

Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church

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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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October 12/25, 2020

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787); Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus at Tarsus in Cilicia (304); Venerable Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maiuma (787); Venerable Amphilochius (1452); Martyr Domnina of Anazarbus (286); Holy Hierarch Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397); Translation from Malta to Gatchina of the part of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord, together with the Philermia Icon of the Theotokos, and the right hand of Saint John the Baptist (1799); Hieromartyr John, confessor (1930); Venerable-martyr Lawrence (1937); Hieromartyr Alexander, priest (1940); Hieromartyr Nicholas, confessor, Metropolitan of Alma-Ata (1955). “Jerusalem” (48), “Yaroslav-Smolensk” (1642), “Rudensk” (1687) and “Kaluga” (1748) Icons of the Mother of God.

Today’s Scriptural Readings:

Galatians 1: 11-19 / Luke 7: 11-16

Hebrews 13: 7-16 / John 17: 1-13

This Week’s Liturgical Calendar – All Services in Church

Saturday, October 31 st	--	No Services
Sunday, November 1 st <i>Daylight saving time ends</i>	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>General Confession – 9:30 AM</i>

Divine Services at Holy Trinity are live-streamed at
<https://www.youtube.com/user/HolyTrinitySermons>

Russian Festival – Thank you!

The 2020 Russian Food Festival was a success. We thank our Festival Chairman Art Lisowsky, Michael Mickel and all the captains and volunteers for their hard work to make the festival a success despite all the challenges of this year. Natallia Makarava (General Tasks); Albert Blaszak (Kitchen); Vadim Radchenko (Shashlik Team); Valentina Zernetkina (Blinchiki Team); Anna-Zumrat Shkurba (Pelmeni Team); Tatiana Masiuk & Valentina Bosaya (Desserts); Vlad Volkov (Souvenirs).

Russian Festival Meeting

The Festival Committee will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. All captains are urged to attend. For call-in information please contact Art Lisowsky artsky@juno.com 410-206-0073.

Please help us to cover the costs of our annual Russian Festival. Donations of any size are very much appreciated. May God bless you for your sincere generosity. Please call Michael Mickel 410-666-2870 or Albert Blaszak 410-799-3226.

Russian Festival Sponsorship List – 2020			
\$ 50	Sour Cream – ½ of costs	\$ 100	Chicken
\$ 50	Sour Cream – ½ of costs	\$ 100	Beef – <i>Kleo & John Shipley</i>
\$ 50	Butter – ½ of costs	\$ 100	Beef – ½ of costs
\$ 50	Butter – ½ of costs	\$ 100	Flour – <i>Daria & George Materewicz</i>
\$ 50	Sauerkraut – <i>Debbie DeCarlo</i>	\$ 100	Flour – ½ of costs
\$ 50	Noodles – ½ of costs	\$ 100	Online processing fees
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\$ 75	Milk	\$ 150	Paper Goods / Take Out Containers
\$ 75	Rice	\$ 150	Paper Goods / Take Out Containers
\$ 75	Eggs – ½ of costs	\$ 200	Kolbasa – <i>SallyAnn & Michael Mickel</i>
\$ 75	Eggs – ½ of costs	\$ 400	Pork – <i>Lisowsky Grandchildren</i>

Cleaning Group – Group #5/ Join a Group – Help your brothers and sisters

Group #5 will clean the week of October 26-31: Anna-Zumrat, Olga Mychko, Margarita Vinogradova, Larisa Hidar, Tatiana Kalish, Kanatbek-Nikolai Sharsheev, Adele and Drew Pastor. Please join a group. We always need more members. Thank you!

Vigil Candles: On the Altar and near St. Barbara

Oct. 25-31: Candles offered by the Griffith Family for the repose of the soul of the servant of God: +Alexander. A \$15 donation will keep all three candles lit for one week. Schedule your candle offering with Elena Loyko 443-537-8978.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Martin and Tatiana Masiuk on the birth of their second grandson, Charles Gardner. Both mom and baby are doing fine. God bless them!

Birthday / Anniversary Celebrations: October 25-31

We offer our best wishes and birthday congratulations to Polina Yantsen (10/26), Andrei Burbelo (10/28), Anastasia Bakie (10/29), Nicholas Vass (10/30), Nadezhda Aleksandrovyeh (10/31), and Tatiana Solovieva-Pearson (10/31). May God bless them with health, prosperity and many years. To include your birthdays/anniversaries contact Fr. John.

Challenge Grant – Matching Donations

The Lisowsky and Mickel families have pledged to match all donations for the new front doors on a 1:1 ratio. For every dollar you donate, they will match one dollar, up to \$10,000 towards the new front doors. Double the value of your donation: \$20 becomes \$40, \$50 becomes \$100, and \$100 becomes \$200! **Donation forms are attached to this email bulletin.** Send in your donation today!

[Online Candlestand!](#)

Our parish has an online candlestand, where you may purchase the placement of candles, submit names for commemoration and request panikhidas, molebens and 40-Day prayer requests. For each Sunday Liturgy, your requests must be submitted by 10:00 PM Saturday. **Place requests [here](#)**

Prospora & Commemorations

Because of COVID-19, we will not distribute small prosporas with your prayer/commemoration requests. However, if you want to have your prayer lists remembered during liturgy, you must submit the lists of names (living and/or departed) at our [online candlestand](#).

ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS

50% Limited attendance (Adults and Children)

We must limit the total attendance of Divine Services to **50 persons**, including clergy, altar servers and choir in the church and **40 persons** in the hall watching Divine Liturgy on the TV, all following social distancing and wearing masks. This is 50% total capacity.

In order to be fair and equitable in welcoming as many people to church as possible within these new restrictions, we have posted an online reservation form. Everyone who comes to church must complete this online form to reserve your spot for each Divine Service you wish to attend.

Each week, make your mandatory reservations to attend Divine Services here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945ABAE2BABFE3-divine>

You must submit your reservation(s) in order to be permitted into the church building. Persons without reservations will not be allowed to enter. This pertains to everyone - adults and children.

Please be considerate of others. If you and/or your loved ones at home are not feeling well, or if you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, do not make a reservation. If you already made a reservation and symptoms appear afterwards, please cancel your reservation.

**Remember, everyone must wear a mask in the church and hall
Your mask must cover both your mouth and nose**

Annual Parish Meeting – December 13, 2020

This is an official announcement that our annual parish meeting will take place after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 13, 2020 in the church hall. Social distancing and other safety measures will be followed. Everyone is encouraged to attend. It is important for you all to participate. Suggestions for New Business items may be given to Victor Marinich.

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee is working to present a complete slate of candidates to run for the various offices on the parish council for the year 2021. Anyone interested to run for office may contact the Nomination Committee members: Victor Marinich 443-512-0985; Dan Walsh 410-435-6164; Michael Mickel 410-666-2870; Albert Blaszak 410-799-3226; Vadim Radchenko 410-465-6172; or Andrei Burbelo 443-567-6031.

Please Remember in Your Prayers...

Archbishop David (Mahaffey); **Archpriest George** Konyev; **Deacon Michael** Bishop; **Mat. Myra** Kovalak; **Mat. Klavdiya** Burbelo; **Kh. Jocelyn** Mathewes; **Mat. Natalia** Kosich; **Mat. Catherine** Kowalchik; **Marie** Vass; **Charles** Snipes; **Arthur-Stephen & Evelyn-Evanthia** Lisowsky; **Yelena** Radchenko; **Lydia** Zorina; **Katherine** Plaskowitz; **Philip** Plaskowitz; **Bernadine** Borawick; **Julia** Aymold; **Lilli Ann** Hoffman; **Lara** Marinich; **Ioann** and **Galina** Zernetkin; **Monika-Anastasia & Stephanie** Handley; **Blanche-Julia** Stolkovich; **Ekaterina** Koroleva; **Nina** and **Glen-Gregory** Lewis; **Lyudmila, Anton & Aleksander** Karnup; **John Alexander** Bylen; **Katherine** Garrett; **Kenneth** Pukita; **William** and **Ann** Ferkile; **Irina** Kononova; **Petr** and **Lyudmila** Borodkin; **Svetlana & Aleksey**; **Alla**; **Anna**; **Alla**; **Raisa, Zinaida**; **Pavel, Vladimir, Valentina**, and **Maria**; **Maria** Pappas; **Bonnie** Duke; **Diana** Radchenko; **Aleksey & Lidia** Potapov; **Oleg** and **Andrei**; **Vitaliy, Tatiana, Olena & Nicholas** Berchuk; **Cynthia** and **Bill (Basil)** Popomaronis; **Andrei, Marina, Valentina** and **Vladimir**; **Valentina** Shultieva; **Katherina** Shultieva; **Shanna, Stephen, Trent-Michael, Grant-Alexander, Adalynn, Rosalyn** Lisowsky; **Julie** Smith; **Tayisia** Solvieva; **Leonid** and **Zoya**; **Jayne** Sudol; **Rita** and **Richard** Herber, **Mary** Orzolek, **George** Matassov; **Nikolai, Janice & John** DesLauriers; **Nicholas** Rodzianko; **Alexandra**; **Armen** Nostrant; **Vasilii**; **Elizabeth** Wright; **Shane-Michael** Sierakowski; **Samantha-Xenia** Tate; **Natalia** Gerachenko; **George** Materewicz; **Arezoo-Emilia** Pavuk; **Joanne** Pavuk; **Daria** Artemova; **Natalie** Masiuk-Gardner; **Katherine** Masiuk.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, November 19 – 7:00 PM in the Church Hall
To receive the call-in information for the teleconference
call Victor Marinich 443-910-3562

Fr. John Vass, Rector 443-527-7067	Fr. Deacon Michael Bishop:	410-563-0472
Victor Marinich, <i>Council President:</i> 443-512-0985	Vadim Radchenko, <i>Vice President:</i>	410-465-6172
Andrei Burbelo, <i>Recording Secretary:</i> 732-598-5187	Albert Blaszak, <i>Treasurer:</i>	410-799-3226
Anna-Zumrat Shkurba, <i>Stewardship Chair:</i> 443-857-8541	<i>Member-At-Large:</i>	Vacant
Natallia Makarava <i>Sisterhood President:</i> 443-625-8470	Michael Mickel, <i>Cemetery Manager:</i>	410-666-2870



His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor)
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SYOSSET, NY [OCA]

On Monday morning, October 19, 2020, His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor), former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, fell asleep in the Lord in Canonsburg, PA after an extended illness. He was the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America from 1977 until his retirement in 2002. **Read the full article [here](#)**

St. Theophan the Recluse: *Thoughts for Each Day of the Year*

[Gal. 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-16] The Lord sees a mother weeping over the death of her son and has compassion on her; another time he was called to a marriage and rejoiced together with the family. By this He showed that to share ordinary everyday joys and sorrows is not contrary to His spirit. This is what true, reverent Christians do, who live their life in fear [of God]. However, they distinguish some everyday life routines from others; for much has entered into these routines which cannot be God's good will. There are customs that come from passions, which arise for their indulgence; others are kept alive by vanity and busyness. He who has the spirit of Christ, will be able to distinguish the good from the bad: he adheres to the one and rejects the other. He who does this with the fear of God is not alienated by others, though he does not act like them, because he always acts in the spirit of love and compassion toward the infirmities of his brothers. Only a spirit of zeal beyond measure rubs people the wrong way and produces disharmony and division. Such a spirit cannot refrain from teaching and criticizing. But the [one with the spirit of Christ] is only concerned with ordering his and his family's life in a Christian way; he does not permit himself to interfere in the affairs of others, saying to himself, "Who set me as a judge?" He quietly makes everyone well-disposed to himself and inspires respect for those routines to which he holds. A supervisor makes himself unloved and evokes disapproval for the good routines to which he holds. Humility in such cases is needed—Christian humility. It is the source of Christian good sense, which knows how to act well in a given situation.

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787)

The Seventh Ecumenical Council, convoked by the Empress Irene and met at Nicaea from September 24 to October 13, 787. Patriarch Tarasios (commemorated February 25) presided. The council ended almost fifty years of iconoclast persecution and established the veneration of the holy icons as basic to the belief and spirituality of Christ's Church. As the Synaxarion says, "It was not simply the veneration of the holy images that the Fathers defended in these terms but, in fact, the very reality of the Incarnation of the Son of God."

"The second Council of Nicaea is the seventh and last Ecumenical Council recognized by the Orthodox Church. This does not mean that there may not be ecumenical Councils in the future although, in holding the seventh place, the Council of Nicaea has taken to itself the symbol of perfection and completion represented by this number in Holy Scripture (e.g. Gen. 2:1-3). It closes the era of the great dogmatic disputes which enabled the Church to describe, in definitions excluding all ambiguity, the bounds of the holy Orthodox Faith. From that time, every heresy that appears can be related to one or other of the errors that the Church, assembled in universal Councils, has anathematized from the first until the seventh Council of Nicaea." **Synaxarion**

Metropolitan Anthony Sourozh
How can I deal with my sinful condition?

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

So often we ask ourselves and one another a very tormenting question: How can I deal with my sinful condition? What can I do? I cannot avoid committing sins, Christ alone is sinless. I cannot, for lack of determination, or courage, or ability truly repent when I do commit a sin, or in general, of my sinful condition. What is left to me? I am tormented, I fight like one drowning, and I see no solution.

And there is a word which was spoken once by a Russian staretz, one of the last elders of Optina. He said to a visitor of his: No one can live without sin, few know how to repent in such a way that their sins are washed as white as fleece. But there is one thing which we all can do: when we can neither avoid sin, nor repent truly, we can then bear the burden of sin, bear it patiently, bear it with pain, bear it without doing anything to avoid the pain and the agony of it, bear it as one would bear a cross, — not Christ's cross, not the cross of true discipleship, but the cross of the thief who was crucified next to Him. Didn't the thief say to his companion who was blaspheming the Lord: We are enduring because we have committed crimes; He endures sinlessly... And it is to him, because he had accepted the punishment, the pain, the agony, the consequences indeed of evil he had committed, of being the man he was, that Christ said, 'Thou shalt be with Me today in Paradise...'

I remember the life of one of the divines, the story of one who had come to him and have said that he had led all his life a life that was evil, impure, unworthy both of God and of himself; and then he had repented, he has rejected all evil he had done; and yet, he was in the power of the same evil. And the divine said to him: There was a time when you lapped up all this filth with delight; now you perceive it as filth and you feel that you are drowning in it with horror, with disgust. Take this to be your reward for your past, and endure...

This is something which all of us can do: to endure the consequences, to endure the enslavement which is our patiently, humbly, with a broken heart; not with indifference, not with a sense that as we are abandoned to it by God, then, why not sin? But taking it as a healing perception of what sin is, of what it does to us, of the horror of it. And if we patiently endure, a day will come when our inner rejection of sin will bear fruit, and when freedom will be given us.

So, if we can, in all the ways we can, let us avoid sin in all its forms, even those sins which seem to be so unimportant, because the slightest crack in a dam sooner or later leads to its bursting. If we can — let us truly repent, that is turn away from our past in a heroic, determined act; but if we can do neither of them — let us carry humbly and patiently all the pain and all the consequences. And this will also be accounted one day by the Lord Who in a folkloric life of Moses, in response to His angels saying, 'How long shall you endure their sins' — the sins of the Jews in the wilderness, answered: 'I will reject them when the measure of their sins will exceed the measure of their suffering'.

Let us therefore accept the pain as a redeeming pain, even if we cannot offer it as pain pure of stain. Amen. http://mitras.ru/eng/eng_95.htm