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July 24, 2011

Pro-Liturgy is at 10 AM. Today is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Tone Three. The Epistle is Romans 6:18-23. Gospel is Matthew 8:5-13. 45 Martyrs of Nicopolis.

Our Semi-Annual Meeting is today Sunday, July 24 immediately following Divine Liturgy.

We will have a Panachida for Diana Macaluso today immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Next week we will have a Panachida for Antigone and Kostas Theodorides, the parents of Spiros Theodorides.

Remember it is inappropriate for Men and/or Women to wear shorts in church this includes children over the age of 7. We all should take the effort to bring the very best to God; this would include how we dress. If you need to you can always bring a change of clothes for after services.

Schedule of services and events for the week:

Tuesday, July 26, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, July 26, & PM – Concert Meeting

Wednesday, July 27, 8 AM – Liturgy – Great Martyr Panteleimon whose relic is in our altar

Thursday, July 28, 8:30 AM – Hours

Saturday, July 30 – work day at the church for the Playground

Sunday, July 31, 9 Am – Liturgy

Sunday, July 31, 10:30 AM – Bus for Camp Nazareth at the Commuter Parking Lot at Exit 1 of Rte. 84

Epistle and Gospel Reading for the Week:

Monday, 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Matthew 13:54-58 – Repose of the Righteous Anna

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 6:20-7:12; Matthew 14:1-13 – Venerable Martyr Paraskevi

Wednesday, 2 Timothy 2:1-10; John 15:17-16:2 – Great Martyr Panteleimon

Thursday, 1 Corinthians 7:24-35; Matthew 15:12-21 – Prochorus & Nicanor of the 70

Friday, 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7; Matthew 15:29-31 – Martyr Callinicus

Saturday, Romans 12:1-3; Matthew 10:37-11:1 – Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the 70

Sunday, Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35 – Martyr Julitta

A BIG Thank You to the Fongs who opened their house and pool up yesterday for our parish picnic!

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for the parish group that went to West Virginia. This was a very important trip that our Youth made this past week. Please read Christopher's thoughts entitled *I had to get this down right now* that he wrote on Sunday, July 17, 2011 at 3:12pm the same day we returned.

The reason I went away this week was to go on a mission trip to West Virginia for a group called ASP (Appalachia Service Project). It was my first time and I really didn't know what to expect, what we were going to do, or if I would even enjoy working for hours in the hot sun on some strangers home. What actually happened went beyond anything I could have ever imagined or even dared to dream of.

My group was in Hinton, WV and my work group worked on a couple in their mid-50s, Lonnie and Virginia, roof, which was completely rotted through and leaking all over the place. I was nervous to meet them for the first time, but they welcomed us in like old friends that they had not seen in years. Lonnie and Virginia, and they're grandchild Caleb, became like a second family to me.

Every morning, after breakfast, we would make sandwiches for our work group for lunch, and we would also make extras for the family to invite them to eat with us. However, Virginia would make us lunch, hotdogs on Tuesday and on the last day as a parting feast; Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Chives, Green Beans, baked beans, and Biscuits. It was the most heart warming thing to see that even though these people have nothing, not even a roof, and still they were giving away a meal to us, complete strangers, out of the kindness of their hearts.

However, the most amazing thing, and the one I will never forget happened Thursday at the picnic we had with all the work crews and families. Virginia went up to Lorin, the ASP director in charge of the center we were staying at, and asked her for the address of the place where she could donate to ASP. The first thought that passed through my head was "this woman is a saint." And I still believe that she is. Virginia and Lonnie were willing to give away what could possibly be their next dinner to make



The Parish Council wishes to inform Parishioners that they are able to make donations on line with their credit cards through our parish web site. Please go to our home page and click the Donation Tab. Please note that there is a 2.5% fee associated with using this convenience. If you are going to be away during the summer you are encouraged to use this feature. The parish still has bills and obligations to keep even through the summer. Just because you go on vacation does not mean that the parish bills do also.

READERS SCHEDULE

7/24	Suzanne Molineaux
7/31	Susan Paltauf
8/7	Harry Fong

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July	
Rhett Ehnott	24
Paul Toaso	31

Cleaning Schedule

The parish council has hired a cleaning service for \$50.00 a cleaning to come in twice a month to clean the church and the church hall. If you are unable to clean the church during the time assigned for you, you are encouraged to make a donation to the church to help pay for the cleaning service.

Items needed for general church cleaning

- 1) Glass Cleaner
- 2) Clorox Spot Remover with Bleach
- 3) Murphy's Oil Soap for the wood floors and pews.



Scripture Reading for Sunday, July 24

Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

The Reading is from Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

PRAYER LIST **For the Living**

Thomas (Krafick)	Stephanie (Fong)	Matthew (Bracey)	Elaine (Toaso)
Pauline (Meath)	Paul (Stagen)	Eugene (Brown)	Patricia (Zeleniak)
Wylie (Meath)	Valerie (Stagen)	Joe (Derevjanik)	James (Rush)
Sally (Hubiak)	Marianna (Parsamyan)	Mary (Derevjanik)	Jerry (Kachevsky)
Helen (Popp)	Greg (Chilek)	Sophie (Tomasini)	Anthony (Noto)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Paul (Willis)	Richard (Stack)	Serge (Mihaly)
Sophia (Buterakos)	Ethel (Montauredes)	Joelle (Alsdorf)	Karen (Elrod-Williams)
Rebecca (Sahin)	Anne (Popp)	Kathy (Valentine)	Lou (Biondi)
Carol (Wilenchek)	Mary (Kovach)	Irm (Manton)	Tony (Centofanti)
Anna (Salony)	Jennie (Curran)	James (Sapione)	Jeanne (LaPorta)
Andrew (Valentine)	Lynn (Cavallo)	Deacon William (Friedel)	Jerry (Arangelovich)
Delia (Stefan)	Dorothy (Brown)	Bill (Kahn)	Louis (Apostol)
Josh (Horner)	Anastasios (Orfanos)	Dorine (DelPo)	Patrick (Meath)
Catherine (Quarberg)	Julia (Zimmerman)	Katherine (Kavallines)	Octi (Bundra)
Marian (Beschle)	Rev. Paul (Dorn)	Bob (Sully)	Thomas (Pellegrino)
Julia (Zimmerman)	Bill (Pellegrino)	Rebecca (McCarthy)	Ann (Rossi)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Barbara (Hollister)	John (Schigel)	Kathy (Koffs)
Samuel (Magri)	Karen (Williams)	Sonia (Pellegrino)	Steven (Eigenrauch)
Steve (Schell)	Steven (Noto)	Eric (Stefanik)	Pani Helen (Shutack)
Christina (Somoskevich)	Coriolan (Bundra)	Sonya (Spear)	David (Hollister)
Annalisa (Paltauf)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Radu (Timoscsa)	Helen (Kazolas)
Nickolas (Noto)	Carmen (Sanchez)	Debra (Noto)	Donna (Kazolas)
Rose (Hubiak)	Stella (Woodfield)	Tatyana (Nanocchio)	Mike (Walsh)
John (Hubiak)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Cyril (Gutzman)	Sheila (Walsh)
Richard (Guilmartin)	Maria (Pauta)	Marika (Gutzman)	Olga (Saranotski)
James (Buterakos)	Jessica (Cochrane)	Trianna (Gutzman)	Charlotte (James)
Serge (Mihaly, Jr.)	Melissa (Kelly)	Elaine (Cookie Bily)	John (Kasper)
Ricky (Porter)	Fr. Lawrence (Barriger)	Tom (Kasper)	Edna (Kasper)

Sharon
Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)
Katarina (Mihaly)
Mary
Andrea (Paltauf)
Natash (Villa)
Bob (Popp)
Nickolas (Noto)

Joshua
Carolyn (Paulin)
June (Paulin)
Jason
Francisco (Villa)
Raymond (Brien)
Bobby (Bennet)

Lucinda (Pauta)
Jeff (Stagon)
Sayaka
Katie
Paola (Villa)
Daria
Barbara

Anastasia (Mihaly)
Laurel
Stan
Rob (Paltauf)
Tabata (Villa)
Ken (Zaengle)
Grayson

For the Departed

Metropolitan Nicholas
Marilyn (Berardsley)
Frank (Finui)
Serge (Kachevsky)

June (Elrod)
Cina (Daskalakis)
John
Mary (Pawchyk)

Anna (Logressa)
Phyllis (Duclos)
Giovanni (Villa)

Rose (Procacci)
Michael (McKenna)
John (Kasper)

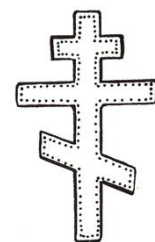


Music on the Mount -Postponed

The inaugural performance in the Holy Trinity "Music on the Mount" concert series will take place on Saturday, September 10 at 8 PM, featuring members of the chamber ensemble Prometheus. The musicians in this phenomenal group have performed in venues around the world, winning them numerous accolades and a devoted following of classical music lovers. The perfect acoustics and sacred setting of the church will provide a very special opportunity to enjoy this talented ensemble. The program will feature Rachmaninoff Chorales, Shostakovich String Quartet #6 and Beethoven's String Quartet, Op. 132. Following the concert, there will be a wine and cheese reception with an opportunity to meet the musicians. This is the first of several concerts planned for the year at Holy Trinity. Stay tuned for ticket information.

Orthodox Evangelism

Orthodox mission consists in giving the treasure we have, and leaving the other to decide whether he will take it or not. If the other wants to join the Orthodox Church, you will never say "No." Our aim is to transmit the tradition of the Gospel in all its fullness, remaining free from any anxiety to convert anyone. You cannot impose on anyone's freedom. You are there, you give your witness; you are a candle, lighted by paschal joy, and if the other wishes to take from your flame, then of course, you will not refuse him.



Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

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Orthodox Evangelism is Different
By Father David Moser, St Seraphim of Sarov Orthodox Church, Boise ID

The first and most important thing to remember is that we do not bring anyone into the Church – it's not our job. We do not attract people to the faith, we do not convince people of the Truth, we don't do any of that. God is the One Who attracts people, Who brings them in the door, Who convicts their hearts, Who brings them to repentance, Who convinces them of the Truth; we do none of this. Too often in the North American model of evangelism, the individual person is made responsible for doing God's task, but in attempting to do God's work, we neglect our own. What is our task? Our task is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit (St Seraphim), our task is the working out of our salvation, our task is to repent and weep for our sins, our task is to enter the Kingdom of God. This more than anything else is what we must do. This is an evangelistic task - indeed the primary evangelistic task.

There are other "tasks", however, which derive from this one which are a bit more specific to "evangelism". It is God who brings people to the door of the Church and who convinces them that they should enter - however, we must keep the door to the Church open and visible. Hence, Orthodox evangelism must center on the Church - the beauty of the building, the beauty of the services, the frequency and availability of the services. Orthodox evangelism is served by beautiful icons, gold onion domes and crosses rising against the sky, the smell of incense, the pious and holy singing of the services. Orthodox evangelism is served by our visibility as Orthodox Christians in the world – the clothing of the clergy (and in these days the modest and humble clothing of the laymen as well) - the sign of the cross as we pray at each juncture of our lives - beginning and ending a task, eating and finishing a meal, starting and ending a trip, etc.

Orthodox evangelism is the keeping of icons in our homes, in our offices, in our cars. Orthodox evangelism is keeping the fast without excuses or compromises. Orthodox evangelism is setting our priorities to forgo the allures of the world in order to be at divine services whenever they are held. Orthodox evangelism is denying ourselves and bearing our cross. Orthodox evangelism is keeping the door of the Church open and visible. While the Holy Spirit is the one who draws the world to Himself, it is you and I who keep the doors of the Church open and who welcome all who come.

The second specific task that we as Orthodox Christians have in evangelism is the practical expression of God's love to mankind. Orthodox evangelism is greeting visitors as they come to the Church and then modeling (neither instructing nor condemning the visitor) for them proper behavior and demeanor in the Church. Orthodox evangelism is hospitality offered to share meals, to provide shelter and clothing as needed. Orthodox evangelism is to pray for our neighbor and to love our neighbor as ourself. Orthodox evangelism is going to the soup kitchen and serving there - Orthodox evangelism is giving to the poor without regard for "how the money will be used". Orthodox evangelism is visiting the sick in hospitals and praying for them. Orthodox evangelism is going to prisons (contact your local prison chaplain regarding how this might be done) and offering comfort and kindness to the imprisoned. Orthodox evangelism is loving your enemies (Elder Silouan of Mt Athos says that this is the true mark of a Christian - the love of one's enemies). Orthodox Evangelism is loving your neighbor as yourself.

If we all did these things (and I am a wretched sinner and fall short of all that I have just said) then our Churches would be open and filled with light and glory drawing all who see her by the grace and action of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. We don't have to preach on street corners, we don't have to have "events" or revivals or seminars as evangelistic tools - we simply have to be Orthodox Christians "to the max" without reservation or compromise. That is Orthodox evangelism.

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Announcement from the Diocese

The 2011 Distinguished Diocesan Donors Giving Campaign is now in progress. Every household in the diocese recently received an appeal letter and an explanatory brochure. All diocesan faithful are encouraged to become 3D Members. This year there are new giving level opportunities: \$100.00- Contributor, \$250.00- Bronze, \$500.00- Silver, \$1,000.00- Gold and \$10,000.00 and up – Platinum.

Your help is needed today to properly equip our Diocese for ministry in the 21st Century. Your generous support will allow the DDD Program to offer support at the same or greater levels to the apostolates it has supported in the past and provide funding to other key ministries necessary for diocesan growth and renewal.

If you have not already done so, please fill out and send the donation form included in the brochure along with your donation to the diocesan chancery. Visit DDD on line at <http://ddd.acrod.org> to learn more about the 3D Program, download a mail-in donation form or donate on line.

All donors at the \$100 and up giving levels will receive a complimentary dinner at a regional DDD Dinner. It is asked if at all possible contributions be made and forwarded to the Chancery by Pascha.

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New Change of Address

Want Envelopes

Please cut and drop in the Collection Box or mail to Rectory