

# Holy Trinity Cathedral

*A parish of the Orthodox Church In America  
125 years of Orthodox Witness in Chicago*

*Go home to your people and report to  
them what great things the Lord has  
done for you, and how He had mercy  
on you! Mark 5:19*



*Cheesefare Sunday—Expulsion of Adam and Eve*

His Grace,  
the Right Reverend  
**PAUL**  
*Bishop of Chicago  
and the Midwest  
Rector*

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Archpriest John S. Adamcio  
*Dean*

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Deacon Thomas Keith

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Dennis Pelak  
*Parish Council President*

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Reader Yury Orlov  
*Director of Music Ministries*

## *Welcome to Holy Trinity Cathedral*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Our parish was founded in 1892 as St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church. Under the direction of St. John (Kochurov) of Chicago, and the noted architect Louis Sullivan, the present structure was built in 1903, renamed Holy Trinity, and designated cathedral in 1922 when His Grace, THEOPHILUS was consecrated as Bishop of Chicago.

A landmark in the City of Chicago, and listed on the National Register of Historic places, Holy Trinity continues her witness of Orthodox Christianity.

If you have any questions, are looking for a spiritual home, or wish to talk to Fr. John, please inquire at the Candle Desk.

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# Schedule of Services

**Sunday, March 5, 2017** *First Sunday of the Great Fast—Tone 4  
Sunday of Orthodoxy*

Martyr Conon of Isauria; Martyr Onesimus of Isauria; Martyr Conon the Gardener, of Pamphylia; Virgin martyr Irais (Raïssa) of Antinoë in Egypt; Martyr Eulogius, of Palestine; Martyr Eulampius, of Palestine. St. Mark the Faster, of Egypt; St. Hesychius the Faster, of Bithynia

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

*Epistle:* Hebrews

11:24-26, 32-12:2

*Gospel:* John

1:43-51

## **Wednesday, March 8**

6:30p Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

*Readings:* Genesis

4:16-26

Proverbs

5:15-6:3

## **Friday, March 10**

9:30a Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

*Readings:* Genesis

5:32-6:8

Proverbs

6:20-7:1

6:30p Paraklisis

## **Saturday, March 11**

*Memorial Saturday*

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

*Epistle:* 1 Thessalonians

4:13-17

Hebrews

3:12-16

*Gospel:* John

5:24-30

Mark

1:35-44

4:30p Vigil *Resurrection Gospel V*

**Sunday, March 12**

*Second Sunday of the Great Fast—Tone 5*

*St. Gregory Palamas*

Ven. Theophanes the Confessor, of Sigriane;  
Righteous Phineas, grandson of Aaron;  
St. Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome;  
Ven. Simeon the New Theologian

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

*Epistle:* Hebrews 1:10-2:3

*Gospel:* Mark 2:1-12

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## *Sunday of Orthodoxy*

Each of the Sundays of the Great Fast has its own special theme. In the course of Church history, almost each Lenten Sunday has obtained a second theme, a historical theme. Originally the Lenten fast was the time for catechumens to prepare for baptism and entry into the Church. The Sunday spiritual themes were part of the early Christian catechesis.

The theme of the day is victory of the True Faith. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 John 5:4). Also, the icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen 1:26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God's living image. The connection of the victory over iconoclasm with Lent is purely historical; the first *Triumph of Orthodoxy* took place on this particular Sunday.

The first Sunday of Great Lent originally commemorated the Prophets such as Moses, Aaron, and Samuel. The Liturgy's alleluia verses and scripture readings appointed for the Sunday of Orthodoxy reflect this older usage.

The Epistle reading is a completion of Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2. The yet-to-be-baptized cate-

chumens of the early church heard the Epistle about the Old Testament men who lived by their faith in a promise whose fulfillment they did not see. After the righteous of the Old Testament are mentioned, the Epistle says: *And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.*

The Gospel lesson is John 1:43-51, and it ends with an explanation of the *something better* of the Epistle: "You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The catechumens of the early church, and the faithful preparing for Pascha today, are told that, with faith, they will see the inauguration of the new age, the fulfillment of all promises, and the manifestation of the Kingdom, through the Incarnation, in the Church.

# **TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY VESPER SERVICE**

Sponsored by  
THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CLERGY ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO



**At 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday of Orthodoxy  
Sunday, March 5, 2017**

**St. George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral  
1220 South 60<sup>th</sup> Court  
Cicero, Illinois 60804**

**Homilist: Father Josiah Trenham  
St. Andrew Orthodox Church in Riverside, Ca.**

Responses offered by  
**Pan Orthodox Choir of Greater Chicago**  
Gordana Trbuhovich, Director

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For the next few months, we would like to share entries from a journal submitted to the *Church Office of Alaska* compiled by V. Rev. Ambrose Vretta, rector of St. Vladimir's Church (before the cathedral was built and renamed Holy Trinity).

*Wednesday, March 7*

7:00p Matins served for the feast of the Finding of the head of St. John the Baptist. 10 people present.

*Thursday, March 8*

10:00a Prayer service celebrated by Fr. Ambrose; reader: A. Kapustin. 10 people attended.

*Sunday, March 11*

10:00a Obednitsa (Typical Psalms) sung by a reader. 20 people in attendance.

*Chicago Deanery  
Mission Vespers Schedule 2017*

*Sunday, March 12*

St. Joseph Church, Wheaton  
Fr. Paul Jannakos, homilist

*Sunday, Marcy 19*

St. Pantelimon Church, Summit  
Deacon Thomas Keith, homilist

*Sunday, March 26*

St. Nicholas Church, Joliet  
Fr. Mykola Bordnarchuk, homilist

*Sunday, April 2*

Sts. Cyril and Methodius  
To be announced

*Palm Sunday, April 9*

Holy Trinity Cathedral  
His Grace, Bishop PAUL, homilist

*Join us in the spirit of prayer, harmony and peace! Let us  
get to know one another in our local Church.*

*Brief homilies will focus on the “Psalms of Ascent” chant-  
ed at the Presanctified Liturgy.*

***All services begin at 6:00pm.***

*Quasquicentennial*  
*June 11, 2017*

Please be sure to keep Sunday, June 11 open as Holy Trinity Cathedral will celebrate its *quasquicentennial* (the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding).

This is a very important event not only in the life of the Cathedral, but for Orthodox Faith in Chicagoland as Holy Trinity was the first Orthodox parish to be founded here.

There are many events being planned, so please be sure to watch for future announcements. Make your reservations for the anniversary dinner as early as you can, and support the work of the Anniversary Committee.

Please continue to pray, and work for, Holy Trinity!