

THE TRINITARIAN

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Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M.
Church School Every Sunday at 10:45 A.M.
(During the Months of September thru May)

Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
Choir Rehearsals Every Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
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TONE 8

OCTOBER 4, 2009

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens;

Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, First Archbishop of Kazan, and St. Varsonuphy, Bishop of Tver';

Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan'; Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod;

Ven. Helladius and Onesimus of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Ammon, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves;

Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chaeremon, of Alexandria;

Martyr Peter of Capetolis; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters Berenice and Prosdoce of Syria;

Ven. Ammon and Paul the Simple of Egypt;

Martyr Adauctus and his daughter, St. Callisthene, of Ephesus; St. Stephen Stiljianovitch of Serbia

GLORIFICATION OF ST. INNOCENT, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW, ENLIGHTENER OF THE ALEUTS, AND APOSTLE TO THE AMERICAS

Tuesday, October 6

“O holy father Innocent, in obedience to the will of God, you accepted dangers and tribulations, bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. You showed us the Way: Now by your prayers help lead us into the Kingdom of heaven.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 6:31-36

NEXT SUNDAY: II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

NEXT SUNDAY: LUKE 7:11-16

HEBREWS 13:7-16

JOHN 17:1-13

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, October 9

7:00 p.m. Akathist to mark the beginning of the Eastern Churches Seminar

Saturday, October 10

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 5

Ephesians 4:25-32

Luke 6:24-30

Ephesians 5:20-26

Luke 6:37-45

Tuesday, October 6

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

John 10:9-16

Wednesday, October 7

Ephesians 5:25-33

Luke 6:46-7:1

Thursday, October 8

Ephesians 5:33-6:9

Luke 7:17-30

Ephesians 6:18-24

Luke 7:31-35

Friday, October 9

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

John 10:9-16

Saturday, October 10

I Corinthians 15:39-45

Luke 5:27-32

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 4, TODAY 10:45 a.m. Women’s Club meeting
- 5, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting
- 9, Friday 7:00 p.m. Opening lecture of 25th Eastern Churches Seminar at HTOC
- 10, Saturday 8:30 a.m. Eastern Churches Seminar at Notre Dame College
- 12, Monday 7:00 p.m. EOWG meeting at St. Michael’s, Broadview Hts.
- 17, Saturday Macy’s Shop for A Cause
- 20, Tuesday GEMS trip to Cleveland Museum of Art; lunch
- 25, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Women’s Club Fashion Show and Silent Auction

ADULT DISCUSSION:

The current discussion topic is “Salvation History -- Our Hellenic Inheritance.”

SHOP!

Macy’s Shop for A Cause will be held on Saturday, October 17. Obtain your shopping pass for only \$5 at the table in the Fellowship Hall and save 25% on one item, up to 20% all day on purchases, and enter for a chance to win a \$500 gift card. Shop online as well. HTOC keeps all the money collected from the sale of shopping passes.

WOMEN’S CLUB FASHION SHOW:

The Fashion Show and Silent Auction will be Sun., October 25, at 2:30. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Jewelann Stefanar (216-741-0985) or Pat Schwartz (440-871-1197). Proceeds will help fund Women’s Club future service projects.

We’re asking the help of all parishioners to make this day a success; donate a silent auction item, a dessert or an appetizer. The auction items will be displayed beginning on Oct. 4. Contact Barbara Filipow (440-582-4352) to offer your donation.

COFFEE HOUR:

Please remember that donations are always welcome for our ongoing refreshment program. Various levels of support are needed; the money raised supports our Church School. Contact Arlene at 440-888-2052.

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

Brochures are available for the 25th Seminar, with the topic, “Holy Communion: You and I in Christ.” HTOC will host the opening on Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Oct. 10 events are at Notre Dame College, S. Euclid.

GEMS:

The GEMS will attend the Gaugin Exhibit at the Cleveland Museum of Art on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Lunch will follow at Aladdins Restaurant in Independence. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

EOWG:

The Guild is meeting Monday, Oct. 12, at St. Michael’s in Broadview Hts. The speaker is Fr. John Memorich. There will be a coffee social at 6:30. Please attend and bring a guest.

FLOWERS:

The flowers are offered by the Crowder and Riley Families in memory of Frank and Mary Kostohryz.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers are offered by Mat and Olga Lobas.

GOD’S BLESSINGS:

Jacob Hatch, son of Janene and Steven Hatch, graduate of St. Vladimir’s Seminary, will be ordained to the holy diaconate on November 21 at Holy Ascension Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Diocese of the South.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 27	\$ 2950.00
CHILDREN’S COLLECTION	7.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	440.00
BUILDING FUND	265.00
MORTGAGE FUND	572.00
CANDLES	177.00
HTOC ANNIVERSARY	20.00

DOGS IN DIFFERENT CULTURES

“Beware of dogs...” (Philippians 3:2)

In the time of our Lord and the apostles, dogs were savage, vicious beasts that prowled about in packs, feeding in garbage dumps and attacking defenseless animals. We honor the noble Sanhedrin members Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus for having given our Lord Jesus a decent burial; it was usual for crucified criminals to be left at the sites of their death to be eaten by roaming dogs. St. Paul was followed by fellow Jews and Jewish Christians who tried to upset his gospel preaching by attacking his insistence that Christians need not follow the Hebrew Law and circumcise males. The apostle called them dogs, probably because they never stopped hounding him. St. Paul uses the term for the Jewish teachers at work to suppress the gospel of the Lord, those calling themselves Christians who insist on circumcision and the Law even for Gentiles, those whom Paul insists are liberated from Judaism.

Not by accident does Paul call them “dogs,” which may appear rude and lacking in kindness; but as he was well aware, the Jewish teacher referred to all Gentiles as dogs. He is throwing their own words back at them.

Times change, and with them attitudes to the canine species. I’ve always enjoyed having dogs as pets. When I conjure up memories of my school years, I find it easier to mark the years if I remember what dog I had as a pet at the time. Trying not to appear overly sentimental [but I am], I say what every dog owner knows and cherishes: Your dog is always ready to go for a walk or just sit nearby, or on your lap, if allowed. He will play “fetch” as long as you will throw the object, wait for you to return, ride with you, sense your sadness, or jump and wag his tail when you are happy. Nothing can replace the companionship of a dog.

It happened that I was honored to deliver the eulogy of a cherished friend who happened to be Arab and a bishop. At the requiem there were many from his ethnic background. My theme it seemed to me was appropriate, in that he was a bishop who was both respected and a friend to his clergy, one who was a spiritual leader comfortable enough in his position that he had no need to emphasize his rank and privileges. Big people are like that. It’s the little people who are so insecure that they feel the need to insist on being called by their title, expecting all to rise when they enter and leave a room, and act the role of an oriental potentate. Archbishop Gibran was not like that; in fact, by demanding simple friendship and expressions of equality – shaking hands, hugs, what is taken as normal person-to-person exchanges in the 21st century - he received even more respect than those who play the role in all ways.

I felt it appropriate to equate the relationship between this bishop and his priests with the Biblical analogy of the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep. Beyond the Middle East, shepherds are aided by trained sheep dogs that are skilled at keeping the sheep together, chasing after the strays and leading them back to the flock, and in every way helping the shepherd perform his tasks. But upon drawing that comparison, there was a change in the listeners. I’ve been preaching and teaching for half a century, ample time to sense when I’ve hit on a point acceptable to the audience or on the other hand, as in this case, feel the chill of alienation. I kept going to the end of my presentation, but it was only later on the drive home that it came to me how I had not taken into account the vast difference between the American culture and the Middle East. Who would imagine that the wonderful canines could be thought of in the Biblical sense, as in the above quotation? Nevertheless, that’s just what happened. Regrettably, too late to make amends.

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

THE THINGS I LEARNED

I walked a mile with Pleasure,

She chattered all the way,

But left me none the wiser

For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,

And ne'er a word said she;

But oh, the things I learned from her

When Sorrow walked with me.

[Robert Browning Hamilton]