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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.
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TONE 6

NOVEMBER 15, 2009

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa;
Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, and Eustochius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate;
Martyr Demetrius of Thrace; Ven. Paisii Velichkovsky*

“O wise and praiseworthy martyrs: From on high you received divine grace to care for those threatened by danger. Thus, you were able to rescue the young girl from bitter death, and give her back to her mother unharmed. For this Edessa glories in you, and the whole world exults because of you.”

Kondakion for the holy martyrs, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:4-10
NEXT SUNDAY: EPHESIANS 2:14-22

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37
NEXT SUNDAY: LUKE 12:16-21

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

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| Today, November 15 | 11:45 a.m. Baptism of Emilia Mary, daughter of Sarah and Rob Kapitan |
| Friday, November 20 | 7:00 p.m. Vigil of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple |
| Saturday, November 21 | 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Hts. 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions |

Daily Scripture Readings

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| Monday, November 16 (Apostle Matthew) | I Thessalonians 2:20-3:8 I Corinthians 4:9-16 | Luke 14:12-15 Matthew 9:9-13 |
| Tuesday, November 17 | I Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Luke 14:25-35 |
| Wednesday, November 18 | I Thessalonians 4:1-12 | Luke 15:1-10 |
| Thursday, November 19 | I Thessalonians 5:1-8 | Luke 16:1-9 |
| Friday, November 20 | I Thessalonians 5:9-13,24-28 II Corinthians 11:1-6 | Luke 16:15-18; 17:1-4 Luke 9:57-62 |
| Saturday, November 21 | Hebrews 9:1-7 | Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 |

TODAY IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST.

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

20, 21 Deanery Youth Retreat at St. Theodosius
21, Saturday 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Advent Retreat at Archangel Michael's Church

DECEMBER:

8, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Women's Club St. Nicholas Dinner at Carrie Cerino's
13, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Women' Club meeting
5:00 p.m. Inter-Orthodox Nativity Concert at St. Paul's, 4548 Wallings Rd.

MEMORY ETERNAL:

Ann Darcy fell asleep in the Lord on November 8 and was buried Friday, November 13.

ALTAR SERVER VESTMENTS:

We plan to outfit our altar servers with new blue vestments Fabric has been chosen, and donations are being received. Please consider a donation to this worthy cause.

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. Menu selections are Veal La Tosca, Eggplant Parmigiana, or Saute Scampi a la Cerino. Contact Jewelann Stefanar for reservations; 216-741-0985.

THANK YOU!

The Women's Club thanks all who supported the Fashion Show/Silent Auction/Bake Sale. We were fortunate to realize a profit of \$3000.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

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

HOLY TRINITY FAMILY GIFT:

Anyone wishing to donate towards the purple Deacon's vestments for Jacob Hatch, please sign up in Father's office. Make checks out to Holy Trinity.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Vera Yanko.

ETHNIC FOODS SALE:

Last Sunday's 2-hour Food Sale earned \$1111.00. The Ethnic Foods Group will donate \$1000 to the new blue altar servers' vestments.

HTOC YOUTH:

Join Deanery youth at the retreat, "Peer Pressure vs. Orthodoxy," on Friday, Nov. 20, 6:00-9:00; and Saturday, Nov. 21, 9:00-5:00, hosted at St. Theodosius Church. See Karen Mravetz for details.

ADVENT RETREAT AND DIVINE LITURGY:

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?" There will be no Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity that morning; please attend St. Michael's to celebrate the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple.

CLEVELAND PLAYHOUSE OUTING:

Join us for "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Cleveland Playhouse on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Contact Maggie Burgan at 234-380-1259.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered in memory of Ann Darcy.

BULLETIN BOARD:

As the holiday season nears, there are many events sponsored by area churches. Please check the bulletin board each week for information.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

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| REGULAR COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 8 | \$ 3514.00 |
| CHILDREN'S COLLECTION | 6.00 |
| CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT | 886.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | 207.00 |
| MORTGAGE FUND | 415.00 |
| CANDLES | 240.00 |

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COMPASSION

“Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with compassion for her son, and she said, ‘O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!’ but the other said, ‘let him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him!’” (I Kings 3:26)

When one thinks of King Solomon’s wisdom, she has in mind the famous order he gave when two women both claimed a newborn male child as hers - *“cut the child in two, and give each woman half,”* anticipating the response from each mother. The term in Hebrew for compassion is of the same root as womb. How singular to identify the definition: *to feel with* has no loftier understanding than the affection of a woman for the living person within her pregnant body.

When we have been for a generation aligned with the pro-life movement to bring our nation to its collective senses regarding the ultimate bond of woman and her unborn child, at the end it is a call to look inward. Listen to your heart. Get to know and do not react against the promptings of life which every female creature recognizes as a call from the Creator to act as an agent of the form of life being shaped and developed within her or it, in the case of animals, fish and birds. From the unfortunate philosophies since the eighteenth century that identify thinking with existence and setting human kind apart from the rest of creatures, we must do the opposite; that is, to educate all human beings and especially females in coming to realize how much we share with all living things.

Of course, primarily with young women who are encouraged in this culture so out of touch with history and tradition to abort their “unwanted” children yet to be born, but to follow that with identifying with life in general, including flora - plants, flowers, trees, and all existence on the land and in the seas. The essence of “greening,” now a catch-word for environmental protection, has to do with compassion, taking responsibility as earth’s royalty to act as responsible stewards of life blessed by the Creator God in the Bible’s story of creation.

Take as model Jesus Christ our Lord, God and Savior. When in St. Mark’s gospel we read that *“He was with the wild animals”* (1:13), it’s more than a mere observation. We understand that the Son of God is recapitulating in action what Adam was ordered to do. Christ is making the wilderness an Eden of sorts, with His compassionate heart He is at least for the time spent in the wilderness fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah when *“The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox...they will neither harm nor destroy in all My holy mountain”* (Isaiah 65:25). Predators and their victims will exchange instinctive hostility and live in peace – so say the prophets. When we read of certain saints of the desert and forests who learned to live with, feed and tame bears and lions, we realize that they have come to express the same compassion that Jesus instituted into a world of rapacity and killings. If His fellow citizens of Nazareth had only listened when He opened the scriptures, found the place where He began: *“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me...”* (Isaiah 61:1) and heard Him out rather than rebuke Him, would the Good News have begun that Sabbath? It wasn’t to be. But it is for us who call ourselves by His name to imbibe His message ourselves, convict our hearts by its message, identify with the compassion of the Son of God, and not just live by its revolutionary truth, but share it as evangelists to a culture whose values are contrary to God’s plan for His world.

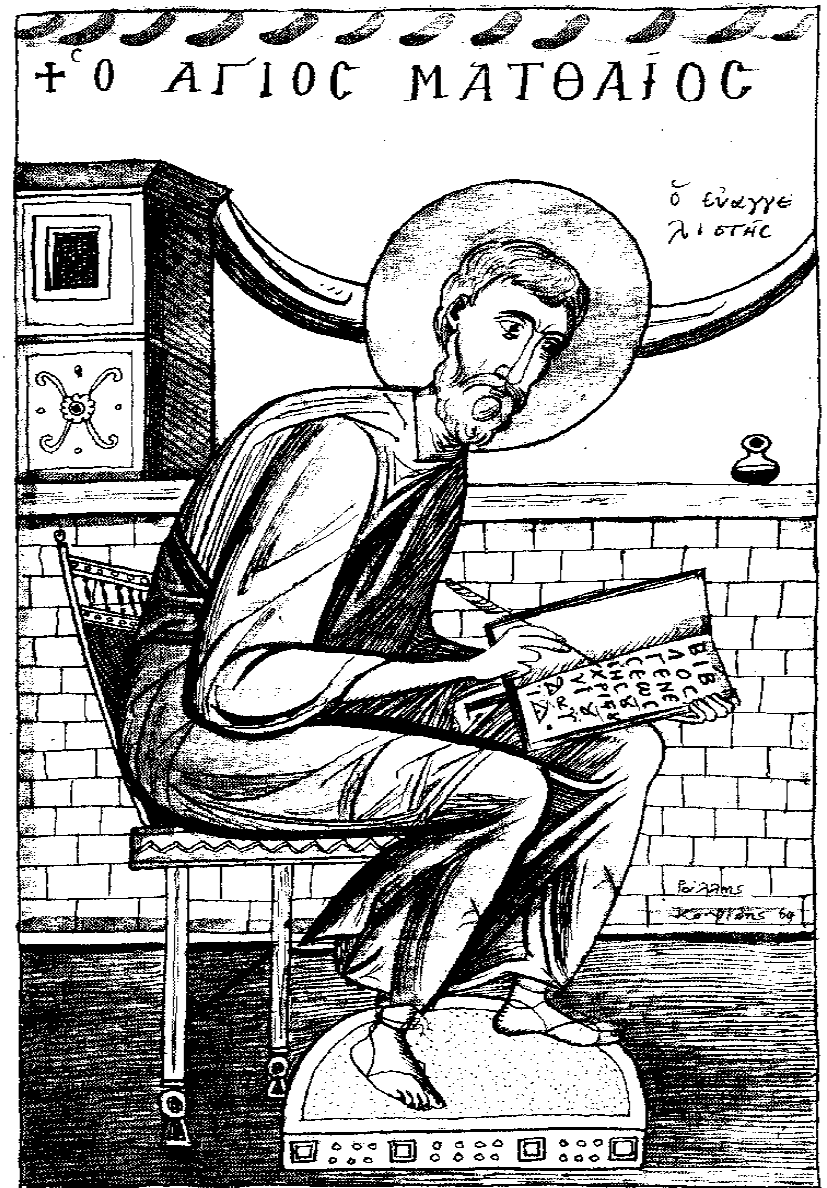
Father Vladimir Berzonsky

OUR COLLEGE KIDS

An ongoing segment highlighting our HTOC children....

JUSTINE PALIVODA, daughter of Lisa and Jack Palivoda, is a junior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She is pursuing a Strategic Communications Degree and doing very well academically. This past summer Justine had an internship in New York City (Manhattan) and thoroughly enjoyed her six weeks in the “big city.” Justine is on the Dance Team and has competed in Nationals for Dance the past 2 years, achieving an 11th place and a 6th place finish.

JIM HASTINGS, son of Diane Hastings, is doing well at Ohio State University. While in high school, he had completed Advanced Placement courses and tests, and he was able to place out of the first quarter of Calculus as well as the requirement of English at OSU. As an Engineering major / walk-on for the OSU football team, Jim is diligently working and often borders on exhaustion! But he truly appreciates the chance to be challenged in both academics and athletics. Jim is number 35 on defense, linebacker under Austin Spitler (two or three under him!). He now dresses for home games and sits with the team on the sidelines.



HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW

Monday, November 16

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