



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sun, September 8, 2019 – Nativity of the Theotokos



12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Sunday before Elevation.
 “KURSK-ROOT” Icon of the Sign (1259), “POCHAEV” (1559), “KHOLMSK”



Hymns for Today

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Thy nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from thee, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. // By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

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.

By thy nativity, most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: // “The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

Epistle Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, 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.

Gospel Reading – Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Now it happened as they went that He 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!”

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: 9 AM – Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, Parish Council Meeting

WED: Sept 11, 6:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
6:30PM – Bible Study

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

FRI: Sept 13 @ 6:30 PM – Great Vespers w/ Litya

SAT: Sept 14 @ 9 AM – Divine Liturgy

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SUN: Sept 15 @ 9 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
 w/ Fellowship Reception

NOON – Grand Anniversary Banquet
 at E. Mountain Holiday Inn

Attendance & Donations – 9/1/19

Attendance: 81 | Regular: \$607
 Improvements: \$307 | Candles: \$213

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(Please submit names to Fr. Innocent)

Living: Cynthia Dulsky, Josie Bisset, Joan Belcher, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nancy Valletta & Family, Danny Donlick, Luke Austin
Departed: Rosalie, Dorothy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BANQUET RESERVATION PAYMENT: If you have not already made payment for your banquet reservation please do so this weekend - Payment in full is due to the Holiday Inn East Mountain this Wednesday. Please submit your payment to Deborah Mills.

DISH FOR VESPERS FELLOWSHIP: A sign-up sheet is available for sharing your favorite appetizer, vegan entrée, side dish or dessert for our fellowship to be held directly after Vespers on Saturday, September 14th. It is a strict fast day, so no meat or dairy please. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

BANQUET TABLE ASSIGNMENTS: Confirmation of table assignments for the banquet are in process. If you have not yet done so, and you wish to be seated at a particular table, kindly see Deborah Mills as soon as possible.

ALTAR BOYS SERVING ON 50TH: PARENTS, There will be a meeting following Divine Liturgy TODAY with all Altar Boys planning to serve at Divine Liturgy next weekend. We will have 3 hierarchs serving!

CHANGE COVERS FROM BLUE TO RED: In preparation for our 50th, we will be changing the covers in the church from blue to red TODAY following the Parish Council Meeting. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

HOLY RESURRECTION COMMUNITY COMING: We are very excited to welcome our sister parish, Holy Resurrection Cathedral, to our 50th celebration for Divine Liturgy next Sunday. Be sure to offer the Holy Resurrection community a warm welcome in return for honoring us on this special day!

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR FEAST OF CROSS: Anyone who would like to donate towards flowers for the Feast of the The Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross please see Deborah Mills.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: There is still time to join us! The study begins each

Wednesday at 6:30pm and lasts 1 hour. We will end the study with a selection of evening prayers. The focus of this first study is *The Parables of Our Lord*. If you would like to participate and purchase the book inform Fr. Innocent. Books should be in by this Wednesday (God willing!).

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Parish Council Meeting TODAY, September 8th following Divine Liturgy, **Annual Parish Meeting** - September 29th following Divine Liturgy.

50TH WEEKLY CLEAN-UP: A huge thank-you to all who came out to help with the yard work and basement cleanup these past three Wednesdays and Saturday. The grounds and Church will look beautiful for our 50th Anniversary NEXT SUNDAY!

PIEROGIE PROJECT: The next pierogie project is Monday and Tuesday September 9 and 10. If you want to place an order, sign up in the back of the church or call Denise at 570-825-9719. We ALWAYS need help, so come join us anytime after 7:00 am on those days. With a little extra help, we can finish after 1:00. Also, FYI, the second pierogie project on November 18 and 19 will be cancelled. Instead we will be making them on December 9 and 10. Sorry for the change.

HOLY TRINITY FOOD DRIVE: September 1st through September 29th. Bring your donations to the church basement. We are collecting **ONLY** the following: Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Green Beans, Pasta, Cheerios, any flavor, Instant Boxed Mashed Potatoes. This food drive benefits Ebenezer Harvest Assembly Food Pantry, Miners Mills. See Eva King with questions.

FUNDRAISER DISCONTINUED: We are no longer collecting Moo Caps & Soda Tabs. Turkey Hill has discontinued the program.



KIDS CAMPOUT: Kids campout on the church property will be October 18th with altar boy retreat on the 19th. More details to come!

LOST POCKET-KNIFE? If you lost a pocket-knife recently while working on the grounds we may have found it. See the Fr. Innocent.

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: We offer a most sincere and heartfelt welcome to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Please be advised that 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. Thank you!
