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May 2019 Bulletin
Christ is Risen!
Цррист ис Рисен! Христός Ανέστη!
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Hristos a inuiat!

From Fr. Dean

Christ is Risen!

Truly He is Risen!

Glory to His Third Day Resurrection!

We worship His Third Day Resurrection!

For 40 days after Pascha, until the Feast of our Lord's Ascension, we greet each other not with "Hi" or "Hello", but with "Christ is Risen", and respond with "Truly He is Risen!" These words are a proclamation and an affirmation of what we believe to be the essential message of the Christian gospel. This is the good news, or perhaps we should say the GREAT news! All that we are as Christians hinges upon these words.

Although we never hear it said outside of our worship services, we must never forget the second half of the dialogue. "Glory to His third day Resurrection! We worship His third day Resurrection!" These words are a proclamation and an affirmation of the significance of Christ's triumph over death.

These words set a tone for **action**. "We worship His third day Resurrection" is a statement of **action**. **It is faith in action. The Risen Christ is not merely given lip service. The Risen Christ is to be worshiped!**

It is interesting that the Divine Liturgy ends with "We worship (present tense) His third day Resurrection". The worship of the Risen Lord extends beyond the church building. It is an everyday, every moment act for the true believing Christian.

Living our Faith and sharing it, is an act of worship. If we adopt for ourselves this way of thinking, then we will be living this great message of hope and love as the Apostles did, affirming it, and proclaiming it to all who would hear it, not only by our words, but by our actions. A wise man once said "proclaim the Gospel and if necessary use words." Our actions speak louder than our words!

"We worship His third day Resurrection" are powerful words and should not be taken lightly. They are words that can inspire faith in others who hear them. They are words that will take on a special meaning only when they are said with conviction. Let us strive to be genuine Christians. Let us affirm who we are. Let us confess Jesus Christ whom we follow and how He bought salvation for us.



CHRIST IS RISEN!

Schedule of Services for May

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am May 5 with Fr Dean
Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am May 12 with Fr Dean
Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am May 19 with Fr Paul Costopoulos
Sunday Divine Liturgy (Pentacost) at 10:00 am May 26 with Fr Dean

Visitors

*A warm welcome to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.
We are glad to have you worship with us today.
While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians,
we invite those who are not Orthodox Christians to
remain until the end of the worship service,
and receive a blessing from our Lord Jesus Christ,
through the offering of the Blessed Bread.*

Please remember to allow handicapped parishioners, then children to receive Communion first.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in our Social Hall after Liturgy

Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday May 12 . . . The earliest known Mother's Day celebration dates back to ancient Greece. They honored Rhea (Mother of the Gods) at an annual Spring Festival, celebrating with flowers and honey cake. Holy Trinity will recognize the most senior and the youngest mother attending liturgy with half dozen roses. All other women will receive a single rose. A Special Luncheon will be hosted for the mothers/women of the Church after Liturgy.

New Orleans Greek Festival May 23-36 . . . Let's support our sister church, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New Orleans on Thursday May 23, Friday May 24, Saturday May 25 or Sunday May 26. The Greek Festival is always fun, with good food entertainment and family fun.

Religious Education . . . By weekly Orthodox study and lay prayer service on every other Wednesday. Lay service starts at 5:30. Contact Nancy Malek for information 228-265-1411.

Religious Needs . . . Clergy are available for talk, confession, pastoral counseling, spiritual care, individual prayer, etc. Tours of our church can be arranged. If you want to set up an appointment, please contact George Yurchak – 228-860-3376 or georgeyurchak@yahoo.com.

Church Thanks . . . Many thanks to all who helped and volunteered their time and effort through out the Lenten Season and especially through Holy Week. It was hard

work but spiritually rewarding. It shows us how we can all come together as an Orthodox Family and grow spiritually by giving of ourselves.

Anniversaries . . . Craig and Karen Henderson May 2. We would like to honor your anniversary. Contact George Yurchak 228-860-3376 or georgeyurchak@yahoo.com with your anniversary date if we missed you. May God grant you many years.

May Birthdays . . . Happy birthday to Larisa LeVaugh, May 3, Christopher Peters, May 6, Nancy Malek, May 8, Craig Henderson, May 10, Costa Vganges, May 17, Olga Black, May 29. If we don't have your birthday please tell us.



Get Well . . . Prayers and blessings to Fr Jim Karagas, Karen Bridges, Lela & Mitch Roberts, Photine Hagicostas, Angelo Hagicostas, Virginia Freeman, Nancy Malek, Tom Portaritis, Nicki Arnold, George Vaporis, Elizabeth, Vasili, and Katerina Vamvakas. Fr Dean will conduct home visitations and give communion to those parishioners who are ill and can't be with us for Liturgy. Please contact a parish council member or the priest to make arrangements. If we missed someone please contact Nancy Malek at 228-265-1411. We want to pray as a community for those that may be too ill to be with us during church services.

Prayer Box . . . We have a prayer box in the Narthex. If there is anyone you wish a prayer said, place their name in the box, or contact Nancy Malek at 228-265-1411.

Fellowship Hour After Liturgy . . . Holy Trinity needs every parishioner to sign up to host a fellowship hour after Sunday Liturgy. Everyone should be proud to host a fellowship hour. Show your culinary creativity or bring your favorite ethnic foods. Hosting a fellowship hour makes everyone more a part of the church community.

Ethnic Marketplace & Gift Corner . . . Please remember the Ethnic Marketplace and Gift Corner for your shopping needs. We have many ethnic items for sale. Included in the Marketplace are olive oil, halva, olives, jellies, pickled tomatoes, seaweed salad, candies, Greek cheeses and coffee, etc. In the Gift Corner we have Greek tablecloths and aprons, icons, bracelets, Greek coffeepot & coffee, jewelry, Greek CDs, incense and charcoal, Russian dolls, nesting dolls, lacquered Russian products, Russian kitchen supplies, Greek T-shirts, etc.

Prioritize Sunday as the Anchor of Your Family's Week

The Divine Liturgy is the primary worship service in the life of the Orthodox Church. It is where the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior is offered for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Simply put, attending the Divine Liturgy as a family should be a priority. The Lord's Day isn't merely the day we go to church – it is the primary day we become the Church – the people of God. (By George Tsongranis)

STEWARDSHIP

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2019

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is grateful for every donation received throughout the year. Your generous support enables Holy Trinity to spread the teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ, serve regular Divine Liturgies and Sacraments and provide spiritual nourishment to our faithful, their families and those in need. Your pledge of support is a sign of your heartfelt participation in the life of our parish family and it plays a vital role enabling us to meet our financial responsibilities.

We pray that everybody who attends Holy Trinity and cares for its financial security will make a pledge for 2019. If you haven't received a pledge form you can download it from www/holytrinitybiloxi.org website, under Stewardship or pick up a hard copy either at the candle counter or from any Parish Council member. You need to make a pledge as soon as possible. Pledge forms will be available at church. Please take a few minutes to fill out the pledge form and submit it to Craig Henderson (Stewardship Chairman), George Yurchak (President, Parish Council), or Rodney Bridges (Treasurer, Parish Council).

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH STEWARDS FOR 2019

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2019 Stewardship Program as of April 30, totaling \$37,320. Holy Trinity has received fifty-seven pledges from the following:

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Church Directory

Liturgical Services

Sundays – Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Church Clergy

Rev. Fr. Dean Gigicos

Chanters – Lead, Angelos Vamvakas,
Rodney Bridges, Hugh Donohoe, Luke Pappas,
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