Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

St. Thomas the Apostle

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" (see John 20:24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).

Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous – since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown – but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of His enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, "Let us also go to die with him" (John 11:16b).

Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the "sons of thunder," Philip and his foolish request to see the Father – indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting and loving one.

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Second Sunday of Luke



Icon of the Holy Apostle Thomas -- October 6th

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Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
II Corinthians
6:16-18; 7:1

Gospel
Luke
6:31-36

Attendance
9/28/25
195

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Maria & Alex Bourlas
In Loving Memory of Anastasia Albanis

Upcoming Memorials

October 12
5-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Elaine Bacopoulos

October 19
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Despina Zantopulos

October 26
Memorials & Coffee Hour - Anastas, Cazantzes & Klide Families
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - George Rafailedes, Jr.
40-Day Memorial - Gust Konstas

Condolences

Damon Halkias, age 88, father of Father Nick, fell asleep in the Lord on September 24, 2025.

May his memory be eternal!

2025 Orthodox Build Habitat for Humanity® East Central Ohio



Join the 2025 Orthodox Build through Habitat for Humanity at **314 Tyler Ave SE, Canton, OH 44707**. See the flyer on the bulletin board for work schedule information. **Monetary donations are still needed for this build. Make checks out to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and Habitat Build in the memo line. Thank you for your support!**



Sunday, October 12th following liturgy
Please support Sunday school's fall bake sale during coffee hour.





JOIN THE CHOIR

Do you love to sing?
Do you currently sing in your school choir?
Are you singing along in your pews?
If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Holy Trinity choir welcomes you to come sing with us! No experience necessary. We will help you learn the music!
For more info contact Joyce Spanakis @ (330)309-1225

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Please consider donating non-perishable goods such as canned vegetables, cereal, pasta sauce, boxed rice/noodle dishes, pasta, and tuna to our Food Pantry. The pantry is growing in numbers served each month and your donations help make it possible for this growth! Thank you!



KORAES LADIES SOCIETY UPCOMING SPONSORED EVENTS AT HOLY TRINITY

Please note the upcoming Koraes-sponsored events in October and early November. Tickets are on sale now for the Fall Festival and the Legends Dinner Theatre following liturgy each week. Registration is required for the Annual Speaker Retreat. More information for all of these events can be found on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

A Tribute to Legends
featuring Melanie and Michael John and the MJB Band
October 16
$65.00/ticket
Doors open at 6PM
Catered by Catering by George
Get Your tickets today!

Koraes Ladies Society Presents
A Tribute to Legends
Featuring Melanie and Michael John & The MJB Orchestra!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025
TICKETS $65.00
Call Betty (330) 705-5181
or
Annamarie (330) 209-8372
5:30 PM - Cocktail Hour
6:30 PM - Dinner
7:30 PM - Show followed by Silent Auction
Holy Trinity Cultural Center
4705 Fairhaven Avenue NW
Canton, OH 44709

Fall Festival - November 1
$10.00 per family
4PM - 8 PM

Fr. Barnabas Powell
November 15
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
RSVP Needed by Nov. 10

3rd ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
11/1/2025 **4-8 PM** **Holy Trinity Cultural Center**
Join us for Fellowship * Food & Fun for all ages
$10 per person and Children 10 and under are free!
Tickets on sale after liturgy or by calling / texting Maria @ (330) 312-1343 or Ally @ (330) 933-5563 by 10/26/25
SPONSORED BY KORAES LADIES SOCIETY

Sponsored by the Koraes Ladies Society of Ecumenical Patriarchal First Class Parish Archdiocesan District

St. John Chrysostom Annual Retreat
Saturday, November 15, 2025
Retreat Theme: Be Watchful - Be Sober
St. Paul's Wisdom for Spiritual Maturity
Speaker: Fr. Barnabas Powell

9:30 AM - Welcome & Breakfast	1:00 PM - Lunch
10:00 AM - Service of the 3rd Hour	2:00 PM - Session 3 (Wrap up - Q & A)
10:30 AM - Session 1 (with Q & A)	3:30 PM - Service of the 9th Hour
11:45 PM - Session 2 (with Q & A)	4:00 PM - Departure

Fr. Barnabas (Charles) Powell is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. Having been raised in a small Pentecostal church as a boy, Barnabas grew to love the church, enjoy the music, and eventually came to be the youth pastor of his home church. He graduated from an Evangelical Protestant school in Georgia, and went on to establish a new church in the Atlanta area. While pastoring, Barnabas also was heavily involved with Evangelical Christian media, radio, television, and print. A reading program in Church History and Theology would eventually lead him to enter the Orthodox Church in November of 2001. In 2017, Barnabas entered Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. He graduated, he was ordained a deacon on November 3, 2019, and then he was made a priest at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral by His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios on Sunday March 8, 2020. He is now our pastor-missionary (pastor-pastor) of St. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Cumming, GA.

Fr. Barnabas founded Faith Encouraged Ministries in 2014 and was the host of Faith Encouraged LIVE talk show on Ancient Faith Radio until January of 2019. Faith Encouraged Ministries continues to produce the Monday thru Friday Devotional called Faith Encouraged Daily. Fr. Barnabas published his first book "A Faith Encouraged" through Ancient Faith Publishing and also produced the 39-part video series called "A Journey to Fullness" to help parishes introduce the Faith to the average person. To date, over 200 parishes across the United States and Canada are the video series to serve their communities. Fr. Barnabas travels extensively across the country speaking at spiritual retreats and offering special presentations.

Fr. Barnabas is particularly interested by the beauty and timelessness of our Orthodox Christian faith and desires to see this timeless faith put down deep roots here in America. The Orthodox Christian faith is uniquely suited to speak the spiritual thirst of Americans from all backgrounds with the depth and beauty of the Timeless Faith of the Apostles. Fr. Barnabas is married to the (former) Connie Duncan, and they have two daughters, Alexandra and Katherine. For more information about Faith Encouraged Ministries go to FaithEncouraged.org.

RSVP to Holy Trinity's church office by 10/26/25 by November 10th

Calendar for the Week

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

This Sunday, the first 3 rows of pews on the left side of the church will be roped off for our monthly Youth Sermon Dates.

Sunday, October 5
40-Day Churching - James Daniel Slavik
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Anastasia Albanis

Monday, October 6
National Clergy Retreat - Fr. Nick

Tuesday, October 7
National Clergy Retreat - Fr. Nick
Senior Board Meeting 11:00 AM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 8
National Clergy Retreat - Fr. Nick
No Classes or Services Today

Thursday, October 9
National Clergy Retreat - Fr. Nick
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, October 10
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, October 11
No Scheduled Events

Sunday, October 12
5-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Elaine Bacopoulos
Fall Bake Sale and Sunday School Coffee Hour

Seniors: Please call Karen Kotanides with your lunch reservation at 330-412-5504 for our October 14th luncheon by Tuesday, October 7th!

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Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, 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.
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 6:16-18; 7:1

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Gospel According to Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε 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 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' 6:16-18, 7:1

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. δ'

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1

Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:16-18, 7:1 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεός ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονταί μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἅπτεσθε· κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἁγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ θεοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 6:31-36 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ᾽ ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολύς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστιν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηρούς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί.