

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Tone 6 || Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 **GOSPEL:** MATTHEW 9:27-35

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

~ Dormition Fast ~

Sunday, Aug. 4th: 8:40am -
Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy,
followed by Fellowship

**Monday, August 5th: Eve of
Transfiguration, 6pm: Great
Vespers with Litya and Blessing
of Fruit**

**Tuesday, Aug.6th: Feast of the
Transfiguration, 8:40am -Hours,
9:00am - Divine Liturgy**

Saturday, Aug. 10th: 5pm -
Vespers

Sunday, Aug. 11th: 8:40am -
Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy,
followed by Fellowship

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.

Great Feast of the Transfiguration



The **Transfiguration** of Christ is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated annually on August 6. Jesus had gone with his disciples Peter, James, and John to Mount Tabor. Christ's appearance was changed while they watched into a glorious radiant figure. There appeared Elijah and Moses, speaking with Jesus. The disciples were amazed and terribly afraid.

This event shows forth the divinity of Christ, so that the disciples would understand after his Ascension that He was truly the radiant splendor of the Father, and that his Passion was voluntary (Mark 9:2-9). It also shows the possibility of our own theosis.

We will celebrate the Feast with Great Vespers on Monday at 6pm with the Blessing of “First Fruits” and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday Morning beginning at 8:40am with Hours.

Prayer List

+Memory Eternal:

- + Newly Departed, Leon Coval 6/24
- + Newly Departed, Douglas H., 7/4
- + Victims of Shooting in El Paso, TX & Dayton, OH

For the Health of:

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| Archpriest Stephen | Harriett |
| Archpriest Jason | Elizabeth |
| Archpriest Herman | Kristen |
| Archpriest John | Katherine |
| Rdr. David | Elizabeth |
| Rdr. Thomas | Anastasia |
| Ruth | Margarete |
| Helen | Mary Ann |
| Nadezhda | Sierra |
| Kathleen | Maria |
| Child Hannah | Michael |
| Kate | Gregory |
| Antonina | |
| Kathryn and newborn Sophia | |
| Sarah | |
| PJ Cardinale - leukemia. | |

Preparing for Baptism:

Infant Sophia - Sat., Sept 7th

Traveling:

All those traveling in this Summer season.

Special Intentions:

Bridget

Parish Children:

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

Thank you for your Generosity!!!

Last Sunday we presented Archbishop Michael with a donation of **\$700.00!!!!** that was raised for St. Andrew's Camp during our Special Appeal. This donation will be matched by a donor, bringing our contribution to \$1,400. for the camp! We thank all for their generosity and support for our Youth! May God Bless you!

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***Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!***

-Troparion for the Feast, Tone 7



### Fellowship Schedule:

**Aug. 11th: Lenten Fast** Dudek and Payzant

**Aug. 18th:** Haluszczak Family

**Aug. 25th:** Cheplick Family

**Sept. 1st:** Urda, Cusick and Speen

**Sept. 8th:** Charlanow Family

### Readers Schedule:

**Aug 10th & 11th:** Carol Haluszczak

**Aug. 17th & 18th:** Steve Cheplick

**Aug. 24th & 25th:** Rdr. William

**Aug. 31st & Sept.1st:** Alexander Charlanow

**Sept. 7th & 8th:** Sdcn. Shawn Michael

***Today the Holy Orthodox Church commemorates The Seven Youths of Ephesus: Maximilian, Iamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus (Constantine) and Antoninus.***

Saint Maximilian was the son of the Ephesus city administrator, and the other six youths were sons of illustrious citizens of Ephesus. The youths were friends from childhood, and all were in military service together. When the emperor Decius (249-251) arrived in Ephesus, he commanded all the citizens to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Torture and death awaited anyone who disobeyed. The seven youths were denounced by informants, and were summoned to reply to the charges. Appearing before the emperor, the young men confessed their faith in Christ.

Their military belts and insignia were quickly taken from them. Decius permitted them to go free, however, hoping that they would change their minds while he was off on a military campaign. The youths fled from the city and hid in a cave on Mount Ochlon, where they passed their time in prayer, preparing for martyrdom.

Learning where the young men were hidden, the emperor ordered that the entrance of the cave be sealed with stones so that the saints would perish from hunger and thirst. Two of the dignitaries at the blocked entrance to the cave were secret Christians. Desiring to preserve the memory of the saints, they placed in the cave a sealed container containing two metal plaques. On them were inscribed the names of the seven youths and the details of their suffering and death.

The Lord placed the youths into a miraculous sleep lasting almost two centuries. In the meantime, the persecutions against Christians had ceased. During the reign of the holy emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450) there were heretics who denied that there would be a general resurrection of the dead at the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of them said, "How can there be a resurrection of the dead when there will be neither soul nor body, since they are disintegrated?" Others affirmed, "The souls alone will have a restoration, since it would be impossible for bodies to arise and live after a thousand years, when even their dust would not remain." Therefore, the Lord revealed the mystery of the Resurrection of the Dead and of the future life through His seven saints.

The owner of the land on which Mount Ochlon was situated, discovered the stone construction, and his workers opened up the entrance to the cave. The Lord had kept the youths alive, and they awoke from their sleep, unaware that almost two hundred years had passed. Their bodies and clothing were completely undecayed. Preparing to accept torture, the youths once again asked Saint Iamblicus to buy bread for them in the city. Going toward the city, the youth was astonished to see a cross on the gates. Hearing the name of Jesus Christ freely spoken, he began to doubt that he was approaching his own city.

When he paid for the bread, Iamblicus gave the merchant coins with the image of the emperor Decius on it. He was detained, as someone who might be concealing a horde of old money. They took Saint Iamblicus to the city administrator, who also happened to be the Bishop of Ephesus. Hearing the bewildering answers of the young man, the bishop perceived that God was revealing some sort of mystery through him, and went with other people to the cave.

At the entrance to the cave the bishop found the sealed container and opened it. He read upon the metal plaques the names of the seven youths and the details of the sealing of the cave on the orders of the emperor Decius. Going into the cave and seeing the saints alive, everyone rejoiced and perceived that the Lord, by waking them from their long sleep, was demonstrating to the Church the mystery of the Resurrection of the Dead.

## BENEFIT CONCERT AND BANQUET

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th,  
2019**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Endicott will be conducting a BENEFIT CONCERT AND BANQUET on Saturday, August 17th, 2019 at St. Michael's Recreation Center on Clinton Street. Program will begin with a Classical Concert performed by an internationally known Pianist (and their former Choir Director) Gleb Ivanov at 5pm. Banquet will follow immediately after concert, from 6:15 to 8 pm. \$25 for adult ticket (12 & under free). All proceeds will go to benefit St. Andrew's Camp multi-purpose building Construction Project. Call Fr. Alexey for tickets: 607-759-1833.

## *Youth Day at Sea Breeze*

The New York State Deanery will host "YOUTH DAY" at Sea Breeze Amusement & Water Park in Rochester NY on Thursday, 22 August 2019. The event will begin with registration and a pancake breakfast/brunch at 10:00 a.m. followed by a day of fellowship and fun at one of the highest rated medium sized amusement venues in the nation. Parents will also be offered a program during the day if not helping as escort chaperones at the park. **The event is sponsored by the Diocese of New York and New Jersey at no cost to participants.**

For details: <https://nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events>

## Saint Andrew's Camp: ANNUAL BIKE RIDE

Do a charity bike ride this year! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, 24 August 2019** and bike for **Saint Andrew's Camp**. This ride is ideal for the person who has never attempted a charity bike ride. You CAN do this ride! The Ride offers 3 distances to choose from, each on flat to rolling terrain. Overnight accommodations are available at the camp.

SAINT ANDREW'S CAMP  
Annual Bicycle Ride Fundraiser!

