



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Parish Newsletter

November 2014

NOVEMBER—DAY 10 HOURS, NIGHT 14

- 14 Fri *Apostle Philip*
- 15 Sat *Diocesan Assembly in Bethesda—Begins the Nativity Fast*
- 16 Sun<sup>23•VI•Lk8</sup> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Wayland**  
*A Special Parish Meeting will follow the Liturgy—John McGeehan will speak.*
- 23 Sun<sup>24•VII•Lk9</sup> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Williams**
- 27 Thu *Thanksgiving Day—When we are in our own place we will have a divine service on the eve to hallow the national holiday.*
- 30 Sun<sup>25•VIII•Lk10</sup> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Belinsky**

DECEMBER—DAY 9 HOURS, NIGHT 15

- 6 Sat ↓ *St. Nicolas, Bishop of Myra, Wonderworker*
- 7 Sun<sup>26•I•Lk11</sup> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Busenberg**
- 13 Sat *31st Anniversary of the death of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*
- 14 Sun<sup>27•II•Lk12</sup> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Doyle**
- 21 Sun<sup>28•III•Lk13</sup> **SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
☛ 9:45 a.m. Common Confession Rite (*in conjunction with the penitential season*)  
~10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Ellmore**

**THE WEEKS OF LUKE BRING US TO THE FEASTS OF LIGHT**

The Church reflects on the Divine Manifestations [ΤΑ ΦΩΤΑ] of the Lord Jesus Christ: Life from God (December 25) • Life with God (January 6) Encountered in the Sacramental Life of the Church (February 2)

- 24 Wed **CHRISTMAS EVE**—4:00 p.m. Vespers with the Divine Liturgy
- 25 Thu **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**  
*NOTE: Between Christmas and Theophany—what was long ago called by some the Dodekaimeron or Twelve Days—there is no Wednesday/Friday abstinence.*
- 28 Sun<sup>29•IV•Lk14</sup> **SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Geoghegan**

JANUARY—DAY 10 HOURS, NIGHT 14

- 4 Sun<sup>30•V•Lk15</sup> **SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Honshul**
- 6 Tue **THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
- 12 Sun<sup>31•VI•Lk16</sup> **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Krisa**

**BECAUSE WE ALL FALL SHORT IN MANY WAYS**, as St. James says in his epistle, it is a good thing for a parish to prepare to greet the Feasts of Light 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 accountable. **So plan on taking part in the Common Confession Rite on Sunday, December 21. Come on time. Come in the right frame of mind.**

**Something different for Veteran's Day.**

WASHINGTON (Jan. 28, 2014)

It was Feb. 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. A converted luxury liner, the Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

It was only 150 miles from its destination when shortly after midnight, an officer aboard the German submarine U2 spotted it. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire. The hit was decisive, striking the ship, far below the water line. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more.

Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Panic and chaos quickly set in! Men were screaming, others crying or frantically trying to get lifeboats off the ship.

**JIHAD IN GERMANY: MOSLIMS BURN COPTIC CHURCH IN BERLIN**

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On his part, Abba Demian, bishop of Germany, said that he didn't expect such attack against a church

in Germany. Well, he should expect many more such attacks, for the "peaceful coexistence" that he and his colleagues assumed would be the hallmark of their relationship with Moslems in Germany is steadily going to unravel under the pressure of the

jihad imperative.

The mayor of Berlin condemned attacking and burning St. Athanasius and St. Shenouda Coptic Orthodox Church in Berlin by extremists, describing it as a crime against peaceful coexistence.



Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains, Lt. George Fox, a Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister.

Quickly and quietly the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. As soldiers began to find their way to the deck of the ship, many were still in their underwear, where they were confronted by the cold winds blowing down from the arctic.

Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, reeling from the cold, headed back towards his cabin. “Where are you going?” a voice of calm in the sea of distressed asked. “To get my gloves,” Mahoney replied. “Here, take these,” said Rabbi Goode as he handed a pair of gloves to the young officer. “I can’t take those gloves,” Mahoney replied. “Never mind,” the Rabbi responded. “I have two pairs.” It was only long after that Mahoney realized that the chaplain never intended to leave the ship.

Once topside, the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later call it, “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven.”

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains—arms linked and braced against the

slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester*, only 230 survived. Before boarding the *Dorchester* back in January, Chaplain Poling had asked his father to pray for him, “Not for my safe return, that wouldn’t be fair. Just pray that I shall do my duty... never be a coward... and have the strength, courage and understanding of men. Just pray that I shall be adequate.”

Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously, Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains’ Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961.

It was never given before and will never be given again.

—Submitted by Matthew Matyuf

### **Patriarch of Constantinople anticipates Patriarch of the West’s end-of-November visit as milestone in ecumenical ties.**

Catholic World News—October 31, 2014

Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople has said that he does not anticipate any spectacular developments when Pope Francis visits Turkey in late November, but that he and the Roman Pontiff will issue a joint statement that should be “an important milestone” in ecumenical relations.

Speaking to Austrian reporters as he prepares for a trip to that country, the Ecumenical Patriarch said that the Pope’s visit, which will come as the Constantinople see celebrates its patronal feast of St. Andrew, will be “an important sign of solidarity” between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches. He said that a restoration of Christian unity “cannot happen overnight,” but both Catholic and Orthodox leaders are working to strengthen ties.

Patriarch Bartholomew admitted to disappointment that a joint Orthodox-Catholic theological commission had failed to reach agreement on the question of primacy. He observed that a draft statement on the issue had been approved by all the Catholic participants and many of the Orthodox theologians. But lingering disagreements in the Orthodox world [*read Church of Russia—Ed.*] prevented an accord, he said.

### **A Sudden Death.**

Father Laurence’s brother, Norman Mancuso, fell asleep in the Lord, Monday morning, November 10. He was 76. Norman made our altar cross, a pair of wooden processional torches that have been hidden away, and those three candle stands (which we see together only on Pascha) which will finally have their place in our new facility. Eternal be his memory!