and they started to give glory exclusively to themselves for their buildings, handiwork and intellectual works, and began to misuse their work that is when the shadow of cursedness began to fall on technology.

Many complain against technology. Many accuse modern technology for all the woes in the world. Is technology really to blame, or those who create technology and use it? Is a wooden cross to blame if somebody crucifies someone on it? Is a hammer to blame if a neighbor breaks his neighbors skull?

Technology does not feel good or evil. The same pipes can be used for drinking water or the sewer. Evil does not come from unfeeling, dead technology, but from the dead hearts of people.

Completely conscious of the presence of God and without any pride, Noah built a wondrous ship that was for his salvation and of the new mankind that was to be born.

In a darkened consciousness regarding God's presence, people filled with pride agreed among themselves, "Let us build a city and a tower whose top shall reach heaven, and make a name for ourselves." That was the building of the tower of Babel.

When King Solomon finished building the glorious Temple of God, he lifted up his hands to heaven, and in humbleness cried out, " Behold, heaven and the heavens

above the heavens I cannot comprehend you, let alone this Temple I have built."

Not to the credit of technology did the Temple remain standing for centuries, nor to the blame of technology did it vanish from the face of the earth.

Technology is deaf, mute, and unanswering. It is completely dependant on ethics, as ethics on faith.

Well known is the Biblical story of King Nebuchadnezzar. He built the city of Babylon with palaces, and hanging towers, with such technological workmanship and beauty as the world till then had not seen. The King looked down at the city he had built, standing on the roof of his palace and said proudly, " Is this not Babylon the Great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?" While he was yet speaking these conceited words, God smote him with insanity and he became insane, and in insanity he lived for seven years like a beast among the beasts of the forests.

His city Babylon the Great became a heap of rubble and was sneered at, and was a desert without any inhabitants, exactly how the Prophet Jeremiah prophesied. ( Jeremiah 51:37)

Wherever the fear of God vanishes, and the moral law of God is trampled, that is where the mountain of human technology falls into the dust from which it was built. [...]

Technology changes man's relation towards nature, but not towards man and God.

Whoever thinks otherwise values things more than people, and dust more than the spirit. A horrible tragedy of our time is the war between men and God.

God wants to raise up and exalt man's identity above dumb and lifeless materiality, while men want to bury their identity and forget their Creator, and make the sole purpose of their lives technology and material wealth.

Many people who are spiritually and morally handicapped by their unbelief in Christ, create out of modern technology idols that they worship, and call upon all peoples and nations to bring sacrifices to those idols.