

# 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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JULY 12, 2009

## ***FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***Martyr Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra; Ven. Michael of Maleinus;  
Martyrs Theodore and his son, John, of Kiev;  
Ven. Arseny of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ; Ven. Simon, Abbot of Volomsk;  
Martyr Golinduc, of Persia; Ven. John and Gabriel, of the Holy Mountain;  
Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "THE THREE HANDS"***

***Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of the Russian Lands  
Wednesday, July 15***

“Like Paul, you rejected the childish nonsense of your former idol worship, O glorious Vladimir, embracing the Orthodox faith late in life. Through baptism you grew to maturity of spirit, robed in the royal purple of holiness. Now, as you delight in the presence of Christ, the Savior, pray for salvation for your homeland and ours.”

Kondakion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 10:1-10  
NEXT SUNDAY: ROMANS 12:6-14  
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 8:28-9:1  
NEXT SUNDAY: MATTHEW 9:1-8  
JOHN 17:1-13

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Today, July 12	10:45 a.m. 10-year Requiem for Bob Manning
Wednesday, July 15	8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Vladimir
Saturday, July 18	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, July 13	Romans 16:17-24	Matthew 13:10-23
Tuesday, July 14	I Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 13:24-30
Wednesday, July 15 (St. Vladimir)	I Corinthians 2:9-3:8	Matthew 13:31-36
Thursday, July 16	Galatians 1:11-19	John 10:1-9
Friday, July 17	I Corinthians 3:18-23	Matthew 13:36-43
Saturday, July 18	I Corinthians 4:5-8	Matthew 13:44-54
	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 9:18-26

**TO: GOD.COM**

Dear Lord,

Every single evening as I'm lying here in bed,  
This tiny little prayer keeps running through my head.

God bless all my family, wherever they may be;

Keep them warm and safe from harm,

for they're so close to me.

And God, there is one more thing

I wish that You could do;

Hope You don't mind me asking -

Please bless my computer too.

Now I know that it's unusual to bless a motherboard,  
But listen just a second while I explain it to You, Lord.

You see, that little metal box  
holds more than odds and ends;

Inside those small compartments  
rest so many of my friends.

I know so much about them

by the kindness that they give,

And this little scrap of metal takes me  
in to where they live.

By faith is how I know them, much the same as You.

We share in what life brings us,

and from that our friendships grew.

Please take an extra minute from Your duties up above

To bless those in my address book  
that's filled with so much love.

Wherever else this prayer may reach,  
to each and every friend,

Bless each e-mail inbox and each person who hits "send."

When You update Your heavenly list  
on Your own great CD-ROM,

Bless everyone who says this prayer sent up to  
GOD.COM.

Amen.

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*A HERESY OF TIME*

*“However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)*

Heresy happens when a portion of the gospel of Jesus Christ is extracted and made to appear as though it were the entire message. To do so with time is to deny or reject the record of the past, both the commandments from the Bible and traditions from church history, and to ignore implications of present deeds and practices for the future. This is what is taking place in these times in subtle ways that are most effective in perverting the standard morals of the past. For example, we have become acclimatized to the use of the vulgar four-letter words that are now used in public places, on television and in literature that just a few decades ago were never heard or tolerated. Or consider the way our society has redefined traditional ethics and Christian behavior in matters of sexuality and the right to life.

The love leading to marriage and procreation from standards set in the Bible and continued in the Church once progressed from dating, courting, engagement, marriage and the birth of children. The times we live in have in many cases reversed that pattern and are considered the new norm: First the date followed by living together, then the birth of an infant, baptism, engagement and finally the wedding.

From the tale of the destruction of Sodom by the Lord whose angels were nearly raped by the homosexual citizens of the city through all admonitions against homosexuality as in St. Paul’s words: *“God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another”* (Romans 1:24). *“Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural.”* In our times Miss California, Carrie Prejean, was denied the title of Miss USA when she dared witness to her faith when asked about homosexuality; the media searched for ways to harm her.

Those who oppose traditional Judeo-Christian ethics and divine laws shrewdly appropriate positive terms for their cause, such as liberal. But who is being liberated? Is it the woman bearing in her womb an unborn child freed from the laws that would impose punishment for taking a human life, even if she might claim that it is “her body” [they never say “her child”] to do with as she sees fit? Surely it’s not liberating for the person in the womb waiting to enter the world and enjoy life as we know it.

Homosexuals have captured the winsome old term gay in such a way that it can no longer be used by writers to denote anything other than love between lesbians, two men or boys. But are they really happier than the rest of us straights? It appears that they have more than their share of miserable moments and problems that afflict them. The worst part of their program for acceptance is that while they cannot multiply by procreation, they have the need to recruit, or to bring forth latent feelings of their life style from those who are insecure about their sexual orientation. Note the ongoing campaigns in every state of the union to make homosexual marriages legal.

In the words of Rodney King: *“Can’t we all just get along?”* I wish I could agree, but that would be naïve. The Liberals have set their agenda and are intent on carrying it forward. Success by their definition requires a radical transformation of morality as we Orthodox Christian faithful understand it. They feel they have a long way to get to their goal. Christians and society in general are divided and evidently helpless to counter or even hold back the tide of transformation from traditional ethics to the corruption of Judeo-Christian morals. From the viewpoint of Islam at least in their radical forms, we are already and have been decadent, faithless and godless.

*Father Vladimir Berzonsky*

**COMING EVENTS**

**JULY:**

- 15, Wednesday      Reservations are due for Golf Outing
- 16, Thursday      Reservations are due for trip to Marblehead Halupki Festival
- 19, Sunday      Noon - LCBA Seminar and Picnic; St. Michael's, Broadview Hts.
- 25, Saturday      6th Annual HTOC Golf Outing
- 26, Sunday      11:00 a.m. HTOC Family Picnic

**BOSE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD:**

Many elders recall worship in Slavonic they didn't understand... and now to English they can't hear. Ethnic Foods has donated \$3000 from the recent food sales to the Bose Fund. Please help us meet the cost of installing this solution for the hearing impaired.

**ETHNIC FOODS:**

...would welcome donations of flour for their baking needs. Please see Margarita.

**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC:**

Plan to join us on Sunday, July 26, following the Divine Liturgy. Please volunteer to help with set-up. The cost is \$5 for adults; \$1 for children 12 and under. Bring sports equipment and items for outdoor fun. Games are being organized by Benjamin and Sarah Hatch; contact them to offer help or suggestions.

A-G Pretzels, chips, Chex mix, etc.

H-J Bakery, desserts that won't melt

K-L Condiments: pickles, olives, peppers, relish, ketchup, chopped onions, etc.

M-Q Pop, juice boxes

R-S See Margarita; needed are hot dog and hamburger buns; charcoal; dips

T-Z Fruits, ready to serve

**LCBA BRANCH 17 PICNIC:**

The picnic will be held next Sunday, July 19, at St. Michael's; Broadview Hts. An LCBA seminar is at noon, followed by a complimentary picnic. RSVP to Kathy Kolberg (330-278-3043).

**BUS TRIP TO MARBLEHEAD - DEADLINE!**

Please tell Michael Pilat by Thursday, July 16, if you plan to go on the Aug. 16 bus trip to Marblehead.

**SALE TODAY!**

The Ethnic Foods Group will have breads, soups and pastry for sale today in the Fellowship Hall after the Divine Liturgy.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Let's have a big turn-out for the annual HTOC Golf Outing on July 25! Information and reservation forms are in the Fellowship Hall. Tee times begin at 10:00 a.m. at Seneca Golf Course in Broadview Hts. Play 18 holes (\$65) or 9 (\$40); the price includes lunch, dinner, golf cart rental, and prizes. Reservations are due by July 15. For further information, contact Alex Cundik (440-877-1980; ajcundik@cox.net).

**GOLF OUTING SPONSORS:**

We are asking companies, groups, and individuals to sponsor a hole for \$100 or donate prizes for the HTOC Golf Outing. Please contact Alex Cundik if you know of a donor or are willing to donate.

**CORN AND HOT DOG ROAST:**

Reserve Sunday, Aug. 23, immediately after Liturgy to enjoy food and a sing-along. The corn is from the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Bakan's son.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Barbara Mlecik in memory of Steven and Michael Mlecik.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Marie Borland.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

The refreshments today are donated by the family of Bob Manning.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 5	\$ 4619.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	73.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	438.00
BUILDING FUND	161.00
MORTGAGE FUND	500.00
CANDLES	150.00
ORTHODOX SEMINARIES	10.00