

Holy Trinity Cathedral

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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Our 122nd year of Orthodox witness in Chicago

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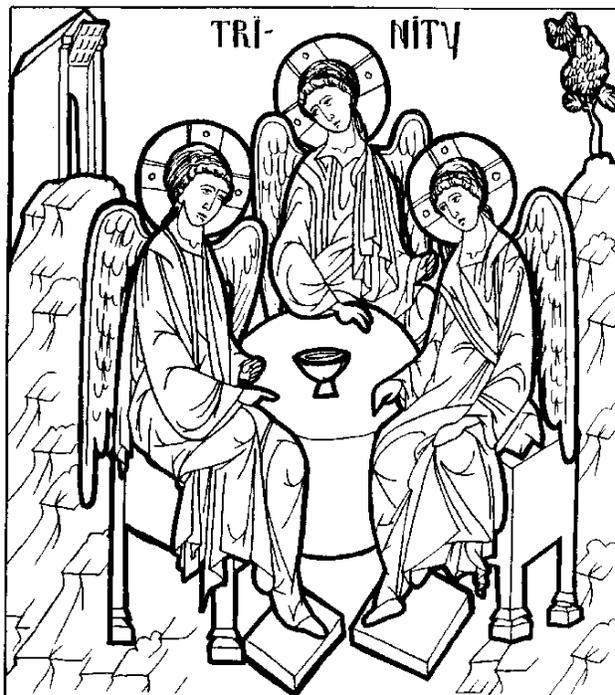
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*Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as
most wise by sending down upon them
the Holy Spirit: through them Thou
didst draw the world into Thy net.
O Lover of Man, Glory to Thee!*

(Pentecost Tropar)

Welcome to Holy Trinity Cathedral!
Thank you for worshiping with us today!
The parish was founded in 1892 as
St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Church,
rebuilt in 1903 as Holy Trinity, under the
direction of St. John (Kochurov) of Chicago,
Louis Sullivan, architect. It became a cathe-
dral in 1922, when Bishop THEOPHILUS was
consecrated as Bishop of Chicago.

A landmark in the city of Chicago, and
listed on the National Register of Historic
Places, Holy Trinity continues its witness of
Orthodox Christianity in Chicago.

If you have any questions, are looking for a
spiritual home, or wish to talk to Fr. John,
please inquire at the Candle Desk.

Schedule of Services

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 3
Prophet Ezekiel; Ven. Simeon of Emessa,
Fool-for-Christ, and his fellow ascetic, Ven.
John

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Saturday, July 27

4:30p Vigil *Resurrection Gospel V*

Sunday, July 28

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 4
Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons:
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas;
Martyr Julian of Dalmatia

9:10a Hours

9:30a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

Parish Barbeque Today!

We hope you will stay a while and enjoy the Parish Barbeque following the Divine Liturgy.

Co-sponsored by the Parish Council and the Friends of Holy Trinity, good food and fellowship are the order of the day.

All proceeds go to the cladding of the cupolas.

Bar-b-que

The Friends of Holy Trinity will sponsor the first annual Bar-b-que, on Sunday, July 21, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, roasted corn, and other picnic fixin's will be featured.

Come one! Come all! for this great summertime treat!

Cupola Cladding

The cupola on the bell tower will be clad in gold tone stainless steel. This particular cladding material will stand up to sun's rays, weather, and pollution for many years to come.

We will need about \$50,000.00 to complete work on both the bell tower and central dome cupola, therefore we need your help in raising the necessary funds.

Parishioners are asked to clearly mark donations as:

Clad The Domes

Any special gifts should be directed to Joseph Mamczij, William Fetterly, or Justin Kneeland to insure proper credit.

Holy Prophet Elijah

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

St. Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to

repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1) The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had

gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over

his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in "a gentle breeze" (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/Ecclesiastes

Prophet...(con't)

48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism St Olga built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in his native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.

He that believes in Christ as he should do does not allow himself to doubt even for a moment in the truth of that which the Lord has said in His holy Gospel, in that which is taught by His pure bride, the Church. It is necessary to acquire such steadfastness of heart in faith that it should not in the least, not for one single moment, be shaken of our free-will, by duplicity, by an inclination towards the opposite side, in order that a Christian should not be like a 'wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed' (Jms. 1:6). Our faith in Christ is 'yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us' (II Cor. 1:19-20).

St. John of Kronstadt

*The Father Stephen Karaffa
Annual Golf Tournament*

For the Benefit of
St. Peter & St. Paul
Orthodox Church
Burr Ridge, Illinois

Saturday August 17, 2013

Stony Creek Golf Course
5850 W. 103rd Street
Oak Lawn, IL

Registration: 9:00 AM

Tee time: 10:00 AM

Format: 9 Holes or 18 Holes - Best
Ball

Prizes - Chinese Auction - 50/50
Drawing

Golf & Buffet 9 Holes \$65.00 or
18 Holes \$90.00

Buffet Only \$22.00

Children \$7.00

Buffet will be served at approximately
4:00 PM

Deadline August 11, 2013

Please make checks payable to and
mail to:

St. Peter & St. Paul Orthodox Church
749 Ridgeview St., Downers Grove, IL
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For info call:

Father Deacon John – 630.353.0540

Parish Picnic Today!

Hamburgers

Hot Dogs

Roast Corn

Picnic Fixin's

Beverages

*Ala carte pricing through
refreshment tickets*

Healing Service

On Wednesday, August 21, at 7:00p, we will celebrate a Healing Service for all who wish to come.

The Holy Apostle James instructs us that if we are sick, we should contact the elders (the bishops and priests) of the Church, who will pray and anoint with oil for the healing of soul and body.

One does not have to be Orthodox to participate in the service, or be anointed.

Please be sure to let folks know of this wonderful opportunity to come for the prayers of the Church.

Greeter's Program on Haitus

Due to circumstance beyond our control, the *Greeter's Program* will be on hiatus until further notice.

This is not only one of our most popular ministries, but also very successful and effective.

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to become Greeters. This is a special ministry which does require some training, as well as an investmet of time and talent.

If you are interested in becoming a Greeter, please contact Fr. John at your earliest convenience.

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