



# The Weekly Forerunner

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

301 Struthers Liberty Rd

Campbell, OH 44405

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



*MARCH Bulletin Sponsor– In Memory of my ordaining Bishop  
His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas – Given by AP Andrew Bartek*

## Liturgical & Events Schedule

### Sunday, March 30

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 PM: Divine Liturgy / Social / Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM: Clergy Association Vespers here

### Monday, March 31

9:00 AM: Morning Prayers / Lenten Hours

### Wednesday, April 2

6:00 PM: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy / Social / Lenten

Talk by Sub-deacon Donald

### Thursday, April 3

6:00 PM: Full Canon of St. Andrew

### Friday, April 4

6:00 PM: Akathist to the Most Holy Theotokos

### Saturday, April 5

6:00 PM: Vespers

### Sunday, April 6

9:35 AM: Hours

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly Panachida /  
Social / Council Meeting

5:00 PM: Local Mission Vespers @ St. Nicholas  
Greek– Youngstown

## MONTHLY CHARITY FOR 2025

January: *OCMC*: \$900 + \$300 from the church  
Total \$1,200

February: *CA Fire Relief*: \$524 + \$300 from the  
Church Total \$824

## SUNDAY SOCIALS

When there is a special Church Social planned (i.e. Cheesefare, Meatfare, etc.), the Church will take on the responsibility for that Sunday. Whomever is assigned that Sunday is excused from their responsibility for that particular Sunday. This is because it is the whole Church's responsibility for that special event, not that of any one group or individual.

## CONFESSIONS

Please make an appointment to come to Confession during the times posted.

Confessions will be heard -

- ♦ before and after Vespers and all Lenten Services (except Pre-Sanctified Liturgy).
- ♦ only be heard before the Pre-sanctified Liturgy.

The last day for confessions will be Lazarus Saturday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.

## PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. *(Full prostration– If you physically can't, then deep bow)*

But give rather the Spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. *(Full prostration– If you physically can't, then deep bow)*

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. *(Full prostration– If you physically can't, then deep bow)*

O God, cleanse me a sinner (12 deep bows)

*Then:*

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk. *(No Prostration)*

But give rather the Spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. *(No Prostration)*

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Full prostration– If you physically can't, then deep bow)*

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## PLEASE KEEP OUR ELDERS OF THE CHURCH & SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Send a "Thinking of You" card or remember their Birthday with a card. If anyone needs to be added, please contact Fr. Andrew.

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### HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

Dearly beloved brothers in the Lord, Glory be to Jesus Christ!

I wish to write to you today to ask for your assistance and support to Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy and Preschool in Warren, OH. As you may or may not know, Holy Trinity Academy is the only Orthodox School in the state of Ohio. Each day begins and ends with prayer, and faith classes are regularly taught as a part of the curriculum. The community is loving and family-oriented and has a strong sense of unity. It is a gem in our local Orthodox Community!

First, I ask that you share the attached letter from Mrs. Sonya Anzivino, Principal and Administrator, with your parish community, and encourage any families in your parish to consider sending their children to Holy Trinity Academy. The school is currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2025-2026 school year, and, as the letter describes, scholarships are available for almost all students! While some of your parishioners may have heard of the Academy before, many may have not, or some may have changes in their circumstances where they may be more likely now to consider enrolling their children than in the past. Please share this information with all your families, and encourage them to reach out to Mrs.

Anzivino to enroll their children, schedule a tour, or to for more information.

Second, there are currently several open positions on the Board of Directors of Holy Trinity Academy. I would also ask that you view the attached document with the qualifications and duties for Board members, and either reach out to any individuals in your parish who you think might be well-equipped to serve the Lord in this way and encourage them to consider serving and reach out to us, or simply send me their names and information so that we may reach out to them ourselves. You may also share the document with any individuals that may be interested and / or with your broader parish community as you deem appropriate. Having a strong Board of Directors will help our School to continue to thrive and succeed, and to improve the experience for our children who receive their education here!

Finally, I ask that you encourage your parish councils and your parishioners to consider financially supporting the Academy and its mission. The school is a non-profit organization, and relies heavily on donations to exist and survive. This can be a good opportunity for your communities to practice charity and almsgiving in this Lenten period.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Father Timothy Paproski  
Spiritual Advisor, Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy &  
Preschool  
Pastor / Administrator, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church,  
Warren

## PRAYER LIST

**PARISHIONERS:** Achilles Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / Helen Colaluca / Joan Cross / Ann Cvercko / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / George Horodnic / Gianna Hryb / Sue Kennedy / Heidi Kuzemchak / Matushka Helen Psinka / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Melanie Yannitto / Marion Zwinski

**HIERARCHS & CLERGY:** AB Alexander from Dallas / AP James Gleason (Fr.) / AP Michael Rustic / AP Emil Hutyman / Fr. Deacon James Hryb / Fr. Matthew Nyumu & his family & parish

**FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Mary Ann Bozichovich (Kennedy) / Patty Bozichovich (Vansuch) / Diane Caban (Sirilla) / George Caban (Sirilla) / Donna Chiarelli / Karen Debiec / Paul Demkosky (Fr.) / Trudy Ellmore / John Galapin (Fr.) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Bruce Harris (Sabol) / Paula Kennedy / Joe Kollar (Fr.) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Mea Mahan / Mary Mahan / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Matushka Raisa (Nicoloff) / Eliana Rogers (ferrick) Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Diane Ruff / Julia Shirilla / Bob Smrek (Sirilla) / Jeff Stokly (Fr.) / Emilia Yanitto / Catherine Zile (Fr.) / Brian (Shirilla) / David (Willison) / Drew (Willison) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Ellen (Clark) / Ellen (Kessler) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Karen (Vansuch) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Katie (Garrity) / Paul (Kolesar) / Paula (Voytilla) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Richard (Tusinac)

**MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky)

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Diocese of Aleppo) & Archbishop John (Archdiocese of Aleppo) still being held captive & Metropolitan Arseny imprisoned / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

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### HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

God is with us! Thank you for the love, prayers, and generosity you have shown to all the children at Holy Trinity Academy! Going on 23 years, hundreds of donors have shared their time, talent, and treasures to keep Christian education a possibility at the only Orthodox Christian school in Ohio. You are needed in this beautiful mission where a Christ-centered Classical education has taken strong root! Children at Holy Trinity receive an education where Christ is the foundation! Everything else is secondary. Important, but second to Christ!

**We have officially started the enrollment process for the 25/26 school year! We are enrolling Preschool through 5th graders and 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on individual and family need. Please spread the word and come visit our beautiful school. Please call 330-399-7642 to schedule a walk through.**

One may assume because we are a private school that the children attending come from all wealthy families. Actually 100% of our k-8th grade students are on a scholarship to attend Holy Trinity. These scholarships are awarded based on the demographic information: Where the child lives, their local public school's academic record, and their financial need. All families looking to enroll may apply for a scholarship to cover 25% to 100% of the annual tuition. The demographic of our students is like that of any other school. The one main shift in the family unit in the past 10 years, is that many children come from broken homes and are being raised by grandparents or even great grandparents! A

Lot is going on in their little lives! So, every morning we start the school day by checking to see if the child needs anything to start the day.

We start with the basic needs; Has the child been fed? Did they get enough sleep—any sleep? Do they have clean clothes? Did they get to brush their teeth and hair? Children need to be told often they are needed and wanted. WE always let them know we are glad to see them! By the time children get to their classroom over ten staff members and teachers have greeted them with a warm smile and hello. Even before a child picks up a book at school we make sure they know they are loved and God has a great purpose for them!

Holy Trinity is an oasis, a relief, a new start for each day where the children are surrounded by love, compassion, and a way to spiritually and academically grow. At Holy Trinity the children experience a different kind of love, Christ's love. This Love brings Joy! This love is real and will be remembered!

With your prayers and hope in Christ's constant mercy and love, the children of Holy Trinity, past, present, and future will have something genuine to give others out in the world...Christ's Love! Christ's Joy! Christ's Mercy! Christ's compassion and Christ's kindness! With God's grace we maintain that the Holy Trinity school is a Pediatric Spiritual Hospital where staff and teachers tend to a child's academic needs too.

In closing, we ask we ask that you share the Good news and that there is an Orthodox school worth attending for the new school year.

With Gratitude & Joy,  
Mrs, Sonya Anzivino, Principal

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## APRIL Candle & Bulletin Sponsors

*NOTE: If anything is missing from the Sponsorships please contact Fr. Andrew ASAP*

**Bulletin:** In memory of my Godfather Andrew – Given by AP Andrew Bartek

**Wine:**

**Incense:** In memory of my parents Henry and Dorothy Ruff– Given by Carol Ruff

**Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light:** In memory of: George and Mary Vasile George Robert Vasile– Given by Jim & Elaine Johnston / In loving memory of parents Nicholas & Mark K. Libertin—Given by Charissa & Tom Oliphant

**Altar Candles:** In memory of George Kolesar- Given by Reader Nick & Monica Vansuch / In loving memory of brother Dr. Nick Libertin- Given by Charissa & Tom Oliphant / In memory of my parents for their birthdays Michael Boldish (4-4) & Margaret Boldish (4-27).

**Tetrapod Candles:** In memory of my parents George & Marie Gresko- given by Mary Gresko

**St. Herman Candles:** Commemorating all who participate in the maintenance of the church, the teachers, singers and those who participate in social events. Praying for everyone to love one another.

**St. Panteleimon Icon Candles:** In memory of my husband Kenneth Ruff and my brother new-born Joseph William– Given by Carol Ruff

**Protection Icon Candles:**

**St. John the Baptist Candles:**

**Flowers:** In memory of my mother Dorothy on the occasion of her 89 Birthday– Given by AP Andrew Bartek

<u>\$50 per month</u>	<u>\$30 per month</u>	<u>\$25 per month</u>
*Wine	*St. Herman candles	Incense
*Bulletin	*St. Panteleimon Icon candles	
*Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light	*Protection Icon candles	<b>Flowers</b> - \$50 for 2 weeks at a time– <i>Updated</i>
*Altar Candles	*St. John the Baptist candles	
*Tetrapod Candles		

### APRIL Celebrations *Birthday*

- 2- Fr. Andrew Bartek / David Koval
- 3- Genna Koval
- 7- Georgiana Lukehart
- 8- Sherrie Fredericks
- 9- Ann Konik / Jason Tsvetkoff
- 10- Mary Fredericks
- 11- Lynn Polewan
- 12- Michele Basile
- 13- Margarita Leso
- 18- Lucas Harvischak
- 20- Stephen A Elash
- 23- Paul Demkosky Jr / Andrew Zelinsky
- 27- Michael Polewan, Jr

### *Anniversary*

- 4-8-89 Tonsur of Reader of AP Andrew Bartek

### *Names Day*

- 22- AB Nathaniel of Detroit & Romanian Episcopate / Nathaniel Willison
- 23- Fr. Andrew Bartek / George Horodnic, Jr. / George Horodnic, Sr.
- 25- AB Mark of Philadelphia & Eastern, PA
- 30- Dc James Hryb / Sub-deacon Donald Sunday after Pascha- Thomas Zelinsky

### MARCH FINANCIALS

Expenses	\$13,915.24
Income	\$14,338.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$422.93</b>
Weekly Tithe	\$11,304.70
Weekly Candles	\$799.00
Tetrapod Candles	\$50.00
Icon Screen / Eternal Light Candles	\$100.00
Altar Candles	\$50.00
Incense	\$50.00
Wine	\$40.00
Protection Candles	\$30.00
St. Panteleimon Candles	\$60.00
St. John the Baptist Candles	\$30.00
Sisterhood Donation	\$125.00
Paschal Flowers	\$285.00
Weekly Flowers	\$50.00
Bulletin	\$50.00
Cemetery Reimbursement	\$563.47
Unneeded Gifts	\$750.00
Monthly Charity Collection: Deanery	\$535.00

## APRIL Reposed List

- 1- Andy Basala (1982)
- 1- Andreas Basala (1923)
- 1- Michael Miaz (1987) ©
- 2- Julia Konik (1986) ©
- 2- Katherine Garman Leshinsky (2020) ©
- 2- Anthonis Kaubouris (1954) ©
- 3- Michael Tarasek (1997) ©
- 3- Alesis Libertin (1939) ©
- 3- Rudolph Puharich (1996) ©
- 4- Rose Bartek (1986)
- 4- Matthew Kollar (grandfather)
- 5- Michael Boldish (1998) ©
- 5- Mary Libertin Weaver (2019) ©
- 5- Anne Billik (2010) ©
- 5- Mary Andrasko (1936) ©
- 5- Christopher Garcia (1996) ©
- 6- John Sabol (2017)
- 6- Joseph Kornyak (1951) ©
- 7- Emanuel Handikaris (1929) ©
- 7- Angela Angelides (1960) ©
- 8- Anna Hamney (1982) ©
- 8- Michael Sveda (1982) ©
- 9- Thomas Harvischak (2017) ©
- 9- Anna Kalas (1952) ©
- 10- Robert Banas (2019) ©
- 10- Frank Boldish (1940) ©
- 11- Archbishop John (1982)
- 11- Ann Konik Voytilla (2022) ©
- 12- Sub-deacon George Gresko (2015) ©
- 12- Marie Gresko Fedak (2015) ©
- 12- Charles Rich (2002) ©
- 12- Michael Shubeliak (1943) ©
- 12- Emanuel Ellinos (1945) ©
- 13- Michael Pikos (1960) ©
- 14- Luba Despotovich (1936) ©
- 14- Peter Magriplis (1937) ©
- 14- Matushka Carol Steffaro (2023)
- 16- Catherine Pavlick (2004) ©
- 17- Mary Maximor (1981) ©
- 17- Joseph Macala (1954) ©
- 18- Alex Alesoff (1925) ©
- 18- Michael Kalas (1944) ©
- 19- Wasil Nosik (1985) ©
- 19- Theodore Liszka (2019) ©
- 19- Kosta George (1931) ©
- 21- Vitaly Kaliscak (1940) ©
- 22- George Vasile (1997) ©
- 22- Thaddeus Puskaric Jr (2007) ©
- 22- Geraldine Sokol (2010) ©
- 22- Michael Ivancko (1956) ©
- 22- Michael Hastal (1960) ©
- 23- Anna Basala (1994)
- 23- Nikita Patzakis (1925) ©
- 24- Fr. Stephen Dutko (2009)
- 24- His Eminence Archbishop Paul (2022)
- 24- Olga Buly (2011) ©
- 24- Anna Salber (1921) ©
- 24- Anthony Spirtos (1951) ©
- 24- Michael Hamulas (1956) ©
- 25- Mary Timkovich (1975) ©
- 25- Mary Andras (2002) ©
- 28- Alan Andras (2002) ©
- 28- Bessie Pangere (1958) ©
- 29- John Dunchak (2001) ©
- 29- Nicholas Dushan (1924) ©
- 29- John Malutic (1928) ©
- 29- Tim Nolder (2023)
- 30- Sevasti Tsaknis (1930) ©
- 30- George Libertin (1939) ©

### THANK YOU RECEIVED

Dear Father Andrew and Parishioners,

We gratefully acknowledge your contribution of \$1,004 on February 10, 2025 to Zoe for Life. By God's grace, gifts such as yours help to ensure that the support of women in crisis pregnancies continues to be available to everyone. You are helping ZOE for Life! Make a difference in the lives of so many.

Your Prayers and contributions are both deeply appreciated.

May God bless you and keep you always. Thank you for helping us continue to save lives, two at a time.

With joy in Christ,

Anna Warren, Treasurer

### ST VLADIMIR'S SUMMER CAMP

Faith, Fellowship, and family (Matthew 19:14– Jesus said “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these”

Session 1 (Ages 8-12) June 29-July 5

A week for younger campers to learn and discover a passion for our faith. Life-long friendships form through arts and crafts, group activities, and learning sessions with the resident clergy. Young campers can't wait to return every summer!

Session 2 (Ages 10-17) July 6-12

FOCA Junior Olympics week takes sports and Orthodoxy to create an activity-filled week of fun competition, team work, and comradery. Campers will learn how our faith works through sports and how Christianity and sportsmanship go hand in hand.

Session 3 (ages 13-17) July 13-19

Our older campers take on meaningful discussions during learning sessions with the resident clergy, and dive deep into our faith with exciting crafts & projects. Group activities, nightly campfires, and daily reflections create memories that last.

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## 2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Nancy Tusinac, President  
(Sub-committee Chairman for all social events)  
Phone- 724-456-7366
- Cindy Ferrick, Treasurer  
(Sub-committee Chairman of the Sunshine Club)  
Phone 330-531-1119
- Joann Sirilla, Financial Secretary  
(Sub-committee Chairman on all fundraisers)  
Phone 330-881-6775
- Sub-deacon Dr. Donald Tamulouis, Vice President  
(Sub-committee Chairman on all Maintenance issues). He will be working with Michael Simko  
Phone 330-774-8860
- Sherrie Fredericks, Secretary  
(Sub-committee Chairman on sending articles & pictures of events to the Diocese)  
Phone: 330-881-5087
- Natalia Simko, Council Member  
(Sub-committee Chairman on all Cemetery issues)  
Phone- 330-980-3033
- David Konik, Council Member  
(Sub-committee Chairman on Welcoming Cmte)  
Phone: 330-717-6714
- David Dionisio, Council Member  
(Sub-committee Chairman on all organizational issues in the church (including safety issues)  
Phone: 425-241-7825
- Maintenance Issues:  
Michael Simko - 330-565-0084  
Michael Centofanti - 330-544-3518

## NEW COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

You will note, each Council member is in charge of keeping order in their respective areas. If there are any issues in a particular area, please contact the responsible Council member.

They are responsible to find a solution to the reported issue. That may include seeking your or another person's help. This will allow more organized response and avoid one person being burdened with everything.

Sunshine Club – This new club is responsible for sending out birthday, anniversary and get well cards.

## Great and Holy Saturday Commemorated on April 19

Great and Holy Saturday is the day on which Christ reposed in the tomb. The Church calls this day the Blessed Sabbath.

“The great Moses mystically foreshadowed this day when he said: God blessed the seventh day. This is the blessed Sabbath This is the day of rest, on which the only-begotten Son of God rested from all His works....”(Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday)

By using this title the Church links Holy Saturday with the creative act of God. In the initial account of creation as found in the Book of Genesis, God made man in His own image and likeness. To be truly himself, man was to live in constant communion with the source and dynamic power of that image: God. Man fell from God. Now Christ, the Son of God through whom all things were created, has come to restore man to communion with God. He thereby completes creation. All things are again as they should be. His mission is consummated. On the Blessed Sabbath He rests from all His works.

### THE TRANSITION

Holy Saturday is a neglected day in parish life. Few people attend the Services. Popular piety usually reduces Holy Week to one day—Holy Friday. This day is quickly replaced by another—Easter Sunday. Christ is dead and then suddenly alive. Great sorrow is suddenly replaced by great joy. In such a scheme Holy Saturday is lost.

In the understanding of the Church, sorrow is not replaced by joy; it is transformed into joy. This distinction indicates that it is precisely within death that Christ continues to effect triumph.

### TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH

We sing that Christ is “...trampling down death by death” in the troparion of Easter. This phrase gives great meaning to Holy Saturday. Christ’s repose in the tomb is an “active” repose. He comes in search of His fallen friend, Adam, who represents all men. Not finding him on earth, he descends to the realm of death, known as Hades in the Old Testament. There He finds him and brings him life once again. This is the victory: the dead are given life. The tomb is no longer a forsaken, lifeless place. By His death Christ tramples down death by death.

### THE ICON OF THE DESCENT INTO HADES

The traditional icon used by the Church on the feast of Easter is an icon of Holy Saturday: the descent of Christ into Hades. It is a painting of theology, for no one has ever seen this event. It depicts Christ, radiant in hues of white and blue, standing on the shattered gates of Hades. With arms outstretched He is joining hands with Adam and all the other Old Testament righteous whom He has found there. He leads them from the *Con’t next pg*

<b>ATTENDANCE: A Comparison - MARCH</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>1st Week</b>		
Vespers	8	8
Liturgy	67 / 44	50 / 30
Forgiveness Vesper	34	43
Canon— Monday	17	26
Canon Tuesday	25	16
Canon Wednesday	18	27
Canon Thursday	22	21
Pre-Sanctified	29 / 18	31 / 17
<b>2nd Week</b>		
Vespers	11	13
Orthodox Liturgy	60 / 37	64 / 41
Wed. Pre-Sanctified	32 / 23	43 / 25
Fri. Pre-Sanctified	32 / 18	28 / 21
<b>3rd Week</b>		
Vespers	17	13
St Gregory Liturgy	64 / 47	43 / 29
Wed. Pre-Sanctified	38 / 24	48 / 28
Fri. Pre-Sanctified	23 / 16	27 / 16
<b>4th Week</b>		
Vespers	19	8
Cross Liturgy	70 / 55	76 / 39
Annunciation	16 / 13	25 / 18
Wed. Pre-Sanctified	37 / 25	
Fri. Pre-Sanctified	25 / 15	
Soul Sat. Akathist	13	
<b>5th week</b>		
Vespers	10	
St. John Liturgy	70 / 55	
Wed. Pre-Sanctified	28 / 20	
Full Canon	13	
Fri. Akathist	30	

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kingdom of death. By His death He tramples death.

“Today Hades cries out groaning: I should not have accepted the Man born of Mary. He came and destroyed my power. He shattered the gates of brass. As God, He raised the souls I had held captive. Glory to Thy cross and resurrection, O Lord!”  
(Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday)

**THE VESPERAL LITURGY**

The Vespers of Holy Saturday inaugurates the Paschal celebration, for the liturgical cycle of the day always begins in the evening. In the past, this service constituted the first part of the great Paschal vigil during which the catechumens were baptized in the “baptisterion” and led in procession back into the church for participation in their first Divine Liturgy, the Paschal Eucharist. Later, with the number of catechumens increasing, the first baptismal part of the Paschal celebration was disconnected from the liturgy of the Paschal night and formed our pre-paschal service: Vespers and the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great which follows it. It still keeps the marks of the early celebration of Pascha as baptismal feast and that of Baptism as Paschal sacrament (death and resurrection with Jesus Christ—Romans 6).

On “Lord I Call” the Saturday Resurrectional stichiras of Tone 1 are sung, followed by the the special stichiras of Holy Saturday, which stress the death of Christ as descent into Hades, the region of death, for its destruction. But the pivotal point of the service occurs after the Entrance, when fifteen lessons from the Old Testament are read, all centered on the promise of the Resurrection, all glorifying the ultimate Victory of God, prophesied in the victorious Song of Moses after the crossing of the Red Sea (“Let us sing to the Lord, for gloriously has He been glorified”), the salvation of Jonah, and that of the three youths in the furnace.

Then the epistle is read, the same epistle that is still read at Baptism (Romans 6:3-11), in which Christ’s death and resurrection become the source of the death in us of the “old man,” the resurrection of the new, whose life is in the Risen Lord. During the special verses sung after the epistle, “Arise, O God, and judge the earth,” the dark lenten vestments are put aside and the clergy vest in the bright white ones, so that when the celebrant appears with the Gospel the light of Resurrection is truly made visible in us, the “Rejoice” with which the Risen Christ greeted the women at the grave is experienced as being directed at us.

The Liturgy of Saint Basil continues in this white and joyful light, revealing the Tomb of Christ as the Life-giving Tomb, introducing us into the ultimate reality of Christ’s Resurrection, communicating His life to us, the children of fallen Adam.

One can and must say that of all services of the Church that are inspiring, meaningful, revealing, this one: the Vespers and Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great and Holy Saturday is truly the liturgical climax of the Church. If one opens one’s heart and mind to it and accepts its meaning and its light, the very truth of Orthodoxy is given by it, the taste and the joy of that new life which shines forth from the grave. Rev. Alexander Schmemmann

**40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

April 13- George Fischer  
April 27– Jimmy Malchisky

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ACADEMY & PRESCHOOL / OPEN POSITIONS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## SPIRITUAL ADVISORS

Omophorion His Eminence Metropolitan Gregoty of Nyssa (American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA

Fr. Timothy Paproski

St. Nicholas, Warren (American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of USA

## CHAPLAINS

Fr. Colin Barker (St. Mark – Antiochian)

Fr. Demetrios Constantine (St. Demetrios– Greek)

Fr. Brian Crivella (St. John the Baptist– OCA)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Acting President– Mrs. Claudia Albers

Treasurer– Mr. Fredrick Anzivino

Recording Secretary– Father Colin Barker

Superintendent– Miss Velda Parsons

Principal / Administrator– Mrs. Sonya Anzivino

Administrative Assistant & Nurse– Mrs. Adrienne Vasil

## OPEN POSITIONS ON BOARD

Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy and Pre-school in Warren, OH is seeking motivated individuals who are passionate about Orthodox Christian Education to serve as members of its Board of directors. This is a volunteer, unpaid position. Those who are interested in serving in this capacity, who meet at least the required qualifications below, and who are willing and able to perform at least the required duties below, should speak with their parish priest and contact Rev. Fr. Timothy Paproski, Holy Trinity Academy, Spiritual Advisor, by phone at 330-372-6240, opt 2) or by email: [fr.timothy.paproski@gmail.com](mailto:fr.timothy.paproski@gmail.com) to receive more information and to begin the interview process.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### REQUIRED:

\*Recommendation from local parish priest

\*Love for Education / Christian Education

\*Commitment to School Community—Devotion and fidelity to the *mission* of Holy Trinity Academy, to its survival and success, including:

1-Being united in supporting the school, staff and each other

2-Willingness to be a team player

3-Willingness to contribute to the community and its mission.

## PREFERRED

\*Orthodox Christians

\*Experience in / with education

\*No existing conflict of interest within the school community, such as:

1-An existing relationship to / with students or staff members of the school.

2-Also holding a position as a teacher / staff member

## DUTIES

### REQUIRED

\*Attend all Board meetings (Once monthly, and emergency / special meetings as applicable)

\*Uphold by-laws and fulfill duties of officer position (if applicable)

\*Two-year commitment term

\*Communicate with other board members on projects, etc.

\*Stewardship—offering of personal time, talent, and / or treasures to support the school community

\*Maintain confidentiality of all board processes and discussions

\*Maintain appropriate boundaries with other members of school community (students, teachers, staff members, parents, clergy)

### PREFERRED

\*Hold an active presence at the Academy (Willingness to be a Servant-Leader)

1-Volunteering

2-Supporting role

3-Attendance at special programs (Christmas program, etc)

\*Assist with marketing / promotion of school

\*Willingness to be on-call after hours or on weekends (on a rotating basis) for emergencies / needs at school, church building or rectory.

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## SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, April 27th, the church will be holding a dinner in honor of Father Andrew's 20th Anniversary as a priest. Due to this, the blessing of graves will be moved to Sunday, May 4th. Further details will be forth coming. There will be a sign-up sheet at the candle desk. The deadline to sign-up will is Holy Week.

## April 2025 Reader Schedule

April 6– Deacon Jimmy Hyrb

April 13– Deacon David Gemmel

April 20– Sub-deacon Donald Tamulonis

April 27– Natalia Simko



**March CHARITY**  
For the Cleveland Deanery

**April CHARITY**  
Workers of St Basil

**MARCH / APRIL SOCIALS**

March 30: Altar Society / Evening social by the Church

**NOTE:** ‘O’ Club Kolachi Baking  
(March 31-April 5)

April 6: ‘O’ Club

April 13: Palm Sunday (special social)

April 27: Council (St. Thomas Sunday)

**NOTE: All socials are to be strict fast during the Great Fast. No dairy. No meat.**

**His Grace Bishop Alexei Elevated to the Dignity of Archbishop**

The Holy Synod meeting today under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Wednesday, March 19, 2025, unanimously decided to elevate His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska to the dignity of archbishop.

May God grant His Eminence Archbishop Alexei many years!

**EASTERFEST ~ TAKEOUT ONLY**

Pre-Orders Only ~ Deadline Tuesday, April 1 @ 5:00 PM.

Please call Maureen Koval to place your order: 330-727-7323

Kolachi (Apricot, Nut, or Poppyseed) ..... \$16 each  
Paska (Easter Bread– Raisin or plain) ..... \$10 each  
Pagachi (Potato / Cheese)..... \$10 each  
Halushki (Cottage Cheese or Cabbage)..... \$10 a quart  
Horseradish (Homemade Beet or White) ..... \$6 each  
Lamb buttermolds ..... \$6 each

Pick-up dates:

Saturday, April 5 & April 12 between 12 noon-3pm  
(The date & time will be given to you)

**PASCHAL FLOWERS**

If you would like to help in the cost of the Paschal flowers and have your loved one remembered during the Pascal Divine Liturgy the cost will be \$20 per flower. Please give the names to Father Andrew and the money to Cindy.

**Fr. Andrew:** (10 Flowers)

- ◆ For the health of the parishioners and their families and to the retired priest Archpriest John and Archpriest Andrew
- ◆ For the Health of my family and friends
- ◆ For the Health of our Hierarchs; His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel and the entire Synod and all Orthodox Bishops throughout the world
- ◆ For the Health of all first responders in this country and this community especially Chief Stephen, David, Evan, Greg, Bryan, Rob, Steve & Nicholas
- ◆ For the Health of the Mayor and City council and all residents and businesses in Campbell
- ◆ For all the lonely, depressed and less fortunate of this world and this community
- ◆ In Memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop and His Eminence Metropolitan Orestas, His Grace Bishop John, His Grace Bishop Matthias, His Eminence Archbishop Job and His Eminence archbishop Paul & for His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman and His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosios.
- ◆ In memory of my parents George and Dorothy and all my family and friends
- ◆ In memory of all the diptychs of this parish
- ◆ In memory of the departed priests who severed this parish: The Reverend Theodore, The Reverend Daniel, The Reverend Joseph, The Reverend Isadore, The Reverend Peter, The Reverend Michael, The Reverend Nicholas, The V.R. Michael, The V.R. Nicholas, The V.R. John.

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Please visit our website for registration, session pricing & scholarships, and our new electronics policy. Please see Linda Livosky for further information of how our church can help.

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## 4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus (of the Ladder) Commemorated on March 30

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John Klimakos, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. In this book the Igoumen of Saint Katherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai bears witness to the great effort which is required for entry into God's Kingdom (Matthew 10:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is difficult since it is "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Ephesians 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, as the Lord has said, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

Saint John was born around the year 525, the son of devout and wealthy parents. He received a very good education, but at the age of sixteen, he forsook the world and went to Mount Sinai, subjecting himself to the spiritual guidance of Elder Martyrios. When he was nineteen years of age,<sup>1</sup> his Elder reposed. Then Saint John entered the arena of hesychasm, visiting the monastic communities of Skētē and Tabénnisē in Egypt. For another forty years, he lived in a cell at Thora in the Sinai Desert, which was a two hour (5 mile) walk from the Monastery of Saint Katherine.

Aflame with indescribable longing for God, he ate everything that was permitted by the monastic Rule, but only in very small quantities, and not unto satiety. By so doing, he overcame the vice of pride; and by eating just a little food, he humbled the stomach, which always wants more. He raised his body from death and paralysis by the remembrance of death, and he overcame the tyranny of anger with the sword of obedience.

Who can describe the fountain of his tears, which is now to be seen in very few individuals? He slept only as much as was necessary to prevent his mind from being distracted. Before going to sleep he prayed a great deal, and he also wrote books. This was how he subdued dependency. His entire life was spent in unceasing prayer, and incomparable love for God.

After writing *The Ladder* at the request of Igoumen John of Raithu Monastery, and leading a God-pleasing life, Saint John fell asleep in the Lord when he was about seventy-five years old (ca. 603). He is also commemorated on March 30.

The inscription on his icon is from Step 7:2. It reads: "Compunction is a perennial trial of the conscience, which brings about the cooling of the fire of the heart through mental confession. And confession is a forgetfulness of nature, since someone because of this forgot to eat his bread."<sup>2</sup>

1 This was his monastic age. He was, in fact, thirty-five years old.

2 Psalm 101:5 (Septuagint) "Him that speaks privily

against his neighbor, him have I driven from me; he that is proud in look and insatiable in heart - with him I have not eaten."

### Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

### Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."