

Holy Trinity Cathedral

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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St. John of the Ladder of Divine Ascent

*Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
who hast revealed the fishermen as
most wise by sending down upon them
the Holy Spirit: through them Thou
didst draw the world into Thy net.*

*O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!
(Pentecost Tropar)*

Welcome to Holy Trinity Cathedral!
The parish was founded in 1892 as St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church, rebuilt by St. John of Chicago (Kochurov) in 1903 as Holy Trinity (Louis Sullivan, architect), becoming a cathedral in 1922, when Bishop THEOPHILUS was consecrated.

A landmark in the city of Chicago, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Holy Trinity continues its witness in Chicago.

Thank you for worshiping with us today.
If you have any questions, are looking for a spiritual home, or wish to talk to one of our priests, please inquire at the Candle Desk.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, April 14, 2013

*Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast—Tone 4
St. John of the Ladder*

St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome; Martyr
Ardalion the Actor; Martyr Azades the Eunuch and
1,000 Martyrs of Persia

9:10a Hours

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

Epistle: Hebrews

6:13-20

Gospel: Mark

9:17-31

Wednesday, April 17

9:30a Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Readings: Genesis

17:1-9

Proverbs

15:20-16:9

6:30p Matins with the reading of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, April 19

9:30a Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Readings: Genesis

22:1-18

Proverbs

17:17-18:5

6:30p Akathist to the Virgin Mary

Saturday, April 20

Akathist Saturday

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Hebrews

9:24-28

Gospel: Mark

8:27-31

Sunday, April 21

*Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast—Tone 5
St Mary of Egypt*

Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius—Deacons, Desiderius—Reader, and Eutychius and Acutius—laymen, at Pozzuoli; Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius

9:10a Hours

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

Epistle: Hebrews

9:11-14

Gospel: Mark

10:32-45

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, a Pankhida will be served In Memory of *Anna Kapuska*.

Sisterhood Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Sts. Martha and Mary Sisterhood today Sunday, April 14, following the Coffee Hour.

All members are asked to attend.

St. John of the Ladder

Saint John of the Ladder is honored by Holy Church as a great ascetic and author of the renowned spiritual book called THE LADDER, from which he is also called “of the Ladder” (Climacus).

There is almost no information about St John’s origins. One tradition suggests that he was born in Constantinople around the year 570, and was the son of Sts Xenophon and Maria.

John went to Sinai when he was sixteen, submitting to Abba Martyrius as his instructor and guide. After four years, St. John was tonsured as a monk. Abba Strategios, who was present at St John’s tonsure, predicted that he would become a great luminary in the Church of Christ.

For nineteen years St John progressed in monasticism in obedience to his spiritual Father. After the death of Abba Martyrius, St. John embarked on a solitary life, settling in a wild place called Thola, where he spent forty years laboring in silence, fasting, prayer, and tears of penitence.

It is not by chance that in *The Ladder* St John speaks about tears of repentance: “Just as fire burns and destroys the wood, so pure tears wash away every impurity, both external and internal.” His holy prayer was strong and efficacious, as may be seen from an example from

the life of the God-pleasing saint.

The saint called his work *The Ladder*, for the book is “a fixed ladder leading from earthly things to the Holy of Holies....” The thirty steps of spiritual perfection correspond to the thirty years of the Lord’s age. When we have completed these thirty steps, we will find ourselves with the righteous and will not stumble. *The Ladder* begins with renunciation of the world, and ends with God, Who is love (1John 4:8).

Although the book was written for monks, any Christian living in the world will find it an unerring guide for ascending to God, and a support in the spiritual life. Sts Theodore the Studite, Sergius of Radonezh, and others relied on *The Ladder* as an important guide to salvation.

The twenty-second step of *The Ladder* deals with various forms of vainglory. St John writes: “When I fast, I am vainglorious; and when I permit myself food in order to conceal my fasting from others I am again vainglorious about my prudence. When I dress in fine clothing, I am vanquished by vanity, and if I put on drab clothing, again I am overcome by vanity. If I speak, vainglory defeats me. If I wish to keep silence, I am again given over to it. Wherever this thorn comes up, it stands with its points upright. A vain person seems to honor God, but strives to please men rather than God.”

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of Holy Trinity's Parish Council on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 6:30p.

Open Forum before beginning of meeting.

All Parish Council members are urged to attend.

Pussey Willows

With the past few warm days, be sure to be on the look out for pussey willows, and begin cutting them. This will insure us of having the willows for Palm Sunday.

If you are able, cut and bring to church as soon as you can. We appreciate your helpfulness.

My poor soul! Sigh, pray and strive to take upon you the blessed yoke of Christ, and you will live on earth in a heavenly manner. Lord, grant that I may carry the light and goodly yoke, and I shall be always at rest, peaceful, glad and joyous; and I shall taste on earth of crumbs which fall from the celestial feast, like a dog that feeds upon the crumbs which fall from the Master's Table.

St. Tikhon of Voronezh

Chicago Deanery Mission Vespers

Each service will begin at 6:00p, and will feature a sermon on the Beatitudes, as recorded by Saint Luke.

Sunday, April 14

St. Nicholas Church, Kenosha

Archpriest Alexander Kuchta

Sunday, April 21

St. Nicholas Church, Joliet

Archpriest Joseph Kopka

Palm Sunday, April 28 — Bridegroom Matins

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A lenten dinner and fellowship will follow each service.

St. Tryphon Patriarch of Constantinople

Saint Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople, is notable among the saints because, unlike many, his life did not end in torture and violence. What did happen to him is more like something that happens often in our own day. He was undermined by dishonest people who cleverly manipulated him, taking advantage of his trust and honesty and trustfulness for their own benefit.

St. Tryphon was a monk from the time of his youth, distinguished by his meekness, lack of malice, full submission to the will of God, and his firm faith and love for the Church. From his early years, Tryphon wanted only to be a simple monk. He chose to live without anything beyond his basic needs, and became known for his even-tempered approach to life. He didn't argue or debate with people, and his peaceful nature accepted the events of life as the will of God.

At this time the emperor Romanus ruled in Constantinople. He wanted to elevate his younger son Theophylactus to the patriarchal throne. When Patriarch Stephanos died, Theophylactus was only sixteen years old. The emperor then suggested that St. Tryphon be “locum tenens” of the patriarchal throne until Theophylactus came of age.

St. Tryphon meekly accepted the

burden of patriarchal service and for three years he wisely governed the Church. When Theophylactus turned twenty, the emperor told St. Tryphon to resign the patriarchal throne. St. Tryphon did not consider it proper to hand over the throne to an inexperienced youth, and he refused to do so. The emperor could not intimidate St. Tryphon, since his life was blameless. Then Romanus employed the cunning counsels of Bishop Theophilus of Caesarea.

The deceitful bishop went to St. Tryphon and urged him not to obey the emperor, and not to resign the patriarchal throne. Then Bishop Theophilus craftily obtained St. Tryphon's signature on a blank sheet of paper. Not suspecting any treachery, the guileless saint took a clean sheet of paper and wrote: “Tryphon, by the Mercy of God, Archbishop of Constantinople, the New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch.”

When they presented this paper to the emperor, he ordered them to write over the saint's signature: “I hereby resign the position of Patriarch, because I consider myself unworthy of this office.” When this false document was read before the imperial dignitaries, servants removed St. Tryphon from the patriarchal chambers.

St Tryphon patiently endured the

Art Exhibit

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*Welcome to our
pre-Easter art
exhibit and sale presented
by our parishioner artist
Marina Veiler*



**Paintings, 3D art, Easter eggs, gift
boxes and more!**

**April 21 after the Divine Liturgy until
1:30pm**

**April 28, Palm Sunday, after the Divine
Liturgy until 1:30pm
after the Deanery Bridegroom Matins**



St. Tryphon...(con't)

injustice done to him, and returned to his own monastery. He lived there as a simple monk for a year before his death. His body was taken to Constantinople and buried with the Patriarchs.

The members of the Church in Constantinople then lived through a difficult period of distrust toward the imperial government and their own leaders. Yet Saint Tryphon's humble acceptance of his unjust treatment was an example of Christlike endurance. The people who loved him learned from it, and those who deceived him were shamed by it. To this day in our churches, the humble monk is honored as no corrupt bishop or devious emperor can ever hope to be.

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