



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

New Parish Center: 20937 Ashburn Rd., #110, Ashburn, VA May 2017

MAY—DAY 14 HOURS, NIGHT 10

- 6 Sat 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- 7 Sun SUNDAY IV: GOSPEL CONCERNING THE PARALYTIC (John 5.1–15)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Miller**
- 13 Sat 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- 14 Sun SUNDAY V: GOSPEL CONCERNING THE SAMARITAN WOMAN (John 4.5–42)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Morrow**
- 20 Sat 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- 21 Sun SUNDAY VI: GOSPEL CONCERNING THE MAN BORN BLIND (John 9.1–38)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Mosholder**
- 24 Wed Eve of the Ascension
7:00 p.m. Vespers with the Divine Liturgy—*followed by a pot-luck meal*

■ From the first Sunday [after Holy Friday, “Pasch of the Cross”—Ed.] count 40 days, then on Thursday celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Lord [today we say Ascension—Ed.]... —Apostolic Constitutions, Syria (ca. 380 A.D.)

- 25 Thu ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
- 27 Sat 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- 28 Sun SUNDAY VII: GOSPEL CONCERNING THE MESSAGE ENTRUSTED (John 17.1–13)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Smith**

JUNE—DAY 15 HOURS, NIGHT 9

- 3 Sat 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
 - After 10 days of the [Ascension], when the 50th day from the first Sunday arrives, you are to have a great feast; for on it, at the third hour, the Lord Jesus sent us the gift of the Holy Spirit... —Apostolic Constitutions, Syria (ca. 380 A.D.)
 - “I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened for me, and there are many adversaries.” —1 Corinthians 16.7–8 (57 A.D.)
 - Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus... for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost [58 A.D.]. —Acts 20.16
- 4 Sun **FIFTIETH DAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY—PARISH FEAST** (John 7.37–53, 8.12, 13)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—*followed by a festive picnic lunch*
- 5 Mon *Begin the Weeks of Matthew (to the end of the Church Year)*
 - After having celebrated Pentecost, **keep a feast** for one week... —Apostolic Constitutions, Syria (ca. 380 A.D.)
- 10 Sat *Tenth anniversary of the death of Fr. Laurence of New Skete (+2007)*
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
- 11 Sun FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Tarassova**
- 12 Mon

■ And after [marking the festivity of Pentecost] **keep a fast** for a week [origin of the so-called Peter-Paul Fast—Ed.]: for it is right to rejoice over the Gift of God [meaning the Descent of the Holy Spirit—Ed.], and then to **keep a fast** after the time of relaxation [of fasting during the 50-day Paschal/Pentecost season]. —Apostolic Constitutions, Syria (ca. 380 A.D.)

Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have robed yourselves in him. There does not exist among you Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ you are the descendants of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised. —Galatians 3.26–20

Forty Days.

Our brother Burt Hawkins—a founder of our parish community so many years ago—fell asleep in the Lord on March 27. He and Maria were married for 53 happy years. Burt had a long career with the US Department of Agriculture, about which he once said, “No one person knows all the work the USDA does.” Coming to his side in Prayer, we will mark Forty Days on Sunday, May 7, in conjunction with the Divine Liturgy.

Loudoun Hunger Relief Food List

1. Cereal
2. Dry Beans
3. Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
4. Canned Meats (tuna or chicken)
5. Mac and Cheese
6. Peanut Butter
7. Hearty Soups
8. Cooking Oil
9. Whole grain pasta, rice

Gifts cards to area grocery stores and monetary donations help support our mission and are greatly appreciated.

We provide fresh groceries for the whole family, plus we can help find further assistance to meet other needs through our network of partners. Often, we are the first place families seek out for help during times of need.



ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE METROPOLITAN TIKHON PASCHA 2017

To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, Distinguished Stewards, and the entire family of the Orthodox Church in America:

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

The radiant day of the Resurrection of Christ has dawned and our Paschal celebrations have bathed us in the glorious light of renewal and regeneration. Today is a completely new day, a day which began when the divine brilliance pierced and dispelled the darkness of Hades and ended with the remarkable explosion which took place when Eternal Life crushed death and corruption.

On this new and bright day, our faith is renewed along with that of the Myrrhbearing Women standing by the open tomb; our hope is confirmed along with that of the Apostles on the road to Emmaus; and our love is strengthened along with that of the Mother of God who remained ever at the side of her Son. Even if we count ourselves among the numbers of those who previously denied or deserted the crucified Lord, such hesitation or shame cannot withstand the force of the new life of this day.

We know too well that there is no human being who lives and yet does not sin, and the consequences of the Fall are reflected in a world overshadowed by war, terrorism, and human misery. Nevertheless, this dark reality loses its hold on us today because we have tasted of the new drink from the fountain of incorruption which fills us with spiritual courage and divine hope.

This courage and hope are not simply fleeting emotions of the moment but rather an experience of the life of the risen Lord Who fills our hearts with such joy that every day and every moment of our existence we can sing paschal hymns such as this:

*How divine! How beloved!
How sweet is Thy voice, O Christ!
For Thou hast faithfully promised to be with us
To the end of the world.
Having this as our anchor of hope,
We the faithful rejoice.*

With my archpastoral blessing and love in the Risen Lord,

+TIKHON
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada