

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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OCTOBER 25, 2009

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople;
Ven. Martyrii the Deacon and Martyrii the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves;
Martyr Athanasius the Fuller, at Salona in Dalmatia;
St. Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter*

“Let us praise Marcian and Martyrius in all their glory, for they are a pair of martyrs worthy of each other. They refuted the shameful errors of the foolish Arius with the wise and prudent teachings of the hierarch, Paul, insisting that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share in the same nature. For this they perished by the sword, so that now they enjoy the presence of Christ in the kingdom of Heaven, where they never cease imploring Him to save our souls.”

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TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 1:11-19
NEXT SUNDAY: GALATIANS 2:16-20

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31
NEXT SUNDAY: LUKE 8:26-39

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 31 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Please note: There will be no Matins next Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 26	Hebrews 12:6-13, 25-27	Matthew 8:23-27
	II Timothy 2:1-10	John 15:17-16:2
Tuesday, October 27	Philippians 4:10-23	Luke 10:22-24
	Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11	Luke 11:1-10
Wednesday, October 28	Colossians 1:18-23	Luke 11:9-13
Thursday, October 29	Colossians 1:24-29	Luke 11:14-23
Friday, October 30	Colossians 2:1-7	Luke 11:23-26
Saturday, October 31	II Corinthians 3:12-18	Luke 8:16-21
(St. John Kochurov)	Hebrews 13:7-16	Luke 12:32-40

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

25, TODAY 2:30 p.m. Women’s Club Fashion Show / Silent Auction / Bake Sale

NOVEMBER:

- 1, Sunday Outreach Pancake Breakfast
- 2, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting
- 6, Friday 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Archangel Michael’s Church
- 7, Saturday 9:30 a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael’s Church
- 8, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Women’s Club meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Karpato-Rus Dance Ensemble fundraising dinner
- 21, Saturday 9:30 a.m. Advent Retreat at Archangel Michael’s Church

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

The Outreach Group is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 1, following the Divine Liturgy. There will be a brief presentation with a review of last year’s events and an update of future plans.

ALTAR SERVER VESTMENTS:

A new set of blue altar server vestments is needed. Please consider a gift toward the purchase.

GOD’S BLESSINGS:

Blessings of peace to Marilyn and Stephen Romoga who leave to winter in Texas and will return in May. Many Years to all who cleared the pavilion of old wood and shingles, then attached rolls of tarpaper and new shingles.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

Entertainment Books for 2010 are now for sale in the Fellowship Hall; the cost is \$30. Support this fundraiser by purchasing several as gifts.

“COLLEGE KIDS”:

Parents, please continue to submit information about your college student to the church office. Submit updates on new events in their lives even after the segment about your student has been published.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Stephen and Margaret Pinchot.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE:

Thank you to all who purchased Macy’s certificates. Our profit was \$185.

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.

ADVENT RETREAT:

Archangel Michael’s Church is hosting a retreat on Saturday, Nov. 21, beginning at 9:30 with a Hierarchal Liturgy, followed by lunch and a session with Bishop Melchisedek, “Who Is Like God?”

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.

ST. MICHAEL’S FEAST DAY:

All are invited to worship with St. Michael’s parish on Nov. 6-7. Please see details on the bulletin board.

FLOWERS:

The flowers are offered by Ed and Mary Ann Giraro.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, OCTOBER 18	\$ 3226.50
CHILDREN’S COLLECTION	10.50
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	453.00
BUILDING FUND	190.00
MORTGAGE FUND	492.00
CANDLES	169.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	28.00

THE AGONY OF INDECISION

“Then dipping the piece of bread He gave it to Judas Iscariot...as soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. ‘What you are about to do, do quickly,’ Jesus told him” (John 13:26)

It was the Soviet times, 1974. Trying to talk over the noise of the TU-114 on the tedious flight back to Moscow from Novosibirsk, Father Vitaly and I were discussing Christ’s enigmatic advice to Judas after the Last Supper: *“What you are about to do, do quickly.”* Decide, then do.

The priest theologian was most likely a “number two” on the Frolov loyalty list of the three possible categories. It meant that he was conditionally reliable when let out of the USSR, most likely to follow the party line, but not necessarily. The first rank included the trustworthy [to the state], those with some reason to fear exposure if the Soviet regime deemed it necessary to punish them; however, it was not likely. They had something to hide – homosexuality, adultery, mismanagement of church funds, or having been caught up in some sort of scandal. The last category was the brave and heedless that the watchdogs guarded carefully. They could not be trusted. They may have opened churches without full disclosure, ordained clergy without clearance, or held secret meetings with dissidents. Borderline rebels: *“Not guilty but it’s still his fault,”* as the saying has it.

The Lord was being merciful to the traitor, not wishing him any more anxiety over his decision. Many choices in a lifetime are not clear and simple. Father Vitaly used his own situation as an example of the agony over options. He himself was often chosen to represent the Russian Orthodox Church in various ecumenical and interfaith meetings in freedom, as they called the world beyond communist control. He knew it was important to the Soviet government to give the illusion of religious liberty to all believers in God despite the basic atheist conviction imposed on the inhabitants of the USSR. It was important for the façade to continue until the end, and it was the means of survival for the Church according to the officially recognized Orthodox Christian structure.

Finally, when the last session would end and it was time to return, the free atmosphere of the west breathed at the airport and recalled on the flight back to the Red Sector of Berlin, just before leaving the American or British Sector, the temptation to remain nibbled at his conscience. How simple it would be to just walk off. Were there KGB agents in the shadows? Certainly. Could they be outmaneuvered? What freedom-loving human with any common sense would not concoct a scenario that would make escape a success? To teach in a western seminary, to write without worry of censorship, or just to move about and walk without concern for being followed. To daydream of such a life free of intimidation or apprehension -- if only.

Carrying the tattered suitcase, touching the essential papers while moving towards Checkpoint Charlie, one must put all the fantasies aside. Ignore them, reject them and continue walking. Show again the credentials to another fresh faced, unsmiling aluminum-colored guard who scrutinizes them as if they were the Rosetta Stone, then, barely nodding, gives the gesture to proceed. *Abandon All Hope*, as Dante wrote. Would there be a long “shampoo” [harsh interrogation] at the other end of the flight? Who knows? If he were not taken to be grilled but merely left to return to his apartment, then from the first phone he came to he would dial Matushka, always with the same ritual phrase to let her know that, glory be to God, all is well and he would be able to go home directly:

“Yes, it’s me. I’m at the airport. I will go to the Ukraina Hotel restaurant. I will order borscht, meat and vodka. Then I will come home.” Exactly those words, in that precise order. It meant that all is well, at least for the present.

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

OUR COLLEGE KIDS

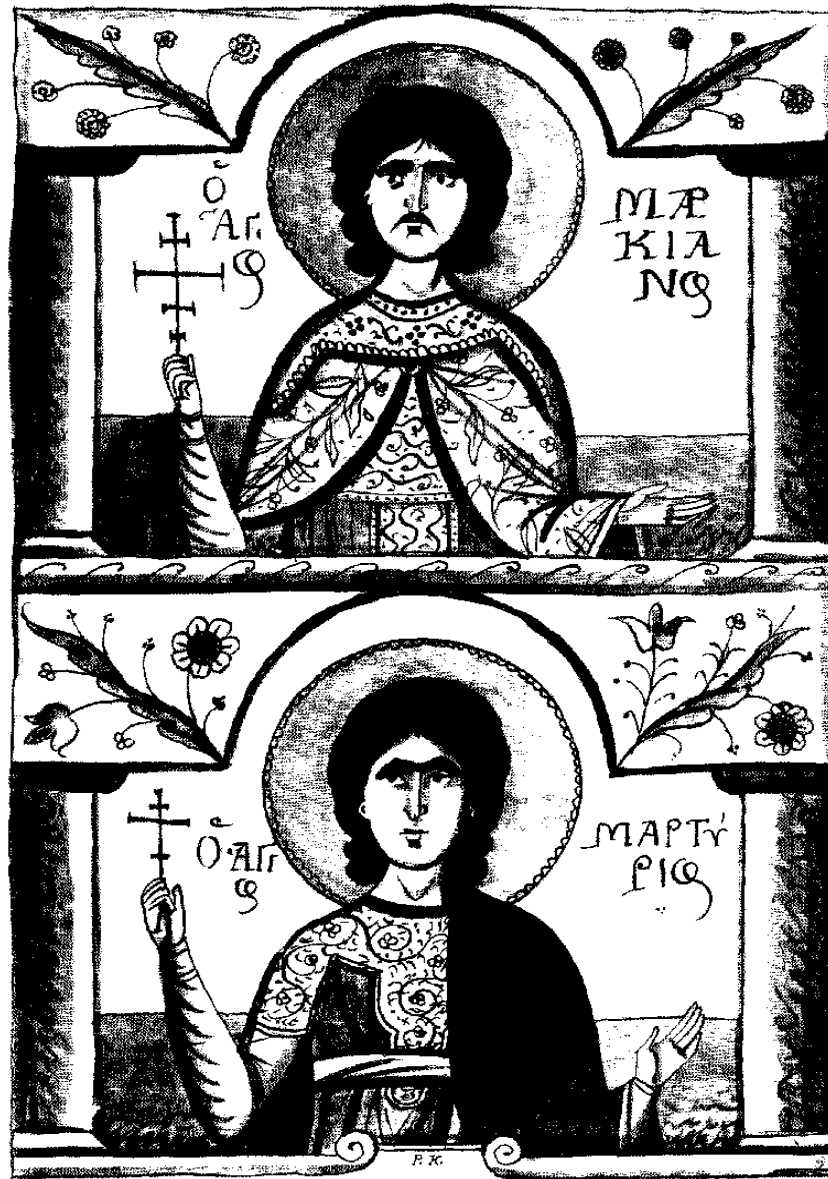
An ongoing segment highlighting our
HTOC children....

CATLIN LEMIRE, daughter of Karen and John Lemire, is in her senior year at Ohio State University. She has studied Electrical Engineering and is now majoring in Actuary Science. In addition to attending classes, Catlin works at the Hollister clothing store in Easton Mall and has been offered a management position there.

AMELIA TROUTMAN, daughter of Tamara and Brian Troutman, attends Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. She has not yet selected a major and is currently enrolled in many humanities courses. She runs on the cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track teams, as well as participates in community service, Art Club and Sailing Club. She plans on returning to Mexico this summer to participate in Orthodox Basic Training.

...AND BEYOND COLLEGE

Pete George, son of Patricia and Gil George, is headlining this week in the comedy club at the Riviera in Las Vegas, performing 2 shows each night. Pete is living in Los Angeles, succeeding as a stand-up comic, actor, musician, and writer. Visit his website: www.petegeorge.tv



MARTYRS MARCIAN AND MARTYRIUS THE NOTARIES

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BRIEF PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER, 2009

By Father Vladimir Berzonsky

1. Sun. Galatians 2:16-20 Luke 8:26-39 Healer saints Cosmas and Damian, pray to God with us for all who are afflicted with serious illnesses: cancer, MS, MD, diabetes, and the others that assail their lives and those who love them.
2. Mon. Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 11:29-33 Lord, we pray for people everywhere who struggled for wholesome lives without oppression, forced labor, dictatorships, or denial of human rights.
3. Tue. Colossians 2:20-3:3 Luke 11:34-41 Lord, we pray for our nation and those elected to public office, that we may return this nation to You, having Your will done in our land.
4. Wed. Colossians 3:17-4:1 Luke 11:42-46 O Lord, our heavenly Father, please comfort and watch over Your American children as we turn to You as our Protector against terrorists.
5. Thu. Colossians 4:2-9 Luke 11:47-12:1 Lord, we pray for those in public office courageous enough to defend the rights of the unborn in the face of the opposition who find no wrong in abortions.
6. Fri. Colossians 4:10-18 Luke 12:2-12 Holy Spirit, be with our students as they study and learn to make a better world. Fill them with peace, security, encouragement, faith, self-respect and love.
7. Sat. II Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 9:1-6 During this hunting season, we pray for the safety of all who are in the forest, especially the powerless creatures which You created and gave life.
8. Sun. Hebrews 2:2-10 Luke 10:16-21 Holy Archangel Michael, pray for our nation and world, that we conquer evil and pride as you and the good angels did in heaven, serving the Lord alone.
9. Mon. I Thess. 1:1-5 Luke 12:13-15,22-31 Bless us, Your flock of spiritual sheep at Holy Trinity, and we thank You for the beautiful temple in which we worship, worthy of our love for You, dear Father, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit.
10. Tue. I Thess. 1:6-10 Luke 12:42-48 Remember, Lord, the founders of our parish who have fallen asleep in faith, having served You by laboring and sacrificing their gifts and themselves.
11. Wed. I Thess. 2:1-8 Luke 12:48-59 Dear Jesus, we pray for alcoholics and drug users who struggle with their wills, that they find the courage to conquer their temptations and break the habit.
12. Thu. I Thess. 2:9-14 Luke 13:1-9 Heavenly Father, send our world the Spirit of wisdom, to help humans realize the damage we are causing to the environment by pollution and forest destruction.
13. Fri. Hebrews 7:26-8:2 John 10:9-16 St. John Chrysostom, pray that we who celebrate your liturgy may grow in love, peace, joy, understanding, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control.
14. Sat. I Cor. 4:9-16 John 1:43-51 St. Philip, you asked Jesus to see the Father; now as you stand in His presence, pray that we who love the Lord will be granted an awareness of Him in our lives.

BEGINNING OF NATIVITY FAST

15. Sun. Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 10:25-37 As we begin the Christmas fast, we ask, Lord, that You help us to know how to please You by our lives as we pray, study, meditate, fast, and help others.

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16. Mon. I Cor. 4:9-16 Matthew 9:9-13 Holy Apostle Matthew, pray for those like you who aim to teach God's Word as they struggle to illumine the ignorant, return the fallen, and guide the aged.
17. Tue. I Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 14:25-35 Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts filled with gratitude for the honor of being Americans, as we ask You to show us how best to fulfill our potentials.
18. Wed. I Thessalonians 4:1-12 Luke 15:1-10 During this season of charity, Lord, we ask that You touch the hearts of our people and make them tender, caring, feeling, generous, and happy to do good for others.
19. Thu. I Thessalonians 5:1-8 Luke 16:1-9 Lord, we pray for all scientists who search for ways to end the diseases which afflict human lives and bring early death to the victims.
20. Fri. I Thessalonians 5:9-13 Luke 16:15-18;17:1-4 Dear Jesus, bless all teachers and educators with self-control, kindness, gentleness, understanding, compassion and openness.
21. Sat. Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 Sts. Anne and Joachim, parents of the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary and models for all mothers and fathers, pray for the temperamental, the petty, the insensitive and the uncaring parents, and for all suffering children.
22. Sun. Ephesians 2:14-22 Luke 12:16-21 Good Zachariah, model father, pray for the parents who lose patience with their children, or begrudge the time it takes to raise them.
23. Mon. II Thessalonians 1:1-10 Luke 17:20-25 Almighty Creator, help our leaders discover the means of energy that does not cause pollution, risk of destroying life, or harm to the world.
24. Tue. II Thessalonians 1:10-2:2 Luke 17:26-37 Holy Spirit, we ask that You fill the hearts of those who go to work and school with love, courage, happiness, confidence, self-respect and concern for others.
25. Wed. II Thessalonians 2:1-12 Luke 18:15-17 Lord, watch and protect all who risk their lives in the war against drugs in our nation and elsewhere, that they be successful and uninjured.
26. Thu. II Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Luke 18:31-34 Good God, we thank You for the gifts You have poured out lavishly on America: prosperity, freedom, hope, confidence, self-respect, peace, and opportunity.
27. Fri. II Thessalonians 3:6-18 Luke 19:12-28 Grant eternal rest, O Lord, to the souls of those who laid down their lives in the defense of our nation battling terrorism everywhere on earth.
28. Sat. Galatians 1:3-10 Luke 10:19-21 Lord, protect and watch over all who are traveling this weekend. Bless all drivers, pilots, passengers and pedestrians as they go and come in safety.
29. Sun. Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 13:10-17 Lord, touch the souls of those who dropped away from church attendance, and inspire them to remorse and repentance, returning them to join us as we offer our praise to You.
30. Mon. I Cor. 4:9-16 John 1:35-51 Holy St. Andrew, we ask a prayer for all who are by nature gentle, shy, humble, having little self-esteem, yet who are shoved aside or intimidated by others.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 21st Sunday after Pentecost Sts. Cosmas and Damian Outreach Pancake Breakfast	2 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting	3	4	5	6 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Archangel Michael Church	7 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Church 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
8 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Archangel Michael and other archangels W. Club mtg. 4:00 Karpatorus dinner	9	10	11	12	13	14 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
15 23d Sunday after Pentecost Beginning of the Nativity Fast	16	17	18	19	20 7:00 p.m. Vigil of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple	21 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
22 24th Sunday after Pentecost Apostles Philemon and Archippus of the 70; Martyr Apphia	23	24	25	26 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Thanksgiving Day	27	28 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
29 25th Sunday after Pentecost Martyr Paramon and 370 martyrs in Bithynia	30					