HUMILITY is this quality that makes us more like Jesus. Do not forget that pride is the first step towards a fall. Consider for a moment the humility our Lord displayed. He had a humble birth in a stable. During His ministry, Christ took upon Himself the form of a servant. He came to serve, not be served. In the end Jesus was obedient thru His painful death on the cross, dying for our salvation.

HOLINESS identifies us as Christians. We must have reverence and trust in our one true God. We recognize what we have done wrong, vow repentance and turn to Jesus for the remission of our sins. He is our example. By trusting in Christ as our Saviour, we receive the power to overcome hardship.

HEALTH of both body and soul will improve because of our holy lifestyle. There certainly are physical and spiritual benefits to be had. We are able to forgive because we have been forgiven. We can stop worrying because we have learned to trust God. We are able to find true joy because we walk in God's will.

HONOR the Lord with all your heart. Our Lord asked us to be charitable and giving of our riches. In doing so, God increases His Blessings. There is a phrase that goes: Fear says, "I'm afraid to give" while Faith says, "I'm so blessed I cannot withhold."

As we reflect inward, we must ask if we have been using these four basic keys to spiritual success. By doing so, our daily quality of life will be greatly improved.

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1 Peter 3:15; 17

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear, ...For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

FOLLOW THIS GUIDE FOR SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

You may be aware that the Church has laid out a path for us to achieve **SPIRITUAL SUCCESS.** Today we highlight several steps that can lead us to daily victory and an abundant life. They encompass the FOUR H's:

HUMILITY
HOLINESS
HEALTH
&
HONOR



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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Romans 15:1-7

Gospel
Matthew 9:27-35

Attendance
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Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Irene Heropoulos
In Loving Memory of her daughter, Paula Heropoulos, sister Mary and spouse Bill Bowen

Donated by Tom & Mary Papadopoulos
In Loving Memory of Elias Papadopoulos

August 15
Given by Maria Jordan for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Upcoming Memorials

August 18
Trisagion - Angelo Semertsidis (5 Yrs)

OFFICE SCHEDULE



Lori will be on vacation this week from Monday, August 12 through Thursday, August 15, 2024. The Church Office will be closed during this time.

Mark your calendar!

Sunday school starts September 15th!

We hope you are having a great break from class. But can't wait to see all the kids in September.

If you have any questions about Sunday school, please contact Kelly Antoniades at kellyantoniades@gmail.com or 330-704-4473.

See you all in class soon!

COFFEE HOURS AT HOLY TRINITY



Coffee Hours are a great start at making our visitors and friends feel welcome. Our goal from the Missions and Outreach Team for 2024 is to have a coffee hour following each Sunday Liturgy. Individuals and families are welcome to sign up. Pastries, coffee and juice are plenty; no need for a light meal. Tables will be set up and a Parish Council member will be in the kitchen to assist and guide you. **Will you consider hosting one?** Please call the Church Office if interested!

Orthodoxy 101 and 201 Classes



Sign up sheets are at the pangari for anyone interested in taking our classes on Orthodoxy 101 or 201 (New this fall). Classes begin on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM. See Father Nick for further information or any questions.

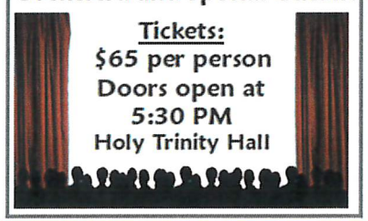
Annual House Blessings



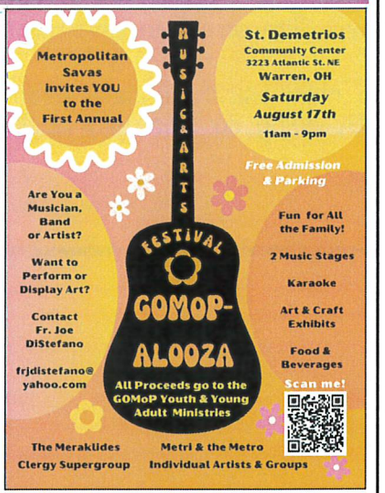
Fr. Nick will begin his yearly House Blessings for all parishioners on Tuesday, September 3. All homes will be included on routes. Lists will be on the bulletin board outside the Church Office in a few weeks showing the dates and routes. Please contact the Church Office if the day you are scheduled has a conflict or if you are interested in riding along on a day to get your name on the ride along list!

Koraes Ladies Society Dinner Theatre

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Legends II with Melanie, Michael & the MJB Orchestra and Special Guests!



Tickets:
$65 per person
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Holy Trinity Hall



GoMopalooza at St. Demetrios Community Center in Warren THIS SATURDAY featuring Fr. Nick in the band! Plan to attend!

LOOKING AHEAD on your calendars for our Annual Grecian Festival. . .

July 16, 17, 18 & 19, 2025

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, August 11
Trisagion - Maria Callas (30 Yrs) and Mike Callas (28 Yrs)
Jim & DeeDee Amentas Family - Coffee Hour

Monday, August 12
OFFICE CLOSED - Lori Vacation
Paraklesis 6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 13
OFFICE CLOSED - Lori Vacation
Executive Board 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 14
OFFICE CLOSED - Lori Vacation
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Great Vespers of the Dormition with Praises 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 15
OFFICE CLOSED - Lori Vacation
Dormition of the Theotokos
Orthos 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, August 16
St. Joseph the Hesachyst
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

Saturday, August 17
GoMopalooza, Warren OH 11AM - 9PM

Sunday, August 18
Trisagion - Angelo Semertsidis (5 Yrs)
Sunday School Coffee Hour
Baptism - Ariana Yelichek 1:30 PM

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Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 2.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Apolytikion of the Feast.
Grave Mode.

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Grave Mode.

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος πλ. β΄.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ᾅδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ᾽ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος βαρύς.

Μετεμορφώθης ἐν τῷ ὄρει Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, δείξας τοῖς Μαθηταῖς σου τὴν δόξαν σου, καθὼς ἠδύναντο. Λάμψον καὶ ἡμῖν τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς, τὸ φῶς σου τὸ ἀΐδιον, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος βαρύς.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἑκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

Πρὸς ῾Ρωμαίους 15:1-7

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς ῾Ρωμαίους 15:1-7 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἕκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρεσεν, ἀλλά, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὀνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ᾽ ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δῴη ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἑνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:27-35 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κράζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυΐδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοί, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἥψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεῴχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ.

Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια.

Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.