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November 2021 Bulletin

From Fr. Paisius



lory to Jesus Christ! Greetings to all the faithful of Holy Trinity. We are pleased to once again have another opportunity to thank God for another month in which He has guided us and showered our community with His continued blessings.

As the local Body of Christ we have been given many opportunities to grow in our Faith as individuals and as a community. We have sought in many ways to grow in our Faith and to become more Christ-like. I pray that we all have worked diligently to grow in our daily relationship with God and to grow closer as a loving and caring community of fellow believers.

As we enter this new month of November our Holy Church draws our attention to the the celebrations and commemorations of this month. Our attention is directed to the Synaxis of the Archangel Michael on November 8, Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker on November 9, Saint John Chrysostom on November 13, Saint Paisius (Velichkovsky) on November 15, Entrance of the Holy Theotokos into the Temple on November 21, Holy Great Martyr Katherine on November 25 and the Holy Apostle Andrew on November 30. In each of these celebrations, we have opportunities to learn new yet traditional aspects of our Orthodox Faith. By engaging ourselves in these celebrations we cannot help but grow in our Faith and walk deeper in Christ.

In this month we also have a beautiful opportunity to honor the faithful men and women of our Parish who have been selected as Archangel Michael honorees. They have been selected by you their fellow parishioners because of their dedicated work on behalf of our Community. Because of the Covid circumstances, this umstances, this year these awards will be presented on Sunday, November 7 here in our parish. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to participate in honoring them for their faithful service.

In this month we also have a special opportunity to honor the Veterans of our Nation and our Parish Community of Veterans Day on November 11. We also have the opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for His blessings on our Nation and our community as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 25. Both of these holidays are a further opportunity for us to give thanks to God in a very special way for His continued care for us.

Finally in November we are called to begin to focus our attention on the coming celebration of the Incarnation- our God becoming man for our salvation- which is the central focus and meaning of the Nativity of Christ. We begin to focus our attention on the Birth of our Lord with the 40 day period known as the Nativity Fast from November 15-December 25. During this time we focus on preparing ourselves physically and spiritually through fasting from meat and dairy, through participating in Holy Confession, through practicing a more intentional prayer life, attending and participating in the Festal celebrations which prepare us, the giving of alms and visiting the sick and suffering, and engaging in good spiritual reading. Each of these are intended to help prepare us in soul and body to properly celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Let us endeavor and commit ourselves to fully entering into this season of preparing ourselves to welcome the Birth of our Lord.

May the Lord our God continue to bless us and may He guide us all as we journey together in this new month. May God with with us now and always!

Schedule of Services

Saturday, November 6, Great Vespers 6 pm

Sunday, November 7, 7th Sunday of Saint Luke, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am Archangel Michael Award Presentation and Luncheon.

Monday, November 8, Feast of Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Powers, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
Great Vespers with Artoklasia 6 pm

Tuesday, November 9, Saint Nektarios the Wonderworker, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Wednesday, November 10, Daily Vespers and Talk 6 pm

Thursday, November 11, Veterans Day, Orthros 9:30 am Memorial Service

Saturday, November 13, Feast of St. John Chrysostom, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
Great Vespers 6 pm

Sunday, November 14, 8th Sunday of Saint Luke/ Holy Apostle Philip, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am
Bridal Shower for Melissa Bridges

Monday, November 15, Saint Paisius (Velichkovsky) and Beginning of Nativity Fast, Orthros 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy 10 am (Name Day of Father Paisius McGrath)

Wednesday, November 17, Daily Vespers and Talk 6 pm

Friday, November 19, Russian Music Concert at Holy Trinity

Saturday, November 20, Great Vespers with Artoklasia 6 pm

Sunday, November 21, Entrance of Holy Theotokos into the Temple, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am, Parish General Assembly following.

Monday, November 22, Saint Iakovos of Evia, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Wednesday, November 24, Great Vespers 6 pm

Thursday, November 25, Saint Katherine the Great Martyr/ Thanksgiving Day, Orthros 9:30 am
Divine Liturgy 10 am

Saturday, November 27, Great Vespers 6 pm

Sunday, November 28, 10th Sunday of Saint Luke, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Monday, November 29, Great Vespers with Artoklasia 6 pm

Tuesday, November 30, Feast of Saint Andrew the First-Called Apostle, Orthros 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

Visitors

A warm welcome to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.
We are glad to have you worship with us today.
Please join us for Fellowship Hour in our Social Hall after Liturgy.

Visitors & Sacraments

Everyone is welcome in the Orthodox Church & may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the end of the service, but only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.



Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel - November 8th. . . . All the Angels, according to the Apostle Paul, are ministering spirits, - sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation - (Heb. 1:14). God set them as overseers of every nation and people, and guides to that which is profitable (Deut. 32:8); and while one

Angel is appointed to oversee each nation as a whole, one is also appointed to protect each Christian individually. He commands them to guard them that hope on Him, that nothing should harm them, neither should any evil draw nigh to their dwelling (Ps. 90:10-12). In the Heavens they always behold the face of God, sending up to Him the thrice-holy hymn and interceding with Him in our behalf, seeing they rejoice over one sinner that repents (Esaias 6:2-3; Matt. 18:10; Luke 15:7). In a word, they have served God in so many ways for our benefit, that the pages of Holy Scripture are filled with the histories thereof. It is for these reasons that the Orthodox Catholic Church, wisely honouring these divine ministers, our protectors and guardians, celebrates today the present Synaxis that is, our coming together in assembly for their common feast to chant their praises, especially for the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, who are mentioned in the Scriptures by name. The name Michael means "Who is like God?" and Gabriel means "God is mighty."

Apostle/Evangelist Mathew, - November 16th. . . . This Apostle, who was also called Levi, was the son of Alphaeus and had Galilee as his homeland. A publican before being called by Christ, he became one of the Twelve Apostles, and an Evangelist. While still in Palestine, he wrote his Gospel first in Hebrew, being also the first of all to write the Gospel. When he is depicted in icons, there is portrayed next to him the likeness of a man, one of the symbolic living creatures mentioned by Ezekiel (1.10), which, as Saint Irenaeus writes, is a symbol of our Saviour's Incarnation.



Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria - November 25th. . . . Saint Katherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constat (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Katherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Katherine.



Apostle Andrew, First Called - November 30th. . . . This Saint was from Bethsaida of Galilee; he was the son of Jonas and the brother of Peter, the chief of the Apostles. He had first been a disciple of John the Baptist; afterwards, on hearing the Baptist's witness concerning Jesus, when he pointed Him out with his finger and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1.29,36), he straightway followed Christ, and became His first disciple; wherefore he is called the First-called of the Apostles. After the Ascension of the Saviour, he preached in various lands; and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he died in Patras of Achaia, where he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an "X," the first letter of "Christ" in Greek; this cross is also the symbol of Saint Andrew.

A Special Thanks to our Veterans . . . We wish to honor our veterans this month and thank them for serving our great country and giving us the freedoms that our ancestors fought for. They are Mike Bodisch, Katria Brendemuehl, Robert Brouillette III, John Collins, George Contas, Ken Gestring, Angelo Hagicostas, Craig Henderson, John Koniditsiotis, Jaime Ross, Elena Shilova, Robert Tyson, George Vaporis, Demetri Vlahos, and George Yurchak.



We salute you.

Bridges Baby Shower Sunday, Nov 14 . . . Melissa and Caleb Bridges will be "showered" on Sunday Nov. 14 after Divine Liturgy. Please help us all welcome their new addition to Holy Trinity's church family. For more information contact Evie Magiros or Donna Collins.

International Men's Day Nov 19 . . . International Men's Day will be celebrated on Nov 19. The theme for 2021 is "Focus on Men's Health, Improving Gender Relations, Highlighting Male Role Models, and Promoting Positive Expressions of Masculinity." It is celebrated in over 60 countries. Holy Trinity will honor male parishioners with a special luncheon on Sunday, November 21st. Join us in celebrating the contribution our men make to Holy Trinity, to those around them, to their family and friends, their work place and community and America.

ChoRuss Vocal Ensemble Concert Nov 19 . . . Once again, our church is honored to have ChoRuss perform at Holy Trinity on Friday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 – 8:00 pm. This is part of their Southeast United States Concert Tour. Attached to this bulletin is the flyer with details of the concert.

Parish General Assembly Meeting, November 21 . . . Please put this on your calendar. We have four items to discuss : nomination of members for the Parish Council, nominations for the audit committee, mold issue, and a quick update on the Pastry Sale. Please insure you are up to date on your stewardship pledge in order to vote. Our treasurer will email a list of those who are current, and also post on our bulletin board.

Happy Thanksgiving . . . Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving are sent to all. May the joy, peace and sharing that was shown to the pilgrims from the American Indians, be with you and your family and that you pass it on as they did. Share the horn of plenty with love in your heart. May your families get together and share the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Offering Box . . . We will again have a container in the Church Fellowship Hall for each of us to make a food donation for a Thanksgiving offering (non-perishables only). We will donate it to a needy family or a charity organization on the coast. If you want to bring a bag of cat or dog food we will also take it to the Humane Society. Remember the pets. We have three more weeks to collect the food, so please bring with you when coming to Liturgy on Sundays. Thank you.

Christmas Pastry Sale, December 10, 11 & 12 . . . all parishioners are encouraged to help their church for the Christmas Pastry Sale this coming Dec. 10, 11, & 12. ***Please do not plan any vacations for this date, if possible, and mark your calendar for this event.*** Also please turn in your donations for the pastry sale, and help our church grow.

Community Christmas Card . . . Christ is Born, Glorify Him. Once again, our community will be preparing a Holy Trinity Christmas Card. We are certain all of you will want to extend your heartfelt Christmas greeting to all people in our community instead of mailing costly cards to members separately. A special card will be mailed to Holy Trinity members separately. Please provide donations (\$10 - \$20) by Sunday Dec. 5th to Chrysanthi Beach if you wish to be included in this year's Christmas card.

November Birthdays . . . Happy birthday to Christopher Tulberi-Nov 1, Theodore Chelmiss-Nov 2, Kosta Vlahos-Nov 3, Spiro Vganges-Nov 5, Maria Loukatos-Nov 8, Nick Miniotis-Nov 10, Greg Fhaires-Nov 15, Cristina Macovei- Nov 16, Photine Vlahos-Nov 19, Karen Bridges-Nov 23 and Karen Henderson-Nov 28.



November Anniversaries . . . Congratulations to Chrysanthi and Richard Beach who celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on November 27. May God grant them many years.

***Pastry Sale Items are now being ordered.
Order online at holytrinitybiloxi.org or pick up a form at church.
Please turn in your forms before Sunday Dec. 5,
or use the online ordering system.***

Fellowship Hour After Liturgy . . . Holy Trinity encourages our parishioners to sign up to host a fellowship hour after Sunday Liturgy. Thanks to everyone who has donated their delicious foods while hosting fellowship hour. Please continue to volunteer whenever you can.

Religious Needs

Clergy are available for talk, confession, pastoral counseling, spiritual care, individual prayer. Contact Fr Paisius at 724-841-9016 or you can email him at frpaisius@zoominternet.net. Tours of our church can be arranged also. If you want to set up an appointment, contact George Yurchak – 228-860-3376 or georgeyurchak@yahoo.com.

Many thanks . . . to all who helped and volunteered their time and effort at Holy Trinity. It is 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.

Get Well . . . Prayers and blessings to Fr Jim Karagas, Karen Bridges, Elizabeth Vamvakas, Photine and Angelo Hagicostas, George Vaporis, Lela & Mitch Roberts, Nikki Arnold, and Demetri Vlahos. Fr Paisius 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. 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.

Ethnic Marketplace & Gift Corner

For any purchases made, your first person to see is Chrysanthi Beach. If she is not available, please see George Yurchak, followed by Sheila Yurchak, and finally Soula Kiessling. Please remember the Ethnic Marketplace and Gift Corner for your shopping needs. We provide these items as a service to our parishioners and mark up the price we pay by only 10%. This allows Holy Trinity a small margin of fundraising profit and allows our parishioners the convenience of shopping at church.

We have a whole bunch of new 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 cashmere scarves, wool shawls, baby shirts, temple candle holders, paintable vases, Tsolias Greek Soldier Christmas ornaments, Greek Krater vases, amphora jars Spartan helmets, shields and swords Greek coffee cup set, Greek silverware set, bellydance skirts, Greek tablecloths and aprons, icons, bracelets, Greek coffeepot & coffee, jewelry, Greek CDs, incense and charcoal, Russian nesting dolls, lacquered Russian products, Russian kitchen supplies, Greek T-shirts, etc. All items will be on display during our Pastry Sale and during December.

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 are 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)

Prayer for the Military

We thank Thee, O Lord our God for all the blessings which Thou givest us. Thou has kept us by Thy power in good health during the night and Thou has called us up from sleep, that we may enjoy the light of day and to marvel at Thy Majesty. We entreat Thee, O Lord; grant that we may live this day without danger or sin, but full of Thy mercies and Thy divine care. Protect my family and the families of my fellow-servicemen from all evil. Enlighten the peoples who conquer and torture other nations; make them repent and seek peace, leaving other lands and their dwellers free. Open Thou the eyes of our mind to see Thy divine law and incline our hearts ever to do Thy commandments, to the glory of Thine all-holy Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

O Thou Loving Father of us all, Who are here and everywhere, let Thy blessing be upon my loved ones at home. Keep them in Thy gracious care, protect them by Thy power and make their hearts glad in the thought of Thy nearness. Help them and help me to feel that however separated we are by distance, in Thee we are close to each other. Amen.

Chaplain W. Basil Stroyen, USAF, wrote to Metropolitan Leonty during the Korean War, asking him for a prayer which would be appropriate for use the servicemen under his care. This prayer was sent to him. He had copies made for distribution and for pasting in the Divine Liturgy book, which was used at Services. It was recited by the congregation following the Services and used by many of the servicemen in their daily lives. Just two years ago a copy was sent to him a serviceman, who had kept it in his wallet since 1955. (Source: The Orthodox Herald, May 2003)

STEWARDSHIP

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2021

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 2021. 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), Donna Collins (VP Parish Council) or Rodney Bridges (Treasurer, Parish Council).

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH STEWARDS FOR 2021

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2021 Stewardship Program as of October 31, 2021. Holy Trinity has received pledges from 43 parishioners, totaling \$39,355, from the following:

Chrisanthi Beach	Craig & Karen Henderson	Louis & Linda Peters
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George Contas	George & Christina Loukatos	Spiro Vganges
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Church Directory

Church Clergy

Rev. Fr. Paisius

Chanters – Lead, Angelos Vamvakas, Melissa Bridges, Rodney Bridges, Hugh Donohoe, CoCo Collins, Akaterina Vamvakas

2021 Parish Council

President – George Yurchak
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Romanian Culture Chair – Meri Ionescu

Moldovan Culture Chair – Alexandru Tulburi

Russian Culture Chair – George Yurchak

Kazakhstan Culture Chair - Natalya Gray

Society of Wisdom – George Vaporis

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Greek Dance Instruction – Steve & CoCo Collins

Art Coordinator – Helena Docherty

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Parish Ministries

Feed the Hungry – Melissa Bridges

Ladies of the Agape Chair – Meri Ionescu

Stewardship Chair – Craig Henderson

Reader – Rodney Bridges, John Collins, CoCo Collins

Sunday School – Akaterina Vamvakas

Adult Education – Fr Paisius

Outreach – George Yurchak, Akaterina Vamvakas

Web Master – Steve Collins

Pastoral Assistant – Craig Henderson, Caleb Bridges, Mihail Kastrinos