

THE TRINITARIAN

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(During the Months of September thru May)

Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
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TONE 8

JANUARY 29, 2012

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of Zacchaeus

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch;

St. Lavrentii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Turov;

Sts. Gerasim, Pitirim, and Jonah, Bishops of Perm;

Martyrs Romanus, Jacob, Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian, and Paregonius, at Samosata;

Martyrs Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius the Reader

**SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT,
GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Monday, January 30

“Into eternal rest and the enjoyment of Your heavenly delights, O Lord, You have welcomed these priests and teachers of divine truth, for they are the first among all teachers. And You accepted their labors and sufferings in preference to any offering, O You Who alone glorify Your saints.”

Kondakion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I TIMOTHY 4:9-15

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 19:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY: II TIMOTHY 3:10-15

NEXT SUNDAY: LUKE 18:10-14

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, February 1	7:00 p.m. Vigil of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
Thursday, February 2	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy -- The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
Saturday, February 4	4:00 p.m. Baptism of Jalynn Ann, daughter of Jennifer and Mark Skor
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 30	Hebrews 13:7-16	Matthew 5:14-19
Tuesday, January 31	I Peter 2:21-3:9	Mark 12:13-17
	I Peter 3:10-22	Mark 12:18-27
Wednesday, February 1	I Peter 4:1-11	Mark 12:28-37
Thursday, February 2	Hebrews 7:7-17	Luke 2:22-40
Friday, February 3	I Peter 4:12-5:5	Mark 12:38-44
	II Peter 1:1-10	Mark 13:1-8
Saturday, February 4	II Timothy 2:11-19	Luke 18:2-8

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

29, TODAY 3:00 p.m. HTOC Banquet to honor Father Vladimir and Margarita

FEBRUARY:

6, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

9-10 Orthodox Christian Fellowship events at Malone University

13, Monday 1:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

27, Monday Great Lent begins

EVENTS AT MALONE UNIVERSITY:

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church of Canton invites all to attend events at Malone University the church is co-sponsoring as part of their St. Jacob of Alaska Writers Series. Orthodox poet and essayist Scott Cairns will speak on February 9-10, at 7:00 p.m. on each day. See the bulletin board for details.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet on Monday, Feb. 13, at 1:00 p.m. We will discuss excerpts from the book Mother Maria: Her Life in Letters. See Tara Reidy for the copied materials.

TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:

The covers and flowers today are offered by Harry and Ruthe Flewelling.

ST NICHOLAS UGANDA CHILDREN'S FUND:

Copies of the January newsletter from the St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund are available in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES:

For additions or changes to the HTOC Prayer List, please contact Mimi Matheis at 440-886-6945; or email mamatheis@earthlink.net.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Envelopes for your 2012 donations are now available in the Fellowship Hall.

COFFEE HOUR:

As always, remember that donors for our weekly refreshments are needed and greatly appreciated!

“Let us look and learn how to glorify God. The only way we can glorify Him is as the Son has glorified Him. But by that, by which the Son has glorified His Father, was He also glorified by the Father. Let us then strive to do what the Son has done, so as to glorify our Father Who is in heaven, and Who deigned so to call Himself, and be ourselves glorified by Him through the glory of the Son ‘which’ the Son ‘had with’ Him ‘before the world was’ (John 17:5). This is the cross -- to become dead to the whole world, to suffer sorrows, temptations and other passions of Christ; in bearing this cross with complete patience, we imitate Christ’s passion and thus glorify our God the Father as His sons in grace and co-heirs of Christ.”

St. Simeon the New Theologian

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JANUARY 22	\$ 3049.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	5.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	2306.00
BUILDING FUND	187.00
MORTGAGE FUND	182.00
CANDLES	115.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	10.00

THE WORLD TO COME

*“I look for [yearn for] the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come”
(Ending of the Nicene Creed)*

Funeral homes – as they are called nowadays – are not literally “homes,” but more like way stations; or put in a more contemporary phrase, “terminals.” They are a stopping place on the way from life to life everlasting, our earthly houses and our eternal residence. They offer a welcome service to the family of the deceased, photographs from the past life. Some, utilizing modern technology, present slide shows, affirming the blessings of human existence. But death is not the conclusion of existence. Jesus makes that point clear in the gospel; otherwise His command to *“Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead,”* (Matthew 8:22) seems harsh and insensitive. What does He mean, and why would He say this?

He is referring to His own people and to those who are also fixated by death. They are unable to grasp the significance of His cross, that *“stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Greeks...but to those who are called...the power of God and the wisdom of God”* (1 Corinthians 1:23). The Nicene Creed begins by defining the divine Father and concludes with our desire to be with Him forever. Here is the ultimate purpose of life. All that happens from birth to death plays a part in our salvation. Here is the true peace that transcends all comprehension. Here is where the believer will uncover the secret joy within the soul. Only Christ can deliver such ecstasy. Here is why Jesus compels us to get beyond mourning and greet the everlasting morning that has no evening. A Russian poet, Zinaida Nikolayevna Hippus, wrote:

*I shall not leave too long a trace
In people's painless memory...
This ghost of life if hollow, false
And vague. What good is it for me?
But here on this earth while my flesh
Can still alive and breathing be,
I have but one concern and care:
That God will never forget me.*

[Memories]

When we conclude every funeral and requiem with the haunting phrase: *“Let [his/her/their] memory be eternal!”* we realize that with the saints who are canonized by the Holy Church, most of the rest of us eventually will be forgotten by the world that gets along fine without us – that doesn't much matter. However, the Almighty Who knows how many hairs are on our heads [Matthew 10:30] will never forget who we are, who we were, and what we became through our ordeal of life on the planet earth. When we come to the end that is no end but a beginning of life everlasting, the Lord God of love will never forget us. Indeed, it may be that He will hold up before us the *“white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it,”* [Revelations 2:17] and if found worthy we shall learn what it was that the Lord Himself had intended for our sojourn on earth, and how near or far we had come to having achieved His plan for our lives. Beyond that, if found worthy, *“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life.”* [3:5]

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

THE THREE GREAT HIERARCHS

“Each has his personal feast day in the month of January: Basil on the 1st, Gregory on the 25th and Chrysostom on the 27th. The common feast we celebrate today was instituted in the 11th century, in the time of the Emperor Alexius Comnenus. At one time there was a quarrel among the people about who was the greatest of the three. Some gave Basil the pre-eminence for his purity and courage; others Gregory for the unfathomable depth and height of his theological mind; others still Chrysostom for the wonderful beauty of his speech and the clarity of his presentation of the Faith. So the first were called Basilians, the second Gregorians and the third Johannites.. But, by the providence of God, this dispute was resolved to the benefit of the Church and the yet greater glory of the three saints. The Bishop of Euchaita, John (June 14), had a vision in his sleep, in which each of these saints appeared to him in great glory and indescribably beauty, and then all three together. They then said to him: ‘We are one in God, as you see, and there is no dispute among us...neither is there among us a first or a second.’ The saints also advised Bishop John to compile a common feast for them and to set aside for them a day of common commemoration. The quarrel was settled as indicated by the wonderful vision; January 30th being set aside for the common commemoration of the three hierarchs.”

From The Prologue from Ochrid

THREE HIERARCHS



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SAINT GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN,
SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
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FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 p.m. Vigil of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple	2 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple	3	4 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
5 Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernigov	6 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting T H I S	7 I S A	8 F A S T -	9 F R E E	10 W E E K .	11 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
12 Sunday of the Prodigal Son St. Meletius; St. Aleksy	13 1:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle	14	15	16	17	18 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
19 Sunday of Meatfare Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon	20	21	22	23	24	25 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
26 Sunday of Cheesefare The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise	27 Beginning of Great Lent Strict Fast	28	29			

BRIEF PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY, 2012

By Father Vladimir Berzonsky

1. Wed. I Peter 4:1-11 Mark 12:28-37 Good Lord, open the minds and bless the consciences of all young women considering aborting unwanted pregnancies.
2. Thu. Hebrews 7:7-17 Luke 2:22-40 Lord Jesus, help me to recognize You and welcome You into my life as St. Simeon did in the Temple of Jerusalem.
3. Fri. II Peter 1:1-10 Mark 13:1-8 O good Simeon, pray that I may realize the Messiah in the Temple of my heart and thank His Father, then serve Him diligently with all my being.
4. Sat. II Timothy 2:11-19 Luke 18:2-8 Lord Almighty, hear our prayers we offer for the suffering people in the Holy Land, Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere in the Middle East.
5. Sun. II Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14 Dear Lord, help our nation's people to care more for the homeless in this winter, providing them shelter, warmth and food.
6. Mon. II Peter 1:20-2:9 Mark 13:9-13 Holy Spirit, comfort all afflicted with depression, having surrendered to despair, lost the will to live, or being unable to discover the good in themselves.
7. Tue. II Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23 Dear Jesus, may I be numbered among Your flock, a lamb washed in Your blood, listening to Your voice and not obeying my own whims.
8. Wed. II Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:24-31 St. Theodore, army general, pray with us for our armed forces, that they be safe, that they preserve peace and conquer terrorism.
9. Thu. I John 1:8-26 Mark 13:31-14:2 Blessed St. Innocent of Irkutsk, patron of Siberia and Alaska, pray for your people, the Orthodox in Alaska, who keep the faith despite all obstacles.
10. Fri. I John 2:7-17 Mark 14:3-9 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.
11. Sat. II Timothy 3:1-9 Luke 20:46-21:4 Father of all life, I pray for the animals in winter's cold, some hunted, many starving, attacked by predators and poachers alike.
12. Sun. I Cor. 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32 Grant courage and faith to the sufferers, and help us find cures for the illnesses such as MD, MS, Alzheimer's, diabetes and other ailments that afflict our people and cause them to live in pain.
13. Mon. I John 2:18-3:10 Mark 11:1-11 Holy Spirit, strengthen me to struggle against the passions, anger, frustrations, disappointments, and urges that cause me to despair and lose hope.
14. Tue. I John 3:11-20 Mark 14:10-42 Blessed St. Cyril, giver of a written language to Slavs, pray with us that all Slavs use that gift to lift up their prayers to the Lord.
15. Wed. I John 3:21-4:6 Mark 14:43-15:1 Holy Spirit of God, I plead that You inspire me with the faith I had as a child, to become again pure and zealous to serve the Father.
16. Thu. I John 4:20-5:21 Mark 15:1-15 Blessed martyrs of Moslem nations, pray with us that peace be restored between those countries, the U.S.A. and western Europe.

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17. Fri. II John 1:1-13 Mark 15:22-25,33-41 Heavenly Father, we pray for all the suffering people of nations in a time of instability, that they be given life with justice and dignity.
18. Sat. I Cor. 10:23-28 Luke 21:8-9,25-27,33-36 Lord, let the dove of peace fly in the skies of our world and alight on those places where warfare and killing still continue.
19. Sun. I Cor. 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46 Dear Lord, comfort and protect our elderly ones who fear of terrorism, the cost of living, and the changing times.
20. Mon. III John 1:1-15 Luke 19:29-40 Help me know Your Father, O Jesus my Savior, and let me understand Your gospel better, so that I may please the Father and You
21. Tue. Jude 1:1-10 Luke 22:39-42,45-23:1 Holy Spirit, be the peace of rape victims, that they may feel cleansed of the anger, shame, hatred, confusion, panic, and despair. Let them sleep easily once more.
22. Wed. Joel 2:12-26 Joel 3:12-21 When I see that sinners, con artists, and frauds advance beyond the faithful, gentle, and meek, I am upset. Help me, Lord, to understand that each of us will be judged and rewarded in Your good time.
23. Thu. II Cor. 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15 Teach me to guard my words and set a watch over my emotions, for this will keep me from trouble.
24. Fri. Zechariah 8:7-17 Zechariah 8:19-23 Holy John the Baptist, pray that I may struggle with the temptations and hunger as you did in the desert, learning my weaknesses and strengths.
25. Sat. Romans 14:19-26 Matthew 6:1-13 Jesus, if John the Baptist was unworthy to untie Your shoe laces, how much less am I; yet You have come to abide in me, and I thank You.
26. Sun. Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21 Thank You, Jesus, for having made the inconceivable and incomprehensible Father accessible to a sinner like me.
27. Mon. Isaiah 1:1-20 Genesis 1:1-13 Grant me the vision of Your Kingdom, O Holy Trinity, as I travel once more the road of salvation, working to shed my sins and serve only You.
28. Tue. Isaiah 1:19-2:4 Genesis 1:14-23 Jesus, bless our monks and nuns. Inspire them to continue the way of the saints, by fasting and prayers, selflessness and hard work.
29. Wed. Isaiah 2:3-11 Genesis 1:24-2:3 Holy Mother Xenia, pray for all who do harm to the harmony of the Church.

Lord now let Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your will;
For my eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared before the face of Your people.
A light to enlighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.