



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Parish Newsletter

New Parish Center: 20937 Ashburn Rd., #110, Ashburn, VA January 2018

## JANUARY—DAY 10 HOURS, NIGHT 14

- 14 Sun<sup>32•VII•Lk17</sup> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Williams**  
*Marking the third anniversary in our Ashburn “cave.”*
- 21 Sun<sup>33•VIII•Lk18</sup> 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Zieg**
- 27 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers — **BEGINS THE TRIODION (WHICH ENDS WITH PENTECOST)**
- 28 Sun<sup>34•I•Lk19</sup> **GOSPEL: A MAN WHO NEEDS GOD vs. ONE WHO DOESN’T** (Luke 18.9+)  
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Adams**  
*In light of the Gospel reading, no Wednesday/Friday abstinence.  
 Our Annual Parish Business Meeting follows. (Snow date: Feb. 4)*

## FEBRUARY—DAY 11 HOURS, NIGHT 13

- 2 Fri Feast of Lights 40th Day: Feast of the Encounter of the Lord
- 3 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers
- 4 Sun<sup>35•II</sup> **GOSPEL: WAYWARD SONS, LOVING FATHER** (Luke 15.11+)  
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Belinsky**
- 10 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers
- 11 Sun<sup>36•II</sup> **GOSPEL: JUDGMENT—BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT REACH OUT** (Mat. 25.31+)  
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Busenberg**  
*Vespers moves to Sunday evenings.*
- 18 Sun<sup>37•III</sup> **GOSPEL: FORGIVENESS—LETTING GO** (Mat. 6.14+)  
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Doyle**  
 5:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers, followed by *Bliny* and all the fixings.

### THE WEEKS OF MARK

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BEGIN THE GREAT FORTY DAYS

- 19 Mon *Day 1*
- 21 Wed 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts *followed by a pot-luck meal.*
- 25 Sun **SUNDAY I: CHRIST, MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN** (John 1.43–51)  
 10:00 a.m. Communal Confession Rite—*first of two*  
 10:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Ellmore**  
 5:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers
- 28 Wed 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts *followed by a pot-luck meal.*



## Regarding our Annual Parish Business Meeting on January 28.

The big deal this time around is the approval of a new set of by-laws more replete than the by-laws Fr. John Meyendorff left us with forty years ago. The OCA Front Office and our eparchial authority are convinced more is better than less in this matter. And to facilitate matters, we will send a copy for review to each household in our parish prior to the meeting.

We must also decide what we can do to mark our fortieth anniversary. Something within our means, something which everyone can afford, something we will all enjoy.

There will of course be a review of our finances and related business, a review of our participation in Loudoun Hunger Relief, and the election of three to our Parish Council.

## Remembering Archbishop Paul of Finland (+8 December 1988)

Archbishop Paul (1914–1988) began his ministry to the Orthodox Church as a monk in the famous Valaam Monastery in the years before World War II. Following that war, in which he served as a military chaplain, the Valaam brotherhood and the future Archbishop were resettled to the interior of Finland. In 1956 Paul was made a bishop. In 1960 he was elected the Primate of the autonomous Church of Finland. During his long reign as Archbishop, Paul contributed to a widespread liturgical and spiritual renewal of the Finnish Church, mainly

by practicing and teaching about the Jesus Prayer. His ecclesiological views were fresh: his famous writings on the “diaspora” challenged a generation of Orthodox leaders, and he was a strong supporter of autocephaly — both for his Church, and for others in the “diaspora.” He never forgot his roots, however, and he personally participated in the rebuilding of the New Valaam monastery in its new home.

A seminar dedicated to his memory was held at the Orthodox Seminary in Joensuu, Finland on December 1–2, 2012. Archbishop Leo of Karelia and All Finland offered the following words about Archbishop Paul during the Sunday liturgy:

The Gospel this morning was a parable—but it reads more like prophecy. For almost a thousand years the great banquet of our Church—the Eucharist—was increasingly declined by those who had been invited. Unworthiness, ritual impurity, fasting rules—the excuses were many until the Lord sent out his servants—or rather scattered them—through the tragedies of the 20th century, to invite his people.

And so today we celebrate the memory of one such servant sent by the Lord, Archbishop Paul of Finland, who through his writings and example helped inspire generations of Orthodox Christians to come to the banquet of the Lord, to receive again Holy Communion, not as an event, but with regularity. His books, *The Faith We Hold*, and even more so, *The Feast of Faith*, have been translated into several languages. They have encouraged hundreds of thousands of Orthodox to see the Eucharist again for what it truly is: spiritual nourishment, the fount of immortality, the eternal banquet set by the Lord himself in the Kingdom of God.

If the Eucharist was participation in the Kingdom of God, then it was through the Divine Liturgy that Archbishop Paul taught we could enter that Kingdom. Like St. John Chrysostom, and more recently the great Russian theologians, Archbishop Paul returned again and again to the importance of the Divine Liturgy, to help us understand

it not as performance to be watched, but a living, vital inspiring experience that leads, through the Eucharist, to that Day without evening, the Kingdom of God.

Not only did he preach about it, but by becoming a musician, and then liturgist, he helped generations understand it, and so experience it in increasingly profound ways. Archbishop Paul did not invent liturgical theology, nor eucharistic ecclesiology, but as the Archbishop of Finland he was a profound exponent and champion of both here in Finland and throughout the world.

Most importantly, Archbishop Paul lived that which he preached. Finally his own life was centered on the Eucharist, and his joy was the Divine Liturgy, for it was there he witnessed until the end of his life, the reality of Kingdom. In his lifetime Finland experienced civil war, the Russian revolution, world wars, intolerance by Finnish public, profound loss, and the laborious task of rebuilding homes and parishes. Although he lived through all this, Archbishop Paul developed an ability to see the Eucharist as the foundation of our Church. And he never lost his faith, which he proclaimed manifested itself liturgically, in all the richness that 2,000 years of history had enrobed it.

Such is the legacy of Archbishop Paul—a legacy of leadership, inspiration, public and private witness, that will never be forgotten. He opened doors, rather than closed them; he reached out, rather than turned in; fearless in an era of fear; a shepherd in a time of wolves, demanding of himself and others, for there was always more to do. As a good and faithful servant of the Lord, there was always another road, another country lane, as the Gospel said, for Archbishop Paul to go down.

We mourn his passing, we rejoice in his life, and we reaffirm his teaching and the teaching of other Church Fathers, that in Christ our Lord, and in his Eucharist, is eternal Life.

May his memory be eternal!

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#### Loudoun Hunger Relief

### WISH LIST

**Cans, jars**—Peanut butter, Jelly. **Juices (100% Fruit)**. **Vegetables, Canned Fruit**—Canned beans, Tomato products, Stews, Soups. **Boxed Items**—Macaroni and cheese, **Cereal**, Pasta, Rice, Potatoes, Crackers. **Other Items**—Sugar, Powdered milk, Coffee, Tea bags, Dry beans. **Needs for the Homeless**—Pop-top canned foods, Individual serve items, Can opener. **Infant Needs**—Diapers (all sizes), Baby personal hygiene. **Personal Hygiene**—Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Bath/hand soap, Tissues, Tooth paste, Toothbrush, Laundry soap, Women’s hygiene products, Shaving cream and razors. **Distribution Center Supplies**—Ziploc bags (all types), Paper towels, Disposable gloves, Disinfectants, Bleach, Window cleaner, Antibacterial hand soap, Copy paper (white and colors), File folders.

NOTE: Donna Ellmore and Pamela Wayland are serving as liaison between our Parish and Loudoun Food Pantry and their efforts to serve the area’s people in need.

Loudoun Hunger Relief—formerly Loudoun Interfaith Relief. Phone: 703.777.5911. Pantry located at 750 Miller Drive, Suite A1, Leesburg.