

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Tone 8 || Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis (7th c.)

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 **GOSPEL:** LUKE 13:10-17

PARISH CONTACTS

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

8:40AM - Hours, 9:00AM - Divine Liturgy, Lenten Fellowship Hour.
No Education Classes today.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd:

5PM - Great Vespers, Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd:

8:40AM - Hours, 9:00AM - Divine Liturgy, Lenten Fellowship Hour.
10:30AM - Youth and Adult Education Classes

UPCOMING:

Tuesday, December 5th:

6:00pm - Vespers - St. Nicholas of Myra

Tuesday, December 12th:

6:00pm - Vespers - St. Herman of Alaska

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Fellowship Hour.

The Wonderworking Icon of the Mother of God from the Romanian Monastery of Nicula will be visiting HOLY TRINITY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (56 Andrews Street, VICTOR NY 14564-1262) on SATURDAY DECEMBER 9 & SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2017

This holy and wonderworking Icon of the Theotokos, located at the Nicula Monastery in north central Romania, has been the focus of veneration and pilgrimage for over three hundred and fifty years.

“For I was hungry and you gave Me food” - Matthew 25:35

Let us remember our Lord’s command as we continue the Nativity Fast this week. We have placed a large box in the vestibule for the collection of Non - Perishable food items that we will donate to a local Food Pantry just prior to the Feast of the Nativity. Please remember those who are less fortunate during this Holiday season. **Thank you to those who have already donated! May God Bless your Generosity!**

Christmas 2017 Donations for “Beautifying” our Church and “Remembering” our loved ones. Donations will be used toward the following Nativity and Theophany items: Flowers, Candles, and Altar Supplies. Please use the special envelopes marked Christmas 2017 appeal at the Candlestand.

2017 Annual Advent Retreat: Archbishop Michael will present his annual advent retreat at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Syracuse on **Saturday, December 16th from 9:30am to 3:00pm.** The theme is “The Fullness of the Church.” For meal planning, please RSVP at 315-468-0442.

Prayer List

Living:

Archpriest Jason
 Archpriest Herman
 Mat. Myra
 Rdr. Thomas
 Rdr. David
 Mat. Anna Jaime
 Peter Helen
 Leon Kristen
 Kate Kathleen
 Elizabeth Nadezhda
 Edith
 Epolita

Reposed:

Newly Departed:
 Archpriest Stephen (10/22)
 Katarina (11/17)

+Memory Eternal:
 Archpriest John U.
 Archpriest Alexander A.
 Priest John B.
 Deacon Mark H.
 Parker
 Lindsay
 Lucinda
 Hannah
 Louise

Traveling:

Anna - Studying in India
 Karney Family

Special Intentions:

Priest James and Family

Catechumen:

Theresa P (Tess)

Parish Children:

Lucia Angelina
 Jeremiah Thomas
 Andrew Nikolai
 Myra Melania
 Anthony Alexei
 Anysia Nadia
 Lydia Caleb
 Natalie Elijah
 Emilia Shiloh
 Patrick John
 Dimitri Julianna
 Jonah Larissa
 Gabriel Nathan
 Anna
 Katherine

Thanksgiving and Ascetical Thinking
 Fr. Theodore Bobosh

Every week in Orthodox churches in which the Divine Liturgy is celebrated, we give thanks to God. Eucharist – the word we use to refer to Communion – is the Greek work for thanksgiving. Every Liturgy is thus a thanksgiving service. That is the primary purpose of the Liturgy – it is how we Christians give thanks to God. We assemble together exactly for the purpose of celebrating our thanksgiving, every week, not just once each year. For us Orthodox thanksgiving is really a way of life, not a holiday we do one day in November. Our country’s thanksgiving holiday is just another chance for us to give thanks to God.

“A eucharistic ethos means, above all, using natural resources with thankfulness, offering them back to God. Such an attitude is incompatible with wastefulness. Similarly, fasting and other ascetic practices make us recognize even the simplest of foods and other creature comforts as gifts, provided to satisfy our needs. They are not ours to abuse and waste just so long as we can pay for them.”

We worship as a community, not as individuals; so a liturgical ethos is also one of sharing. Long before the earth was seen as a whole from space, the Church knew that we stand before God together, and that we hold in common the earthly blessings that He has given to mankind and all creatures. “Not to share our own wealth with the poor is theft from the poor and deprivation of their means of life; we do not possess our own wealth but theirs,” Saint John Chrysostom reminds us.

Fellowship Schedule:		Readers Schedule:	
Dec. 3rd Lenten Potluck Nativity Fast		Dec. 2nd:	Rdr. William
Dec. 10th Karney Family Nativity Fast		Dec. 9th:	Steve Cheplick
Dec. 17th: Cheplick Families Nativity Fast		Dec. 16th:	Alexander Charlanow
Dec. 24th: No Fellowship Nativity Fast Today		Dec. 23rd:	Sdn. Michael
Dec. 31st: Haluszczak and Plummer		Dec. 30th:	Rdr. Thomas