

Holy Trinity Cathedral

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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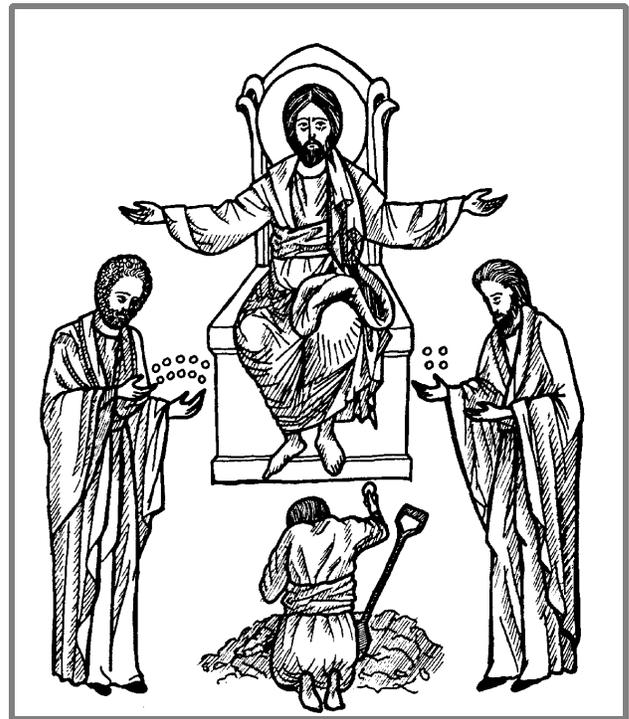
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The Parable of the Talents

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!

Thank you for worshiping with us today
The parish was founded in 1892 as St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church, rebuilt in 1903 as Holy Trinity, under the direction of St. John (Kochurov) of Chicago, Louis Sullivan, architect. It became a cathedral in 1922, when Bishop 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 its witness of Orthodox Christianity in Chicago.

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

Schedule of Services

Sunday, August 24

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 2

Hieromartyr Eutychius, disciple of St. John the Theologian; Martyr Tation of Claudiopolis; Virgin Martyr Cyra of Persia; St. George Limniotes the Confessor of Mt. Olympus

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

<i>Epistle:</i>	1 Corinthians	9:2-12
<i>Gospel:</i>	Matthew	18:23-35

Thursday, August 28

6:30p Vespers with Lityia

Friday, August 29

Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Strict Fast Day

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

<i>Epistle:</i>	2 Corinthians	7:10-16
<i>Gospel:</i>	Mark	2:18-22

Saturday, August 30

4:30p Vigil *Resurrection Gospel I*

Sunday, August 31

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 3
Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage;
St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Healing Service

On *Wednesday evening, August 27, at 6:30p*, we will conduct a service for healing.

One does not need to be Orthodox to participate or be anointed.

All are welcome!

Please note the change of day and time.

Hall Security

We have noticed the hall door will often be unlocked during the Divine Liturgy.

In the past, whenever one needed to use the rest rooms in the hall, they would be given the key to unlock the door. It seems, however, that people forget the fact that the front door to the hall does not lock itself automatically! Hence, the door remains unlocked during services, compromising the security of the building.

Therefore, we ask for your cooperation in either using the side door entrance to the hall (*which does lock automatically*), or ask for help from a person at the Candle Desk, who will be happy to accompany you to the door, which they will then make sure is locked behind you.

Thank you for your cooperation!

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

This coming Friday, we commemorate the beheading of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner, John the Baptist: the last of the Old Testament prophets; the first of the New Covenant martyrs!

The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Esaias 40: 3; Mal. 3: 1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36), after all this, John sealed with

his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor. This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia (that is, Arabia Petraea, which had the famous Nabatean stone city of Petra as its capital. This is the Aretas mentioned by Saint Paul in II Cor. 11:32). Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his deceased brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18). Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had great reverence for this just and holy man.

But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands

on the teacher of purity on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her—with an oath more foolish than any foolishness—that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger. Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6: 21 - 29).

John the Baptist dared to reprove a powerful man, King Herod. Herod knew John to be a just and holy man, and even benefited from listening to John's words. But his awareness of his own moral weakness also made him fear this bluntly truthful preacher.

John reproved Herod for unlawfully marrying his brother's wife, Herodias. Furious at this insult, she convinced Herod to imprison John. She really wanted him executed, but

Herod hesitated, because John was revered as a prophet among the people.

But her chance came at Herod's birthday celebration. Herodias used her daughter Salome to entice Herod with a sensuous dance, knowing he would lavishly promise to grant any request the girl made. Her request startled and saddened him, but he couldn't lose face in front of his important guests. John's severed head, which Herodias had told her daughter to ask for, was delivered on a charger, or large plate.

How did Jesus react to the news of His cousin John's death? Matthew 14: 13 tells us that He went into a "lonely place apart" but was soon followed by a crowd. He did not take time alone to grieve, but compassionately began healing the sick among them. Saint Justin (Popovich), along with other commentators on John's beheading, asks this question: Why didn't Jesus raise John from the dead, as He had raised, for instance, the daughter of Jairus? Why not bring this man back to life to continue his important work?

Saint Justin answers the question by saying that among John's many titles—Baptizer of the Lord, Holy Forerunner, Seal of All the Prophets, God-Sent Messenger—there is another he might be given, and that is Apostle to those in Hades, the Dead. Father Justin writes: "The Forerunner had to become the Forerunner in

St. John... (con't)

Hades as well, in death's kingdom, so that he might preach there as well: Lo, the One whom all you Righteous Ones have been awaiting...is working signs and wonders such as you, all of you taken together, have never seen. And lo, I go before Him to preach to you as well this best of all news: He will come down here to us as well...the kingdom of death will be destroyed when, in a little while, the Lord appears here, and you will be led out of this horror and into heavenly joy, into the Kingdom On High."

Those in Hades had to be prepared for something new: a Messiah who could lead them to eternal life. On this same day we read Mark 2: 18-22, which calls us to be ready for something new. Christ compares His saving message to new wine, which requires new wineskins, because old ones can't expand enough to hold it.

Can we "expand" our minds to receive Christ's message? John the Baptist was willing to give his life to preach the Good News to those in Hades. We, still having our lives, can honor him by hearing it and rejoicing in it.

Memory Eternal!

We take this time to extend our sympathies and condolences to Athanasia Lardin and her family on the repose of her mother, Sally.

May Her Memory Be Eternal!

Mother Maria of Paris

St. Maria is the topic for study and conversation at Adult Education which meets at 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month. We are reading the book *Pearl of Great Price: The Life of Mother Maria Skobtsova, 1891 - 1945* by Sergei Hakek.

Mother Maria served Christ in the poor, and was martyred in a German concentration camp where it was said she went to the gas chamber in place of another inmate.

The unusual meeting time is so class participants can attend the Saturday Vigil following each session.

For more information, and to get your copy of the book, contact Steve Durham (847.869.1746).

Next meeting: 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

Open to all!

Let us be satisfied simply with what sustains our present life, not with what pampers it. Let us pray to God for this, as we have been taught, so that we may keep our souls unenslaved and absolutely free from domination by any of the visible things loved for the sake of the body. Let us show that we eat for the sake of living, and not be guilty of living for the sake of eating. The first is a sign of intelligence, the second proof of its absence.

St. Maximos the Confessor



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MATEY



Let's be pirates
for a day



AUG. 24TH



Recycling Fund Raiser

Start saving your empty tape dispensers, snack/chip packaging, cheese packaging, white glue bottles, writing utensils (pens, markers, mechanical pencils), and cleaner packaging (spray bottles & flexible packaging like Method soap refills) to help Holy Trinity and the earth.

Shredded cheese, string cheese, block cheese packs, foils from cream cheese, and even the individual wrappers on slices and string cheeses.

All brands are accepted for recycling, and every item we collect earns \$.01 for the church. Look for collection boxes in the social hall coming soon.

For more information contact
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iGive Challenge

Summer's a great time to help Holy Trinity Cathedral just by sharing. Tell your friends, even friends who support some other cause or charity. Each person who joins iGive in July for the first time can mean \$5.00 automatically donated to his or her cause ... no purchase necessary! All they need to do is try the iGive Button through 10/15/14.

The person who gets the most new members to join iGive in July and try the Button through 10/15/14 earns \$1,000 for his or her cause - no matter what cause or charity the new members they invited choose to support. \$500 prizes go to the second and third place winners' causes.

Go to the *Tell A Friend link* to share with a friend and receive your special credit for the contest (it's the only way to get credit).

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