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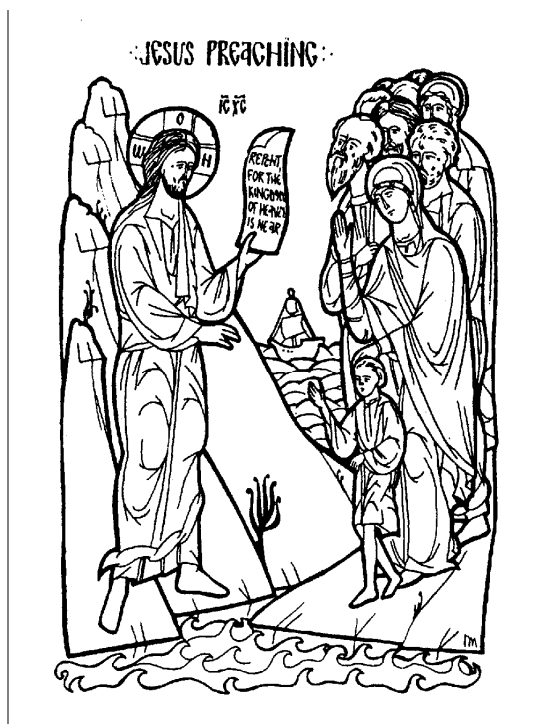
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*Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as
most wise by sending down upon them
the Holy Spirit: through them Thou
didst draw the world into Thy net.
O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!
(Pentecost Tropar)*

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, September 29, 2013 *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 5*

Ven. Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine; Martyrs
Dada, Abdelas, and Casdoë of Persia, Ven. Theo-
phanes, the Merciful, of Gaze

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Tuesday, October 1

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42;11:27,28

Saturday, October 5

4:30p Vigil *Resurrection Gospel IV*

Sunday, October 6

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 6

Holy, Glorious, and All-Laudable Apostle
Thomas; Monk-martyr Macarius of St. Anne
Skete

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Rummage Sale Set-up

Matushka Melania is asking for help in setting up the Rummage Sale items for this coming weekend.

Some men are needed to bring down, and set up, the clothes racks from the upstairs attic.

Help is needed on Thursday, morning, October 3, to help setting out the clothes and other items for the sale.

All are welcomed, and needed to come and help set up!

Healing Service

On Wednesday, October 23, at 7:00p, we will celebrate a Healing Service for all who wish to come.

The Holy Apostle James instructs us that if we are sick, we should contact the elders (the bishops and priests) of the Church, who will pray and anoint with oil for the healing of soul and body.

One does not have to be Orthodox to participate in the service, or be anointed.

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary! Happy Name's Day!

We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes for a Happy Birthday, Wedding Anniversary and Name's Day to all those celebrating this week!

We hope and pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will bless them with His choicest blessings, granting them peace, good health, long life, and all good things!

May God Grant Them Many years!

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of Holy Trinity's Parish Council on *Monday*, October 14, 2013 at 6:30p.

Open Forum before beginning of meeting.

All Parish Council members are urged to attend.

How do we to decide how to live?

Two Scripture readings coming for October 4th tell us that we need to decide, as people called to follow Christ, what we will do when the time to follow actually comes.

The Gospel reading is Luke 7: 31-35. These are Jesus' words, comparing the people who reject Him to two groups of children who refuse to agree on how to play together. Each group insists that the game they play must be the one they have chosen. They can't adapt themselves to play the game chosen by the others.

The people of this generation, Christ goes on to say, are much like those children. When John the Baptist preached among them, they dismissed his self-discipline and fasting—“neither eating bread nor drinking wine,”—as too severe. So, they said, it must be the work of a demon.

But when they saw another kind of living practiced by the Son of Man, they didn't like that either, for the opposite reason. Jesus “has come eating and drinking” and so they call Him a glutton and a drunkard. They add to this another charge that apparently strikes them as going right along with gluttony and drunkenness: He is a “friend of tax collectors and sinners.”

Jesus assures His listeners, though, that “wisdom is justified by all her children.” No matter what criticisms people may dream up to reject

John and the Son of Man, they both are doing God's work, and the fruits of that work will become evident. The faith will spread, the numbers of disciples will grow, and those who have made up their minds to follow Christ will know that He is the Truth.

An Epistle reading for this day is Galatians 4: 8-21. Paul agonizes as he asks a question of the Galatians. Before they knew God, they were in “bondage to beings that by nature are no gods.” But “...now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits, whose slaves you want to be once more?”

Paul makes a specific complaint: “You observe days, and months, and seasons, and years.” He is addressing Christians still young in the faith. They are being urged by certain teachers to go back to the Old Testament calendar, and to observe the Jewish laws that go with it. Paul wants them to remember, instead, how joyfully they responded when he preached the Gospel to them. They received him “as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.”

But now, cajoled by false teachers, they are hostile to him. “What has become of the satisfaction you felt?” he asks in bewilderment. What has become of the faithfulness to the Gospel

they once made up their minds to live by?

Jesus wants His hearers not to manufacture reasons to reject the truth. Paul wants his hearers not to turn back from the faith he preached. It's time for all of them, and all of us, to make up our minds and follow.

The man who has found love eats and drinks Christ every day and hour and so is made immortal. "Whoever eats of this bread," He says, "which I will give him, will never taste death." Blessed is he who consumes the bread of love, which is Jesus! He who eats of love eats Christ, the God over all, as John bears witness, saying, "God is love." —St. Isaac of Syria

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: "Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ St Andrew, at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. St John the Baptist and

the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." St Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people

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calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them not go away from my icon unheard.”

Sts Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and “for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting St Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Va-

siliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks.

Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings,

“With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land.”

Moreover, it would seem that St Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven:

“Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you.”

The Son subjects to the Father those who freely accept subjection (I Cor. 15:28). This subjection will be voluntary, and through it the last enemy, death, will be destroyed. That which is in our power, our free will, through which the power of corruption entered into us, will surrender voluntarily to God and will have mastery of itself because it had been taught to refrain from willing anything other than what God wills. As our Savior Himself said, taking what is ours into Himself, "Yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt" (Mt. 26:39).

And later St. Paul, as though he denied himself and did not have his own life, said: "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."

St. Maximos the Confessor

Diocesan Assembly

This year's Diocesan Assembly will be held at Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Lansing, IL, on Tuesday, October 8.

Fr. Deacon Thomas and I will be the clergy delegates; Joseph Mamczij and William Fetterly, will be our lay delegates.

We will share more information as I become available.

Cross Luncheon

On Sunday, November 10, there will be a special fund-raising luncheon to help pay for the cladding of the Crosses on the cupolas.

As you have seen, the large Cross looks great, and the cupola is fantastic. (You'll be able to see it when they move the scaffolding.

It has always been the idea of the Parish Council and the Building and Restoration committees to restore any funds used in the restoration of the Cathedral.

Therefore, this special luncheon is being provided to help defray the associated costs.

Donations for the luncheon are:

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| Adults | \$10.00 |
| Children | \$ 5.00 |

As this is a fund-raising event, please consider staying for this delicious luncheon, and by your donation, and participation, helping to defray the costs of the cladding.

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Rummage Sale



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Sunday, October 6 12:00p - 5:00p

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