

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*



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

Archpriest John S. Adamcio
Dean

Protoeacon Thomas Keith

Dennis Pelak
Parish Council President

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, June 18

*Second Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 1
All Saints of North America*

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2
Romans 2:10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23
Matthew 4:25-5:12

Friday, June 23

6:30p Vespers with Lityia

Saturday, June 24

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80

4:30p Vigil

Sunday, June 25

*Third Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 2
Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis*

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

It's a Party!

The Sts. Martha & Mary Sisterhood invites the parish community to a luncheon on June 18 to celebrate Father John's retirement and to thank him, and Matushka Melania, for their 17 years of service to our Lord at Holy Trinity Cathedral!

Please join us in the parish hall following the Divine Liturgy for the festivities. We wish them well in this new chapter and pray that God may grant them many years!

Thank You!

We take this time to thank *Thomas Melvin*, for gold leafing the Cross on the Canopy.

Thank you so very much!

Parish Council Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on *Monday, July*, at 6:30p

All Parish Council members are urged to attend this meeting.

Welcome Fr. Alexander and Matushka Kyriaki

Holy Trinity Cathedral extends their warmest welcome to Fr. Alexander and Matushka Kyriaki on their new assignment!

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless and strengthen them in their new life!

Bell ringing

Our bell ringer (*par excellence*) needs help ringing the bells.

If anyone is interested in helping Tony, please contact him immediately!

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Mission Statement

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...
The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The mission of Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral:

To preach, and live in, the fullness of the Gospel of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ;

To bear faithful witness, in Spirit and in Truth, to the worship and Tradition of the Holy Orthodox Church;

To be the means for all who wish to draw closer to Jesus Christ, and one another, in a community of Faith and love;

To be:

The Beacon of Orthodoxy in Chicago!

Thank You!

We take this time to thank the Co-chairs Matushka Melania and Mrs. Margo Pelak, and the entire 125th Anniversary Committee for their hard and successful work!

A great time was had by all!

May God Grant you all Many, Many Years!

Farewell!

Matushka Melania and I wish to thank you for so many years together: so many blessings, joys, tears, and happinesses, that we have shared. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers!

Our new email address is: troika1709@gmail.com

Sunday, June 17

10:00a Pentecost Liturgy, together with Vespers, was served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. Flowers were given to attendees during Vespers. Ivan Gratsyon read the Epistle. 70 people attended.

7:00p Pentecost Vigil served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. 8 people attended

Monday, June 18

10:00a Obednista served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. Alexander Zhivitskiy assisted in the Altar. The reader gave a sermon on the 8th verse of the Creed. 30 people in attendance.

Saturday, June 23

7:00p Vigil served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin

Sunday, June 24

10:00a Liturgy served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. After Liturgy, Fr. Ambrose gave a sermon on giving due respect to God's holy servants. 40 people were present.

Sunday, July 1

10:00a Obednitsa sung A. Kapustin. 15 people present

Thursday, July 5

8:00p Vigil served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. 10 people attended

Friday, July 6

10:00a Liturgy served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. 5 people present.

Saturday, July 7

7:00p Vigil served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. 3 people present.

Sunday, July 8

10:00a Liturgy served by Fr. Ambrose; reader, A. Kapustin. Hours and Epistle read by Ivan Gratsyon. The reader gave a sermon on the veneration of holy icons. 37 people present.

Holy Prophet Elisha

June 14 is the feast day of Elisha, a prophet of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Elisha was the son of a farmer, called to his vocation while he was plowing a field "with twelve yoke of oxen before him" (I Kings 19: 19). Elijah, the senior prophet who has been told by God to seek him out, casts his mantle on Elisha, who runs after him and promises to follow him once he has kissed his parents goodbye.

The casting of the mantle is a kind of anointing, and Elisha will be with his mentor until the day when Elijah says to him, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you" (II Kings 2: 9). Elisha makes a bold request: "I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

Then the two are separated by a "chariot of fire and horses of fire." Elijah ascends, in a whirlwind, into the heavens. Elisha cries out, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

One of the many miracles Elisha does after this reveals the importance of the words "chariots and horses." The Syrian army has come by night and surrounded the Israelites with "horses and chariots and a great army." Elisha's terrified servant asks, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

Elisha's answer at first glance seems strange: "Fear not, for those who are with us are more than those

are with them." He prays that God will open the servant's eyes so he may see for himself what the answer means. The Lord does open the young man's eyes, and he sees that "behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (II Kings 6: 17b).

As Elisha is dying, Joash the king of Israel weeps and cries out to him, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" These words, the same ones Elisha said to Elijah, indicate the strength and power given by God to His prophets. They are greater than any earthly power, as Elisha's young servant saw with his own eyes. They will preserve the people of Israel as long as the people listen to their prophets. When they don't, they will be undone. Even mighty Solomon, with his silver, gold, myrrh, spices, slaves and "fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horsemen," (I Kings 10: 26) loses everything when he ignores a warning prophecy and turns away from God.

We remember this every Holy Saturday when we read that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea while Pharaoh's horses and chariots were drowned. We sing with Miriam, "The horse and rider He has thrown into the sea" (Exodus 15: 21). We can cross any sea, no matter how daunting, because He is with us as He was with the people and the prophets to whom He sent his "horses and chariots of fire."

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

A tradition began many years ago at Holy Trinity, where the Saints Martha and Mary Sisterhood began hosting coffee hour on most Sundays and the Trinity "O" Club hosted once a month. We are embracing this time of transition in our parish as an opportunity to do things a little differently. We are moving to a new system for coffee hour on Sundays following Divine Liturgy, similar to that which is used by many other parishes. In the spirit of Christian love, the parish council and Saints Martha & Mary Sisterhood are asking our parish families to take turns hosting coffee hour each week.

We are asking our parish members to sign up to host this time of fellowship for one or two Sundays per year on the week(s) of your choosing. You are encouraged to pair up with 1 or 2 other families as this is not meant to create a hardship or burden for anyone. Perhaps you would like to honor a special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday or name's day? This is a wonderful way to celebrate along with our parish community.

Arlene Tilghman or another member of the parish will assist in making the coffee each week, and a copy of the "secret" recipe for the large coffee urn will be posted in the kitchen as well if you'd like to take this task on. We only ask that you have the items setup before liturgy begins and that you clean up the serving area, serving dishes and kitchen following the coffee hour. During fasting periods, please be mindful that the offerings are appropriate as well. We will continue to have a free will offering basket to help defray costs of paper plates, cups and napkins. Donations of these items in addition to coffee, tea and sugar are always gratefully accepted.

We thank Matushka Melania, the Saints Martha and Mary Sisterhood and Trinity "O" Club for continuously serving in this role in the past. Many of us are grateful for something light to refresh us before we continue with our Sundays.

Bob Yurschak will help oversee the calendar and he will be available to accept your "reservations" for dates. The schedule and more details will be made available in the parish hall and will be shared in the bulletin to serve as a reminder. Please see Bob Yurschak during coffee hour or contact him at (773) 282-3291. Thank you for helping us in this transition!

The Parish Council and The Saints Martha & Mary Sisterhood

Matching Grant

An anonymous donor has offered Holy Trinity a matching gift. This donor will match all contributions made to the Building and Restoration fund from Jan 1 to December 1, 2017 dollar for dollar (up to \$50,000). The matching dollars will go to the General Operating fund. This matching gift is an excellent opportunity for the cathedral to build back our B&R funds and at the same time help fund the general operating expenses of the cathedral.

Please consider making a special contribution to the B&R Fund so we can meet this matching gift goal. Mark on your checks B&R Fund or use the special envelopes we have at the candle desk to make your donations to the B&R Fund. This special donation should not reduce your normal weekly giving or annual pledge amount.

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