

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke
Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus;
Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia

“As a disciple of the Word and companion of the holy Paul, you dispelled the darkness of the world by bringing it the good news of Christ. Beg Him to save our souls.”

Troparion for Luke, Tone III

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord
Friday, October 23

“As a disciple of the Lord you received the good news, O holy James, and as a martyr you possessed what could not be perverted. As the brother of the Lord you have great influence with Him, and as a hierarch you have the right to speak on our behalf. Beg Christ, our God to save our souls.”

Troparion for James, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 11:31-12:9
COLOSSIANS 4:5-9,14,18

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:5-15
LUKE 10:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY: GALATIANS 1:11-19

NEXT SUNDAY: LUKE 16:19-31

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 24 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 19	Philippians 2:12-16	Luke 9:18-22
Tuesday, October 20	Philippians 2:17-23	Luke 9:23-27
Wednesday, October 21	Philippians 2:24-30	Luke 9:44-50
Thursday, October 22	Philippians 3:1-8	Luke 9:49-56
Friday, October 23 (St. James)	Philippians 3:8-19 Galatians 1:11-19	Luke 10:1-15 Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday, October 24 (Departed)	II Corinthians 1:8-11 I Thessalonians 4:13-17	Luke 7:2-10 John 5:24-30

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

20, Tuesday GEMS trip to Cleveland Museum of Art; lunch
25, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Women’s Club Fashion Show / Silent Auction / Bake Sale

NOVEMBER:

2, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting
8, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Women’s Club meeting
4:00 p.m. Karpato-Rus Dance Ensemble fundraising dinner

WOMEN’S CLUB FASHION SHOW:

Our Women’s Club Fashion Show and Silent Auction will be on Sunday, Oct. 25, at 2:30 p.m. Ticket reservations are available from Jewelann Stefanar (216-741-0985) or Pat Schwartz (440-871-1197). Tickets are also sold in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday. Your support is appreciated as proceeds will benefit our future service projects.

BAKERY NEEDED:

Any donations of bakery for next Sunday’s bake sale, held in conjunction with the Fashion Show, will be greatly appreciated.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

Entertainment Books for 2010 are now for sale in the Fellowship Hall; the cost is \$30.

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD:

The myrrh-streaming icon of the Mother of God, “Softener of Evil Hearts,” will be at St. Sergius, 6520 Broadview Rd, on Oct. 15 at 5:00 p.m., with a Vespers/Matins service; at 7:00 p.m. with a Molieben and Akathist; and on Oct. 16 at 9:00 a.m. with a Divine Liturgy. See <http://www.saintsergius.org/>

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Marie Borland.

COLLECTION FOR MISSIONS:

Please bring Orthodox books, pamphlets, crosses, icons, etc. to be given to the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. Cash donations are also accepted. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for your gifts.

BUCKEYES:

Do you have a buckeye tree? Please collect and bring in the buckeyes. There is a box in the Hall.

GEMS:

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

FUNDRAISING DINNER:

The Karpato-Rus Dance Ensemble will hold a dinner at Holy Trinity on November 8, from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

ST. NICHOLAS DINNER:

Please join the Women’s Club for a St. Nicholas dinner at Carrie Cerino’s, Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. More details will be forthcoming.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by the Whitney and Hastings Families in memory of Claudia Whitney.

*“Pray and sigh, pleading with God Himself to grant you zeal and inclination:
For without Him we are good for no task whatsoever.” St. Tikhon of Zadonsk*

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, OCTOBER 11	\$ 3472.90
CHILDREN’S COLLECTION	3.50
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	55.00
BUILDING FUND	241.00
MORTGAGE FUND	276.00
CANDLES	162.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	18.00
CHAIR SALE	55.00

THE MYSTERY OF LOVE

“When the mind ascends to God through the attraction of love, it perceives neither itself nor anything which exists. Illumined by a measureless Divine light, it is insensible to everything created, just as a sensual glance does not notice the stars because of the sun’s radiance. Blessed is the man who continuously delights in Divine beauty while passing all creation by.”
(St. Maximos the Confessor)

St. Maximos the Confessor is addressing not only monastics but all of us who wish to grow in grace from applying his intelligent and spiritual thoughts. He is writing about the essence of love, the ascent to God and the way it shuts out all else. Think of the golden light we find everywhere on the icon of Transfiguration. Notice how it blinded the three apostles. It was even more brilliant than the sun. Nothing else is seen by them, and nothing else does one who adores Christ care to see, because God’s Holy Spirit is overwhelming them with glory and joy. As in all icons where human eyes are blessed to see the three Persons in Holy Trinity, they are open, large, and fixated on the Lord.

Before we try to analyze the mystery of love expressed in the Transfiguration icon, we might begin with a common comparison, the love of a man and woman for one another. True love, whether between two human beings or the love between the Holy Trinity and the devout Christian, always involves a complete involvement in one another. When the Lord says: *“I am a jealous God,”* that’s what He means. Consider the classic pairs: Romeo and Juliet who had eyes only for one another, or Anthony and Cleopatra. Each shut out everything else and all others, delighting in the presence of the loved one. Recall Elizabeth Barrett’s love poem to Robert Browning: *“How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.”*

They and all like them were mere human beings, subject to changes that alter the first love, whether it was “puppy love” or developed into more mature manifestations of their affection. None of them, and none of us who are in love with someone, adoring him or her, care more about one’s self than the other. We obsess over the other’s needs, health, mental frame, and present attitude. However, nothing can match the attention that a serious committed believer can experience who has unraveled the mystery of the love that the Lord has for each one of us, yet which many of us ignore most of the time.

God’s love has no limits, because nothing can gauge the immeasurable love that the Holy Trinity has for each one of the countless billions of persons, as if each male were Adam and each female were Eve. That precious love the Holy Spirit is always holding out to us. He never imposes on us that love which takes into account our limits and has an eternity to wait until we develop the capacity to return in our limited way the unlimited grace of love shining out light. All our love relationships, such as a parent for a child and vice versa, or the love between a man and woman bound in holy matrimony are elementary exercises in grasping the ultimate love with the perfect Lover, the Lord God almighty. It is the Holy Spirit who elevates those love bonds and enhances them with a sacred meaning. *“When the mind ascends to God,”* the first glimmer of the love that God has for us begins to come in focus. We look for evidence of such an overwhelming affection. It causes a reaction: Who am I that the Lord should love me? What have I done to deserve such affection? Thus begins true humility leading to repentance, compunction and appreciation. We are at the starting place of a transformation of attitude that could lead to a whole new way of living.

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

OUR COLLEGE KIDS

An ongoing segment highlighting our
HTOC children....

NICOLE KOCH, daughter of Christine and Dan Koch, is in her third year at the University of Toledo School of Nursing. Nicole received her Golden Key Board of Directors International Honor Society for ranking in the top 15% of her Junior Class. She is enjoying her clinicals and works with autistic children in PDM classes weekly.

GABRIELLE HATCH, daughter of Steve and Janene Hatch, a culinary student at the University of Akron, has been accepted into the Culinary Institute of America in New York and will begin study there next fall. She is president of the Hospitality Club, enjoys vegetable and ice carving, and participates in service projects with Residence Hall government.



HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST LUKE

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