

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

- 21-22 Deanery Teen Retreat at Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Hts.
- 22, Saturday 4:00 p.m. Young Adults service and serving of dinner at St. Herman's
- 23, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Corn and Hot Dog Roast
- 28, Friday 7:00 p.m. HTOC night with Lake County Captains
- 31, Monday 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

KITCHEN NEEDS:

Anyone wishing to donate tomato soup or bacon, please leave it in the kitchen.

If you no longer need or use these items, please donate them to our church kitchen: Spritz cookie press and discs; Pizzelle maker; Cookie sheets; Large bowls; Any stainless steel cooking and baking items. See Margarita with any questions.

ETHNIC FOODS:

There will be a sale of stuffed cabbage and other ethnic foods on September 17-18.

YOUNG ADULTS:

Vespers and serving the evening meal at St. Herman's (4410 Franklin Blvd; Cleveland 44113), will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 8/22. Please RSVP to Lea Georgantas (lmgeorga@yahoo.com; 315 -289-4298) by 8/20.

TEEN RETREAT:

Ages 13-20 are invited to Archangel Michael Church on Friday, Aug. 21, 6:00 p.m. till Sat. Aug. 22, 11:00 a.m. for fun, food, and fellowship. There is no cost. Bring sleeping bag, pillow, clothes, and personal items. Clergy and adult youth advisors are also invited. See bulletin board for details.

ARCHIVES:

Thank you for filling the "Archives Trunk" with mementos of Holy Trinity's history. We will start selecting items; please continue to look through albums for pictures, publicity, and other items of interest. Photos need to be identified and noted if it is to be returned to donor. Call Alice Reta (440-526-3613) for more information.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by the Ray Family.

BLESSINGS:

To all the men who parked autos for our Pokrova neighbors last weekend.

To those who organized the canoeing trip -- last Thursday 25 of us enjoyed splashing and paddling along the Mohican River in central Ohio.

DEAR LORD...

...Please be kind to those who are affected by job loss. Help them through troubled times, and let family members show even more love to one another.

If any know of job leads, please let our people know.

IN TOUCH:

Kindly call the church office Monday or Thursday, 9:00-1:00, and let us know of college students' names, schools, cell phones numbers, and e-mail addresses.

LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS:

All are invited to a night out watching a game of baseball on Friday, August 28, 7:00 p.m., at the Eastlake Stadium. We'll see a Captains vs. Lakewood Blue Claws game, followed by fireworks. Watch the bulletin board for further details.

CORN AND HOT DOG ROAST:

Reserve Sunday, Aug. 23, immediately after Liturgy to enjoy food and a sing-along. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall; adults - \$5; children - \$2. The corn is from the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Bakan's son.

COFFEE HOUR:

Tony Eschuk, in gratitude to the Lord for healing and appreciation to all of you for the calls, visits, cards and prayers, is sponsoring today's coffee and donuts for all.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Pinchot Family.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, AUGUST 9	\$ 3802.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	35.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	261.00
BUILDING FUND	100.00
MORTGAGE FUND	341.00
CANDLES	163.00

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Your Council

- Barry Gluntz, Pres
- Nick Wislocki, VP
- Gene Filipow, Treas
- Dave Howe, FinSec
- Nichole Prescott, Sec
- Tony Eschuk, Grounds
- Tim Klembara, Chairman
- Mike Burgan, Parish Health
- Paula Svilar, Groups
- Lisa Palivoda, Fundraising
- Alex Cundik, Fund-raising, Golf Outing
- Ben Hatch, Communications
- Allie Kolberg, Student Member

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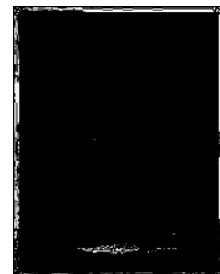
Bose Stereo System

We are almost there. Thanks to all who donated, and to the women who cooked, baked, and sold their way to earning almost half the donated money. All that is left to earn is \$850. Can you make a donation and put us over the top?

As part of the project, the installer set up 9 receiver devices throughout the church and determined where the current system had dead spots, echos and harmonics causing too much noise. They then evaluated our current equipment and determined what

could be reused. The new system will have two towers in the front of the church and multiple speakers placed throughout the church.

Give this group a lot of credit, they financed the project without needing any money from the general fund, and they will start on the project as soon as the last \$850 is collected. This meets the stipulations set forth by council when the project was approved in January. Any questions about the Bose System can be directed to Barry Gluntz.



Bose system Should be Installed in September

Upcoming Events

Join us at some of our upcoming events:

- Canoeing at Mohican Thursday, August 13 8am—4 pm
- Lock-in at St. Michaels Teens 13—18 Fri Aug 21—Sat Aug 22
- Corn Roast Sun August 23 Following Divine Liturgy
- Baseball At Lake County Captains Fri August 28th at 7:05



What is Page Three???

Page Three is a new publication by our Parish Council Communications Committee. The PCCC has been tasked with keeping a running calendar of events within our church and making more information available about the inner working of council and our leadership.

We will bring to you in this news-

letter information about the goings-on inside and outside of our church. We will be publishing Deanery wide events as well as Pan-Orthodox functions.

Additionally, we will report activities of different groups within the church, council decisions, fund-raising activities, and future programs.

Keep an eye out for this important addition to our Trinitarian.

BIBLE READING

“You study diligently the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life.” (John 5:39)

This phrase explains the action during the poignant Pre-Sanctified Liturgy performed only during the Great Lent. The royal doors are opened, the readings from Genesis or Exodus, Psalms or Proverbs heard, the celebrant holding the smoking censer and candle turns to the congregation and announces: *“The light of Christ illuminates everything.”* The scriptures having just been read require interpretation. They all point to the Messiah. They all look forward to the life, ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior.

He was speaking to His own people, the Israelites. They missed the point then and they still do. That happens when a person:

A. Has not the Holy Spirit in his or her heart. Those who hear the word of the Lord and are listening for a verification of their own mental image of who the Lord is and what He would say and teach bring to the Bible their own agenda, and they are not prepared to hear the word of the Lord.

B. Understands the Bible as the word of the Lord but resists the living Word who came into the world to save sinners, the God-Man Jesus Christ. The word can be Law. That they accept, but the word as Person is unacceptable to them. It's one thing for us to say that, but another to read every passage with the image of Jesus of Nazareth before our faces and in the eyes of our minds. How can we criticize the Jews who study the Bible every day of their lives if we do not have the ability to comprehend what it means: *“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth”* and *“We have beheld His glory.”* What is His glory, and when did we see it?

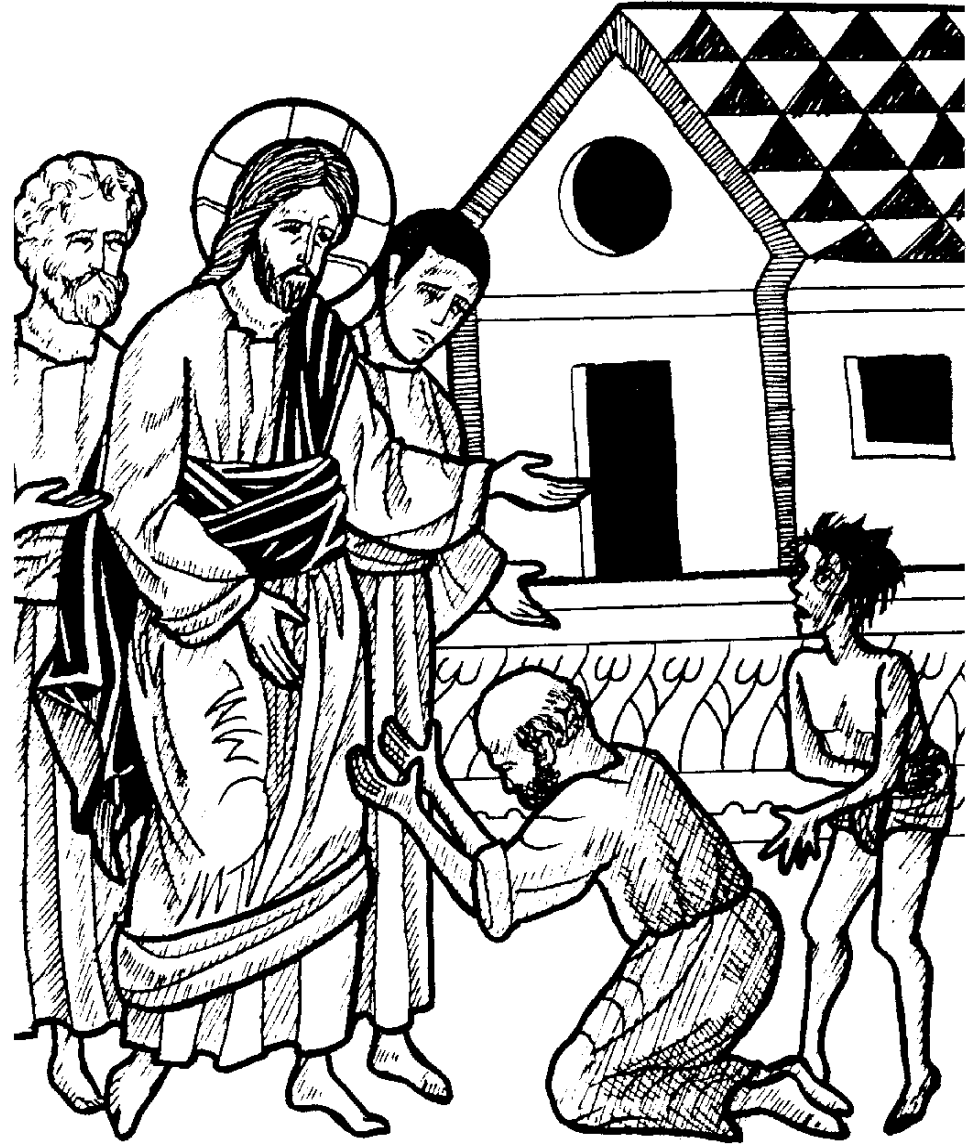
I recall the class in seminary, Homiletics, taught by Metropolitan Andrei of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church. Oddly, he didn't have us deliver homilies; rather, he explained what they were, how they were to be delivered, and what ought to be the ultimate outcome of our preaching. He gave an order to us that is locked in my memory: *“Young men, you must read the Bible every day of your lives. Even after you have memorized it – because the Bible never changes, but you do.”* He was so right. By now I have memorized much if not most of the Psalms, for example, simply because they are recited again and again in our public and private worship. Nevertheless, moments of insight arise when my mind latches onto the meaning of a phrase in a way that it never quite realized before. “Yes,” the word meets the moment. Like the Titanic meeting the iceberg, the experience of the day is illumined by the ancient hymn, and I grasp the meaning with my soul. Was it Jesus or was it the Holy Spirit, or both? Dare I consider that the Father addressed me through the text in ways that He spoke to Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Moses? Is that the height of presumption? Who can say?

What I know is that Jesus Christ is leading me on the Way. His icon is always in front of me. I cannot read the sacred Scriptures without His face before my eyes. His life, message, death and resurrection give meaning to a world that oscillates from Him to Satan, now doing glorious deeds to enhance all living things that share our time and space, now acting in horrendous ways to negate all the praiseworthy actions that make us proud to be humans. We are queer creatures, impossible to anticipate, but *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”*

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

Beloved Father, we lift up our prayer on behalf of our spiritual family members who are now unemployed. Severed from their former jobs, they suffer from insecurity. Their spouses, children and extended relatives grieve over the consequences that come with these difficult times. We pray for a return to the stability that comes with employment; we plead with you to help them through the challenges and difficulties that they may be dealing with: depression; confusion; loss of hope and trust in Your loving care; anger; frustration; bitterness that spills over to those whose lives are affected by the situation; abandoning the support systems they had relied on, including faith in You, Lord, efficacy of prayer, joy of worship among us who love and care for them. Hear their prayers, Lord, understand their state of mind, forgive them the sins that accompany their plight, sins that come about in times of trouble, pour out the Spirit of love and compassion we implore in the Name of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and You, our heavenly Father, now and always and unto ages of ages. Amen.



Matthew 17:14-20

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