2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Prayer is Answering the Word of God

Isidore said:

'Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us.

'All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities.

'None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.'

Augustine said:

'Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.'

Jerome said:

'Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul.

'Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.'

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Third Sunday of Luke



Icon of the Holy Prophet Joel -- October 19th

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

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Titus
3:8-15

Gospel
Luke
8:5-15

Attendance
10/5/25
150

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by the Bacopoulos Family
In Loving Memory of Elaine Bacopoulos

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Upcoming Memorials

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

November 2
3-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Evelyn Kotanides
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Nick Sandru

TODAY following Liturgy, all are invited to support our Sunday School's Fall Bake Sale during the coffee hour. Stop by and pick up some treats for your family!



We will miss you!

Pete Christ will be honored **next Sunday, October 19th during the coffee hour at St. Haralambos** as he bids farewell and prepares to embark on a new journey in Indiana. Please join us!

Community Christmas Card



Sign up sheets are available outside the Church Office, in the October Trinitarian, 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 16, 2025** to be included in this year's Christmas Card.

KORAES TSOUREKI BREAD ORDERS

Tsoureki Bread Orders are due November 10th! Bread Order Forms are available outside the Koraes Room, outside the Church Office and in the October Trinitarian.



HOLIDAY BAKING -

MEN AND WOMEN NEEDED!

ALL START TIMES ARE 9:30 AM!!

Monday, October 20	Melomakarona
Monday, November 3	Kourambiethes



The Senior Luncheon for THIS TUESDAY has been cancelled.
We will resume in November.

CANCELLED

KORAES LADIES SOCIETY UPCOMING SPONSORED EVENTS AT HOLY TRINITY

Please note the upcoming Koraes-sponsored events in October and early November. 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 or from any Koraes member.

A Tribute to Legends
featuring Melanie and Michael John and the MJB Band
This Thursday, October 16
$65.00/ticket
Doors open at 5:30PM
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) 318-1340 or Ally @ (330) 933-5543 by 10/26/25
SPONSORED BY KORAES LADIES SOCIETY

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 her 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 leading program in Church History and Theology would eventually lead him to enter the Orthodox Church in November of 2001. In 2007, Barnabas entered Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. He graduated, he was ordained a deacon on November 8, 2009, and then he was made a priest at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral by His Eminence Metropolitan Nikon on Sunday March 8, 2010. He is now the protosynkelos (senior pastor) of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church in Canonsburg, PA.

Fr. Barnabas founded Faith Encouraged Ministries in 2014 and was the host of Faith Encouraged LIVE talk show on Ancient Faith Radio and 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 16 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 was the video series to serve their communities. Fr. Barnabas travels extensively across the country speaking at spiritual retreats, and sharing special presentations.

Fr. Barnabas is particularly motivated by the beauty and timelessness of our Orthodox Christian faith and desires to see the timeless truth put down deep roots here in America. The Orthodox Christian faith is uniquely suited to quench 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 Connor, 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
330-494-8770 by November 10th

Calendar for the Week

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

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

Monday, October 13
Columbus Day
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 14

Visitation and burial Pete Argyriou	11:00 AM
Makaria Lunch	12:30 PM
Executive Board	6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise	6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 15
Set up for Dinner Theater

Bible Study	11:00 AM
Food Pantry	1 - 3 PM
Paraklesis	6:00 PM

Thursday, October 16

Koraes Dinner Theater	5:30 PM

Friday, October 17
House Blessings Make Up #3
Young Adult Fall Retreat Begins

Saturday, October 18
St. Luke the Evangelist

Orthros	8:30 AM
Liturgy	9:30 AM

House Blessings Make Up #4 - LATE START

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

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Please consider donating non-perishable goods such as canned vegetables, cereal, pasta sauce, condiments, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, and tuna to our Food Pantry.

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM! SCAN ME

Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode 1. *Automelon.*

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

For the Fathers.

Mode pl. 4.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be 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 Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος α΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Τῶν Πατέρων.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, 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 Τίτον 3:8-15

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'
Δανιήλ 3.26-27
Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.
Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις · μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιΐστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἱρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὢν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρός με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονταί σε οἱ μετ ’ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:5-15 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπεῖραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὃ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθήν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἴη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γνῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἴρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἳ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ῥίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἳ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλούτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.