



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

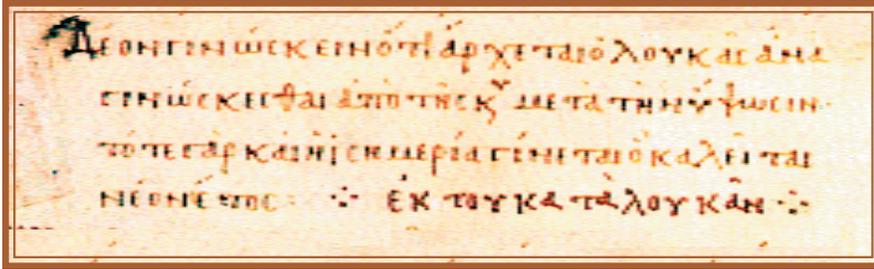
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Future Site: Potomac View Road (behind NoVa).

September 2012

SEPTEMBER BRINGS THE NEW CHURCH YEAR

(DAY 12 HOURS, NIGHT 12—THE NIGHTS ARE GETTING LONGER.)



Detail, title page, Luke, *Apraktos* Gospel, XI/XII century (Athos, Iviron, unnumbered, fol. 100). The Greek reads: «One needs to know that Luke begins to be read from the Sunday after the Elevation [September 14], for just then the equinox is taking place; it is called New Year.» This year the equinox falls on September 22.

15 Sat *Food Pantry—Leesburg—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

16 Sun^{15•VI} SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS: **THE NEW CHURCH YEAR**
9:45 a.m. **Common Confession Rite**—in conjunction with the season.

~10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Lynch**

23 Sun^{16•VII•Lk1} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Matyuf**

30 Sun^{17•VIII•Lk2} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Morrow**

OCTOBER—DAY 11 HOURS, NIGHT 13

7 Sun^{18•I•Lk3} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Smith**

14 Sun^{19•II•Lk4} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Wayland**

20 Sat *Food Pantry—Leesburg: 10:00–1:00*

21 Sun^{20•III•Lk5} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Williams**

28 Sun^{21•IV•Lk6} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Belinsky**

30 Tue *St. James, Bishop of Jerusalem, “Brother of the Lord”*

NOVEMBER—DAY 10 HOURS, NIGHT 14

3 Sat *SanktHubertusFest at Hawkins*

4 Sun^{22•V•Lk7} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Busenberg**

11 Sun^{23•VI•Lk8} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Doyle**

13 Tue *Church Council in Parma, Ohio, to elect a new Metropolitan*

14 Wed *Apostle Philip*

BECAUSE WE ALL FALL SHORT IN MANY WAYS, as St. James says in his epistle, it is a good thing for a parish to follow the original idea of beginning the church year with penitential prayer, driving home to ourselves, despite any evidence to the contrary, that we are in fact disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ—a people responsible, resourceful, and resilient... and answerable. **So plan on taking part in the common confession rite on Sunday, the 16th. Come on time. Come in the right frame of mind.**

All flesh must lay its faults before you, O God; though our faults overpower us, you blot them out.... O God our saviour, you are the hope of the very ends of the earth.... Crown the year with your bounty.... And everywhere let there be joy; everywhere, songs of praise!

—Psalm 64. Alleluia for the New Year

SanktHubertus XX.

Burt and Maria Hawkins' 20th annual always-wonderful dress-up St. Hubertus Day Venison Dinner for 20 diner-donors is on for Saturday, November 3, the beneficiary being the building fund of Holy Trinity Church. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m., the main course is roast venison marinated in red wine accompanied with mushrooms and sundry veggies, homemade *Spätzle* with sour cream gravy; and a range of desserts (Maria's hazelnut Arborio-rice pudding is a perennial favorite). *Guten Appetit*. And this year there will be music *grace a Rits* Geoghegan who won a silent auction somewhere earlier in the Summer.

Call Maria at 703.430.2289.

Special Parish Meeting

After the Liturgy on Sunday, September 9, our attorney, John McGeehan, presented an update concerning bringing in sewer from the north across Oak Lane. What was initially guestimated to cost 46K is now looking more like 70K. To no one's surprise, Loudoun Water has approved the engineering, but the all-important VDoT approval has yet to be sought. (The issue with VDoT is getting under Oak Lane at the required depth, which involves the swails on either side of the road.) It was agreed that this be done forthwith. The Parish also agreed to get some appraisals in order to make more informed decisions; one, for example, how much will sewer add to the value of our two-acre site.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE presents the ministry of the Lord Jesus as a journey from Nazareth and Capernaum to Jerusalem, the Holy City which is, in the words of *The Jerusalem Bible*, the predestined stage for the drama of salvation and whence the evangelization of the world must begin. Reading from the Gospel of Luke we follow the Lord on this journey. This gives the Church Year its unique shape and dynamics. Working from this ancient start the sacred liturgist was able to craft a Church Year of continuous reading from the Holy Gospel—Luke, Mark, John (+Acts which is part two of Luke), and Matthew—that is in our view sheer genius. Father Schmemmann had a different take on the Church Year, but only because he relied on older Russian authorities whose resources were not as replete as the modern historians'. And only in the 1980s did the Church of Russia correct herself in the matter of beginning to read Luke *on time*, i.e., the week after the Elevation of the Cross.

Lk. 4.14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. 15 He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. 16 He came to **Nazareth**, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read....

Lk. 4.28 When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. 29 They rose up, drove him out of the town.... **4.31** Jesus then went down to **Capernaum**, a town of Galilee. He taught them on the sabbath, 32 and they were astonished at his teaching because he spoke with authority.

Lk. 9.51 When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, **he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem**, 52 and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a **Samaritan village** to prepare for his reception there, 53 but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was **Jerusalem**.

Lk. 13.22 He passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to **Jerusalem**.

Lk. 17.11 As he continued his journey to **Jerusalem**, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee.

Lk. 19.1 He came to **Jericho** and intended to pass through the town....

Lk. 19.28 After he had said this, he proceeded on his journey up to **Jerusalem**.

Lk. 19.36 As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; 37 and now as he was approaching the slope of the **Mount of Olives**, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.



The Year Ahead.

We begin this “Year of the Lord’s Favor” with the Divine Liturgy back to 10:00 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time will end Sunday, November 4 (clocks back an hour—gain an hour). **Thanksgiving** is the 22nd. **Christmas** falls on a Tuesday. **Theophany** falls on Sunday, January 6 (*mirabile dictu*). The **Great Forty Days** will begin on Monday, March 18. The **Great and Holy Pasch** falls on Sunday, May 5 (more than a month!! after the Western or Latin Pasch on the March 31—a real oddity since the Pasch of the Law begins on the evening of March 25, which is the 14th of Nissan. Go figure.). **Ascension Thursday** will fall on June 13. And **Pentecost, our parish feast**, Sunday June 23.

17th All-American Council to be held in Ohio in November.

SYOSSET[OCA]

Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH, will be the site of the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, a one-day gathering on Tuesday, November 13, 2012—the Feast of Saint John Chrysostom—at which a new Primate of the Orthodox Church in America will be elected. “The Holy Synod of Bishops met in Detroit on August 13, 2012 and decided that they needed to hold the special Council as soon as possible so the work of the Church could move forward,” said Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary. “It will be called the 17th All-American Council because it meets the statutory requirements as a special Council and due to the precedence of the 12th All American Sobor in 1965.” [Prior to 1970, such Councils were referred to as “Sobors.”] “The bishops expressed their desire to hold a low key and penitential gathering, keeping costs as low as possible for parishes, dioceses, and the OCA inasmuch as it constitutes an unbudgeted expense,” Father Eric added. “Many sites were looked and, it was decided to hold the special Council at Parma’s

Holy Trinity Church because it is one of the few churches large enough to accommodate a large number of delegates and is centrally located, within reasonable driving distance for many parishes. Hotel space in the area are also quite reasonable.” The Council will open with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, followed by brunch. An electoral plenary session will follow, after which the newly elected Primate will be installed prior to the closing session. “Several hotels near the church will be used,” Father Eric said. “Information will be shortly provided with a special code for reserving rooms. We are looking into providing transportation from the hotels to the church and back.” The registration process will be the same as that observed in the past, requiring clergy and lay delegates per Statute Article 3, Sections 2 and 6. The formal agenda, logistical information, instructions and registration forms will be provided on-line by September 15 in order to comply with the 60 day Statute requirements. Members of the Preconciliar Commission, nominated by the Metropolitan Council and approved by the Holy Synod, include His Grace, Bishop Michael of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, chair; Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor; Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, Secretary and Council Supervisor; Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky; Archpriest Myron D. Manzuk, Council Manager; Ms. Melanie Ringa, Treasurer; and Mr. Peter Ilchuk, Logistics Manager. Clergy and lay chairs will be announced well in advance, as will chairs of the local committee and its members. Space for observers will be limited. Additional information will be released in the coming weeks as final plans become available.

Election of Bishop Grigorios.

JOHNSTOWN, PA

The Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople on Thursday, August 30, 2012, elected

unanimously the Very Reverend Archimandrite Grigorios Tatsis to be the Diocesan Bishop of the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese of the USA with the title of Bishop of Nyssa. His name was submitted to the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America, Locum Tenens of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA, following the submission of his candidacy by the diocesan priests at a Special Assembly convened on July 14, 2012 at Christ the Saviour Cathedral. The newly elected bishop will travel to Constantinople for the official ceremonies of announcement and acceptance which will take place at the Ecumenical Patriarchate. His ordination to the episcopacy and enthronement as Diocesan Bishop will take place later, on a date to be determined, at the Carpatho-Russian Cathedral in Johnstown, PA. His Grace, Bishop-elect Grigorios (Gregory) was born in Charlotte, NC on Dec 7, 1958, with the baptismal name of George, the first of two children of Peter and Antonia Tatsis. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill earning a BA degree in Biology (1981) and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte earning a MS degree in Biology (1989). Working for more than 20 years in the field of Cardiovascular Research at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC, he authored/co-authored over one hundred articles, abstracts, and book chapters. A true son of the Church, from his early youth Bishop-elect Grigorios served in his home parish of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Charlotte, NC in various capacities including altar server, Sunday School teacher for 13 years and in several leadership positions including Parish Council President. He was also a founding member of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, NC where he served on the Parish Organizing Committee,

as Sunday School teacher for four years, as a member of the choir and as its first parish council president. After taking part in a mission trip to Alaska sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, Bishop-elect Grigorios felt the calling to pursue his life-long dream of studying for the Holy Priesthood. Leaving his secular job in early 2003, he entered Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA in the Fall of 2003 and graduated in May of 2006 with the Masters of Divinity degree. Bishop-elect Grigorios was ordained deacon at St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, NC on November 4, 2006 by His Eminence, Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta. He was tonsured a Monk at Agia Lavra Monastery in Kalavryta, Greece on January 17, 2007, receiving the name Grigorios with St. Gregory Palamas as his Patron Saint. He was ordained a priest at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta, GA on January 28, 2007 also by His Eminence, Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta and was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite on the same day. On February 1, 2007, he was appointed as the *Ierokyrix* (Traveling Preacher) of the Metropolis of Atlanta. On September 14, 2007, he received the rank of Confessor at the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Chapel in Atlanta, GA. Serving in his role as Itinerant Preacher and Confessor, Bishop-elect Grigorios has travelled extensively throughout the Metropolis of Atlanta, where he has led parish retreats, heard confessions and provided spiritual direction to countless numbers of clergy and faithful. Recognizing his affinity for youth ministry and his administrative skills, he was given the responsibility of overseeing all youth programs in the Metropolis of Atlanta. Bishop-elect Grigorios also served as the Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Raleigh, NC from December 20, 2010 until May 31, 2011. Since Oc-

tober of 2011, he has served as Dean of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New Orleans, LA, and as Vicar of the Western Conference of the Metropolis of Atlanta.

Preconciliar Commission and Local Committee meet to review plans for the 17th All-American Council.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Parma, Ohio's Holy Trinity Church is the site of the 17th All-American Council. Members of the Preconciliar Commission met with the Local Committee and members of Cleveland area parishes for a planning session September 10–11, 2012.

The Commission and Local Committee are charged with organizing the 17th All-American Council, a one-day event slated to convene on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 for the purpose of electing a Primate for the Orthodox Church in America.

According to Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary, subcommittees were established for liturgical services, bishops' accommodations and welcoming, Council credentials and registration, transportation, meals, public relations, secretarial support, signs, and set up and breakdown. Chairs were assigned and volunteers solicited.

In other actions, Father Eric reported that bus transportation between the hotel and Council site has been arranged. A bus will also shuttle delegates to the Cleveland airport at the conclusion of the Council. Great Vespers will be celebrated on the eve of the Council, November 12, with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy the following morning. A brunch will follow the Divine Liturgy, while a dinner for all delegates will follow the electoral session.

"Area clergy and lay persons have already met to review their duties and responsibilities," said Father Eric. "I am very impressed by the willingness of so many people to volunteer their

time and the enthusiasm in working for the success of the Council."

Other meeting participants included Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor; Ms. Melanie Ringa, OCA Treasurer; Archpriest Myron D. Manzuk, Council Manager; Peter Ilchuk, Logistics Manager; Archpriest Alexander GarKlavs, host rector; Archpriest John Memorich, local clergy chair; and Mrs. Mary Jane Lucak, local lay chair.

Registration packets and related Council resources are available in PDF format on the OCA web site.

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

Canned items—Peanut butter, Jelly, Juices (100% fruit), Vegetables, Canned fruit, Canned beans, Tomato products, Stews, Soups. Boxed Items—Macaroni and cheese, Cereal, Pasta, Rice, Potatoes, Crackers. Other Items—Sugar, Powdered milk, Coffee, Tea bags, Dry beans. Needs for the Homeless—Pop-top canned foods, Individual serve items, Can opener. Infant Needs—Diapers (all sizes), Baby personal hygiene. Personal Hygiene—Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Bath/hand soap, Tissues, Tooth paste, Toothbrush, Laundry soap, Women's hygiene products, Shaving cream and razors. Distribution Center Supplies—Ziploc bags (all types), Paper towels, Disposable gloves, Disinfectants, Bleach, Window cleaner, Antibacterial hand soap, Copy paper (white and colors), File folders.