



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

February 2015

FEBRUARY—DAY 11 HOURS, NIGHT 13 (THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER)

BEGINS THE TRIODION (WHICH ENDS WITH PENTECOST)

- 1 Sun^{34•I•Lk19} **GOSPEL: A MAN WHO NEEDS GOD vs. ONE WHO DOESN'T** (Luke 18.9+)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Morrow**
Our Annual Parish Business Meeting following the Liturgy
- 8 Sun^{35•II•Lk20} **GOSPEL: WAYWARD SONS, LOVING FATHER** (Luke 15.11+)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Mosholder**
- 15 Sun^{36•III} **GOSPEL: JUDGMENT—BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT REACH OUT** (Mat. 25.31+)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Smith**
- 22 Sun^{37•IV} **GOSPEL: FORGIVENESS—LETTING GO** (Mat. 6.14+)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Wayland**
5:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers, followed by *Bliny* and all the fixings.
- 23 Mon *Day 1—Begin THE GREAT FORTY DAYS.*
- 25 Wed 7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy, followed by a pot-luck meal.



The times, they are achanging....

Back in the 1950s and early 60s it was quite normal for Roman Catholic priests to teach their flocks that the Orthodox were the first Protestants. Not true, but that was the party line. Things begin to change with (now sainted) Pope John XXIII. In the photograph above, the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis I, asks the blessing of the Bishop of Constantinople, Patriarch Bartholomew I. It's November 30, 2014, commemoration of St. Andrew the First-called, Constantinople's patron saint. They are standing inside the altar in St. George's in the Phanar in Istanbul. Pope Francis seems to be reiterating something his predecessor, Pope John-Paul II, said regarding the Orthodox Church: the Orthodox Catholic East lacks nothing that the Roman Catholic West has to give; meaning, in faith and teaching the Orthodox are deficient in no way.

RENEWAL DESCRIBED: The return to the liturgical life as the very focus of the parish, as the means of its respiritualization and revitalization. Parish life again begins to be centered on the Eucharist and the sacraments, on liturgical cycles. The Church begins again to be experienced as the Body of Christ. This process inevitably raises new questions, creates new difficulties.... Yet at least the motivations, the zeal, the intentions are pastoral, aimed at priceless human souls and their communion with God. It is in such parishes that the statutes are not opposed, all financial obligations are gladly met... confident and truly loving relations with the Bishop established and nurtured. It would not be difficult to prove that this renewal is rooted in a genuine interest in the true Orthodox Tradition, in the Holy Scriptures, the Fathers, the Liturgy, and above all in a deep concern for the *religious* and not merely "ethnic" or "social" orientation of the Church.

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann,
Theophany, 1973

Annual Meeting

We will hold our Annual Parish Business Meeting on Sunday, February 1. Circumstances forced us to cancel meeting on January 28. There is a lot to cover, but we will make every effort to keep the meeting from dragging on.

IMPORTANT DATES

The Great Forty Days begin Monday, February 23, and end April 3.

The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, Sunday, April 5.

The Holy Pasch falls on Sunday, April 12, a week after the Latin Pasch (which, this year, happens to fall on the first day of the Pasch of the Law, 15 Nissan).

Ascension Thursday, May 21.

Pentecost, our Parish Feast, Sunday, May 31 (the Memorial Day weekend).



At last, a place of our own. Over the years, looking to this time, we have been able to acquire some beautiful things.... Above, our new look, almost finished. That's the Gospel Book we acquired in 1987 to mark our participation in the All-American Council held in Washington in August, 1986. The Monks of New Skete gave us those two carved analogia; they made the others. Below right, the antique sand-cast brass cross we acquired in Helsinki in 1988, which Norman Mancuso of happy memory was able to mount for us on exotic wood. (He also made those candle stands.) Below left, the silver chalice we acquired some years back from the Danilov Monastery in Moscow. And bottom right, resting in the niche in our altar table, two stone chips from the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem (resulting from a repair), sent to us by Father Elias Yaghnam of happy memory, thanking us for our occasional "Alms for Jerusalem."

