FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET

Perhaps some of you remember the old "Adventures of Superman" TV program. The show heralded the "Man of Steel" as being "faster than a speeding bullet." As rapid as that may be, there is something that travels even faster: A LIE! Mark Twain once said that "A LIE CAN TRAVEL HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD WHILE THE TRUTH IS PUTTING ON ITS SHOES." If this famous American author were somehow brought back to life to witness the pace of today's world of modern technology, he just might say that a lie can travel ENTIRELY around the world before the truth even FINDS its shoes!

LIES and GOSSIP can ruin a person's career and life in a twinkling of an eye. Sadly, while our justice system promises that we are "innocent until proven guilty" the "court of public opinion" puts an entirely opposite spin on that right that we are all guaranteed. Even the rich and powerful have been felled by a remark taken out of context that has been launched out into cyberspace through the internet almost as quickly as it has been uttered.

With this in mind, it is imperative that we choose our words carefully and that our actions are always above reproach. In other words, follow the teachings of Christ and His Church! In John 8:31-32, our Lord tells us: "If you abide in My words, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." True followers of Christ are, indeed "followers of truth." We must live our lives fully understanding that we are not immune to slanderous attacks against us. Yet if we abide in the words of our Lord, we can never really be harmed by false words of others - no matter how fast they may travel!

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2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



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October 6, 2024

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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
II Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel
Luke 7:11-16

Attendance
9/29/24
170

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Melanie McCauley
For the Health of the Tatarides Family

Upcoming Memorials

October 13
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Faye Sibila
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Clare Stasin
Trisagion - John Stasin (8 Yrs)

October 20
1-Yr. Memorials & Coffee Hour - Jerry Fortune & Rick Kuty
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - John Papadopoulos

October 27
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Andreas "Andy" Costi

Reminder

REMINDER: All Trinitarian items are due into the Church Office by the **10th of the month** for November.

HOLIDAY PASTRY ORDERS



The Holiday Pastry Order form can be found in the Trinitarian, in the boxes outside the Church Office, online soon and in the hallway after Divine Liturgy! Payment is requested with the order this year. Please contact Denise Bellas at *bellasdenise@gmail.com* for questions. **Orders are due into the Church Office by November 10, 2024.**

Community Christmas Card



Sign up sheets are available in the October Trinitarian, in the hallway beginning October 13th after Divine Liturgy, or go online at www.htgoc.net under the Giving tab and click on Community Christmas Card. **Deadline for payment of $20.00 and the form is November 17, 2024 to be included in the 2024 Card.**

SAVE THE DATE:



The Annual Stewardship Luncheon will be on **Sunday, November 3rd**! Your Stewardship 2025 Commitment information will be mailed out this week! Watch your mailbox for an exciting new look!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS
COMING NOVEMBER 24th!

Anyone interested in serving their church on Parish Council, please contact either Ellen Romeo, Nancy Greenbaum, or Steve Antoniades for more information!

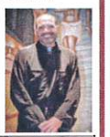
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St. John Chrysostom Annual Retreat

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Retreat Theme:
Addictions and the Passions
How Unhealthy Connections Affect Us Spiritually



Speaker: Fr. Dimitrios Moraitis

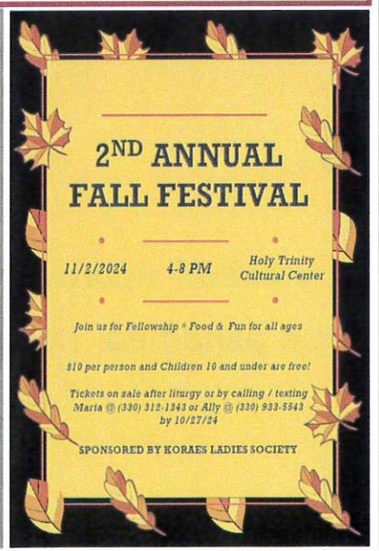
10:00 AM - Welcome & Breakfast	1:30 PM - 3rd Session - What Addition Takes Away from Us Spiritually
10:30 AM - 1st Session - Addiction and the Passions	2:30 PM - Wrap Up - Final Q & A
11:30 AM - 2nd Session - What are the Root Causes of Addiction	3:00 PM - Service of the 9th Hour
12:30 PM - Lunch	3:30 PM - Departure

Father Dimitrios Moraitis is the parish priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He received his bachelors from Hellenic college and graduated as Valedictorian in 1996. He received his Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2006. His doctoral dissertation entitled "Returning the Lost Sheep: Ministry to the Alcoholic and Addict, an Orthodox Perspective," was published in 2013 and is one of the required books of the pastoral theology class, in which he guest lectures at Holy Cross. Fr. Dimitrios is also a clinician and the Spiritual Director at the Washburn House, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and addicts in Worcester, MA. He has done hundreds of interventions, and led dozens of retreats on the topic of addiction.

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Sponsored by Koraes Ladies Society
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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



Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, October 6
Church Musicians Sunday
Sunday School Coffee Hour 11:30 AM

Monday, October 7
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 8
Senior Luncheon 12:00 PM
Executive Board 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 9
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101 & 201 Classes 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 10
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, October 11
HOUSE BLESSINGS - MAKE UP DAY #2

Saturday, October 12
Prosfora Making

Sunday, October 13
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Faye Sibila
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Clare Stasin
Trisagion - John Stasin (8 Yrs) 11:30 AM
HOPE - Kingsway Farm 1:00 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. For the Apostle.
Mode 3.

O holy Apostle Thomas, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses

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.
Mode 2.

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

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 Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Join us for coffee hour after liturgy on October 6th to honor the Sunday school students…

It's the start of a new ecclesiastical year!

Refreshments and Ice Cream Sundaes hosted by Sunday School!



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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. Τοῦ Ἀποστόλου.
Ἦχος γ΄.

Ἀπόστολε Ἅγιε Θωμᾶ, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχῃ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

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 β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 4:6-15

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος 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 Κορινθίους β' 4:6-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ὁ εἰπὼν ἐκ σκότους φῶς λάμψαι, ὃς ἔλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἔχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὀστρακίνοις σκεύεσιν, ἵνα ἡ ὑπερβολὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ᾖ τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν· ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι, ἀλλ᾽ οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι· ἀπορούμενοι, ἀλλ᾽ οὐκ ἐξαπορούμενοι· διωκόμενοι, ἀλλ᾽ οὐκ ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι· καταβαλλόμενοι, ἀλλ᾽ οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι· πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. Ἀεὶ γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θνητῇ σαρκὶ ἡμῶν. Ὥστε ὁ μὲν θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν. Ἔχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως, κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον, Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα, καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν· εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς διὰ Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ, καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν. Τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι᾽ ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πλειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ θεοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 7:11-16 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναΐν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολύς. ὡς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκὼς υἱὸς μονογενὴς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ᾽ αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἥψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.