

THE TRISAGION

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Cross Planting to Inaugurate a New Era for Chapel this Pentecost Weekend



ARCHBISHOP MELCHISEDEK will devote a significant portion of his upcoming visit to our community promoting the Chapel of the Holy Spirit and its building campaign. On Saturday, June 7, at 9 a.m., His Eminence will celebrate the Memorial Divine Liturgy of Pentecost at the building site (weather permitting) and plant a cross, officially dedicating the project to God in advance of the groundbreaking that is expected later this summer.

Following a lunch reception for all in attendance, His Eminence will host an informal question-and-answer session at the Smith home to demonstrate that the Archdiocese is firmly committed to underwriting the Chapel's construction costs, and that the only issue remaining is the terms of financing (*see sidebar*).

The bishop's busy weekend with us will not end there
(continued, see EPISCOPAL VISIT, last page)

Update on the Upcoming Special Parish Meeting

As reported last month, the parish originally planned to vote at a special meeting on May 18 on a \$160,000 Archdiocesan loan proposal for the construction of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in Beavertown. However, the May 18 meeting was postponed because several concerns were raised about the specific terms of the financing agreement.

To address these concerns and to give the parish more flexibility in the process, the Parish Council met on May 21. After discussing and documenting the issues with the original proposal, the Council moved to cancel the May assembly and call for a new meeting of the entire parish. It is scheduled for Sunday, June 22 following the Divine Liturgy at both Holy Trinity and the Chapel. See the last page for meeting information and the text of the resolution.

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Schedules

	Coffee Hour	Greeters	Tellers	Servers**
June 1	E. George and M. Stevens	B. Roberts and E. Miranda	M. Stevens and H. Torbic	Team A
June 8	B. & N. Troyan and B. Roberts	L. Radomsky and M. Radomsky	B. Haupt and M. Fedkin	All Servers
June 15	A. Cranmer and L. Radomsky	M. Thompson and M. Fedkin	G. Cattell and R. Patel	Team B
June 22	E. Files and M. & G. Anthony*	M. Leathers and D. Swisher	H. Torbic and S. Stevens	Team A
June 29	Russian Ladies	B. Roberts and E. Miranda	M. Fedkin and B. Haupt	Team B
July 6	TBD	L. Radomsky and M. Radomsky	M. Stevens and G. Cattell	Team A

* Denotes Fast **Team A: A. Miranda, N. Pelikan, S. Olynyk, D. Stickle, J. Torbic, and J. Swisher. Captains: D. Torbic, Ja. Stickle, Team B: J. Cadman, N. McFarland, B. Olynyk, S. Patel, and L. Torbic. and K. Kucheryavyy

■ FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK Rejoice in the Spirit

June always brings a wonderful sense of quieter days in town, and slower schedules for many families. But church life picks up a bit of speed after the wondrous celebration of Pascha: Pentecost, the Apostles' Fast, and the feasts of St. John the Baptist and Ss. Peter and Paul. Virtually the whole month is spent rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

But it is somber rejoicing compared to Pascha. After Pentecost and a fast-free week, the feast of All Saints heralds the advent of another fast, although milder than Lent.

The Apostles' fast teaches us the ongoing self-denial needed for life in the Church, the Body of Christ, taking up the cross and following Christ, becoming disciples ourselves first that we might make disciples of all nations; lest the message of Lent be lost on us and the reason we rejoiced in Pascha and Pentecost be forgotten until next year. ■



TOP: Newly-ordained Dn. Gabriel Tannous with Bishop Nicholas.
BOTTOM: Fr. Edward and his family at his new parish in Illinois.

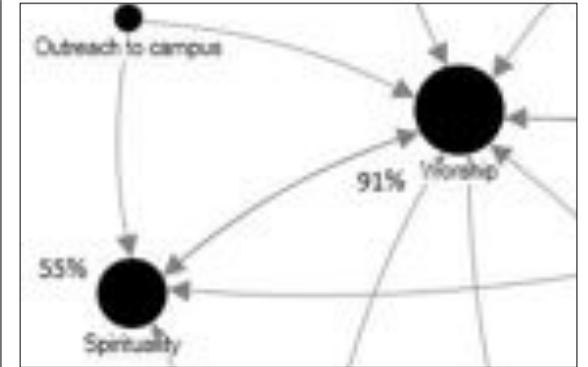
Also From Father's Desk...

- **Archbishop's Visitation.** *Don't forget that His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek joins us this year for Pentecost, our temple feast. See the lead article or the attached monthly calendar for a full schedule.*
- **Vacation Bible School** *takes place June 16-20 at 5:15 p.m. for the kiddoes and their buddies between the ages of 4-12. Supper is provided each evening. (More information is on the next page).*
- **Survey Says...** *Jennifer McClure will present the results of the parish survey that was conducted this spring during two focus groups this month. The purpose of these sessions is to collect your candid feedback on the results to develop further consensus about what hopefully is God's will for our future growth. They take place on Wednesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. Pick a time that works best for you and your family.*
- **Axios!** *On May 11, seminarian Jabra Tannous was ordained to the Holy Diaconate at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Danbury, CT, taking the name Gabriel. His Grace Bishop Nicholas of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America presided. Deacon Gabriel graduated from Penn State in 2006 and served as OCF president. He is the sixth OCF alumnus from our campus ministry to be ordained in the last nine years. Many Years!*
- **Deacon Edward Batchko**, *who interned at HTOC last summer, graduated from St Tikhon's Seminary late last month and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Grace Bishop Peter of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia in Des Plaines, Illinois, on Ascension Day. Axios!*
- **Chapel Loan.** *A parish vote to authorize the Parish Council to negotiate a loan for \$160,000 for the construction of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit is set for June 22 at both HTOC and CHS. Two meetings will be held in State College to discuss this important matter on Wednesday June 18: one at 10 a.m., the other at 7 p.m. A third meeting will be held at the Chapel, date and time to be determined.*

Episcopal Visit (cont. from page 1)

in Beavertown. Returning to State College that same evening, His Eminence will pray the Pentecost Vigil with us beginning at the special time at 5 p.m. Moving Matins to Saturday night and starting an hour earlier allows the celebration to end at the same time and will give more people an opportunity to greet our hierarch on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. in advance of the Divine Liturgy and "Kneeling" Vespers. Both day's celebrations will end with food and fellowship: on Saturday night there will be a light dinner reception in the Parish Hall, on Sunday, the annual parish picnic at Holmes-Foster Park (hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided, bring a side or dessert to share).

On Monday at 8 a.m., His Eminence will celebrate another liturgy with us. This is an opportunity to gather around our bishop one last time, offering prayers that God would send down His Holy Spirit upon us and the Chapel on its patronal feast day. ■



Holy Trinity's Social Network

People think of Facebook or Twitter when they hear of social networks, but more broadly, they examine how things are connected. In Jennifer McClure's analysis of the **Vision 2020** Survey, values were mapped as nodes, with relative size and linked lines indicating which ones are important and shared by many. One of the most conclusive findings of the survey was how central the values of "worship" and "spirituality" are to members, both today and in the church we want to become. Be sure to attend one of the two scheduled feedback sessions this month to engage in this very important conversation. ■

Special Parish Meeting Information—Sunday, June 22

The Parish Council has called for a special meeting to be held Sunday, June 22 following the Divine Liturgy to be held at both Holy Trinity and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The sole agenda item will be to vote on a new resolution pertaining to construction project financing for a church building in Beavertown.

It differs considerably from the previous one under consideration at the meeting that was cancelled. While the original resolution specified loan terms to be voted on by the parish meeting, the new resolution delegates all negotiating power to the Parish Council. If terms are met to the satisfaction of all parties, especially the Chapel faithful, the Council will engage the loan. The new resolution also authorizes the council to seek other lenders besides the Archdiocese, if necessary.

This process is the same one the parish used when it authorized the Council to act in its behalf to obtain the loan for the remodeling the church in 2006.

The resolution is as follows:

- I. The Parish authorizes the Parish Council to:
 - a. Enter into immediate negotiations with the Archdiocese or other appropriate lending agency for a loan in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 to build the Chapel of the Holy Spirit on the property in Beavertown; with
 - b. terms that are the most advantageous both to the Chapel and to the parish corporation as a whole; and in such case, to
 - c. enter into a loan agreement in accordance with those terms and communicate the results to congregation membership by post.
- II. Voting shall take place at both Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, State College and at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Beavertown, as permitted by parish bylaws (Art. III, Sec. 3-D).
- III. The special meeting shall commence immediately upon the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in both locations.

Young Adult Fellowship Outing

Holy Trinity's young adults (20- to 30-somethings) will gather for a potluck cookout at the Leathers' home (4789 Buffalo Run Road in Port Matilda). Grilled items will be provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share. It begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 and features games and fellowship around the campfire. Email youngadults@holytrinity-oca.org for more details.

Archdiocesan Events Schedule

The seventh anniversary of the repose of Archbishop Kyrill will be commemorated at Holy Transfiguration Monastery on Tuesday, June 17. Vespers and a Panikhida will be served by Archbishop Melchisedek at the grave site beginning at 5 p.m. Later in the summer, Diocesan Family Day will take place at the Diocesan Center on Sunday, August 17. Mark your calendars!

Help TLC-2 Help New Moms

As our parish family grows, *TLC-2*, a ministry that supports families of newborns, has opportunities for you to serve. To learn more, see Corene Swisher or email tlc-2@holytrinity-oca.org.

Youth Association Update

The Orthodox Youth Association met for lunch last month to plan a summer activity. Many great ideas were shared, so the group decided to explore an overnight trip this August 6-7. Save the date.

Teller Training Opportunity

The parish is updating its record keeping software to serve you more effectively. Tellers are asked to come to a brief meeting on Saturday, June 14 at 4:30 p.m. to learn the new system. See Chuck for details.

Women's Ministry to Return

Laura Rush and Mka. Linda Reeves, new leaders of the Women's Ministry, have been planning quarterly social events, along with Bible and other book studies for the fall and winter months. Keep checking the Sunday bulletin and *Trisagion* for details.

■ NEWS AND NOTES

Spots Still Remain on 2014 Orthodox Mission Teams

Be a living witness on a medical team to Tanzania or Uganda, work with youth in Albania or Moldova, or offer your talents on other mission teams this summer and fall. Applications and details are available at ocmc.org or by calling (877) 463-6787. Departure dates range from mid-June through October.

Woskob Family to Showcase Inspirational Ukrainian Artwork

The Woskob Family will present *The Immortal Diorama: Triumph Over Tragedy in Ukrainian Art* in the Woskob Family Gallery at the Penn State Downtown Theatre (146 S. Allen St. in State College). The display opens with a reception on Saturday, June 18 at 2 p.m. and continues through July 27.

For the Record

BAPTISMS

- **Gregory and Tatiana Dolgopyat**, children of Natalia Tchetcherina and Dmitry Dolgopyat, were baptized at Holy Trinity on May 24, sponsored by Rusko Ruskov and Svetlana Konnova. Many years!
- **Solomiya Stefaniya Golovko**, daughter of **Sergii and Iryna Demko Golovko**, was baptized on May 24. Many years!

AWARDS & ELECTIONS

- **Natalie Roberts**, History/Poli. Science '14, was awarded \$750 (2nd place) for her thesis, "History of Organic Farming in California and Pennsylvania". Congratulations!
- **Alfred Kentigern Siewers** was elected Chair of the Bucknell English Department for a four-year term beginning in 2015. Congratulations!
- **Evan Bittner, Jacob Sisko, Katie Carpenter, Timothy Daly, and George Economides** were elected officers of the Penn State Orthodox Christian Fellowship (2014-15). Congratulations!

■ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

Take a Journey through the Wardrobe

This month at Vacation Bible School (VBS) your children will join Lucy, Edmund, Susan, and Peter on a trip to a fanciful world of talking animals and mythical creatures. Along the way they will meet Mr. Tumnus, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, the White Witch, and of course Aslan. For five days, C.S. Lewis' epic fairy tale *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* will come to life as the Holy Trinity Parish Hall is transformed into the land of Narnia.

In the book, Lewis' Christian beliefs are combined with his literary skills to, "steal past a certain inhibition which had paralyzed" his religious life as child. By casting them into an imaginary world, he would later explain, eternal truths were stripped "of their stained-glass and Sunday School association," making them "for the first time appear in their real potency."

So, through a series of games, crafts, songs, and lessons, Lewis' allegory of good triumphing over evil will be explored; and students will learn that the reality of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for our sins is something that must never be forgotten. It is His love, grace and power that can transfigure all of us into His image.

All children (Sunday School students and their friends in the community) who are preparing to enter

Registration Information

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme is "Entering Narnia" Throughout the week there will be services, crafts, activities, and games that will reinforce the Christian themes found throughout C.S. Lewis' literary works.

VBS will be conducted June 16-20 from 5:15 p.m. until 8 p.m. for children entering Pre-K (one year before enrolling in Kindergarten) through the sixth grade in Fall 2014. Each day will begin with dinner. Parents are also encouraged to attend Daily Vespers and pray with their children on the Wednesday and VBS week, beginning at the special time at 5 p.m.

To register, simply go to holytrinity-oca.org and fill out the online form. If you have any questions, see Dn. Mark or email dnmark@holytrinity-oca.org

Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed as teachers, food preparers, as extra hands in the kitchen or during crafts, photographers, and more. If you can assist, please note that when you register or contact Dn. Mark at the email above.

Pre-K (the year before entering Kindergarten) through sixth grade this fall are invited to attend (there is no fee). ■

Parenting in the Orthodox Family Today

[Orthodox parents] do not have to feel pressured to assume God's role to protect their children from all known and unknown threats. It is an impossible task for a human. An Orthodox person understands that, after doing one's best to take care of one's offspring, "practicing what we preach" to our children and prayer with faith are what truly supplements any shortcomings of faulty human actions...

Often, in times of greatest distress and insecurity, I have wished for a manual that would just outright tell me how to be a good Orthodox mother who will raise her children to love God and His Holy Church. However, this great God's gift of children does not come with ready care instructions.

Ultimately, the best advice I have ever heard is that we should spend less time

talking to our children about God, and more time talking to God about our children, that is, praying to God for them. And by striving to draw nearer to God, we can be sanctified by God's grace and our home made holy, along with the family living in it.

—Popadija Aleksandra Petrovich

SOURCE: *The Path to Orthodoxy* (May 2012). Visit holytrinity-oca.org for the full article.

Holy Trinity Calendar

All events take place at 119 South Sparks Street in State College unless where noted.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 1 Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Hours, 9:40am Divine Liturgy, 10am Choir Rehearsal, 12:15pm	2	3	4 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions Vision 2020 Survey Parishioner Feedback Session, 7pm	5 Raising Orthodox Christian Kids (ROCK): "Thursdays in the Park," 10am @ <i>Orchard Park, State College</i>	6 Vespers, 7pm	7 Memorial Divine Liturgy, Cross Planting, and Lunch Reception 9am @ Chapel Building Site Children's Choir, 4pm Vigil for Pentecost, 5pm Hospitality Reception, 7pm
8 PENTECOST Greeting of Abp. Melchisedek/ Hours, 9:30am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10am Vespers of Pentecost, 11:45am Parish Picnic, 1pm @ <i>Holmes-Foster Park (Lower Pavilion)</i>	9 Day of the Holy Spirit Hours, 7:40am Divine Liturgy, 8am	10 Clergy Staff Meeting, 11:45am	11 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions Parish Council Meeting, 7pm	12 ROCK: "Thursdays in the Park," 10am @ <i>Spring Creek Park, Houserville</i> Young Adult Potluck/ Bonfire Cookout, 5pm @ <i>4789 Buffalo Run Road, Port Matilda</i>	13	14 Vision 2020 Survey Parishioner Feedback Session, 10:30am Teller Meeting/Training Session, 4:30pm Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
15 All Saints Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am	16 Vacation Bible School (VBS) Begins. Theme: "Exploring Narnia," 5:15pm-8:05pm	17 Homeless Ministry, 4pm @ <i>Centre House, 217 E. Nittany Ave.</i> Vespers/Memorial for Abp. Kyrill, 5pm @ <i>Transfig. Monastery, Ellwood City</i> VBS, 5:15pm-8:05pm	18 Chapel Financing Info. Session, 10am Vespers/Confessions, 5pm Vacation Bible School, 5:35pm-8:05pm Chapel Financing Info. Session, 7pm	19 Raising Orthodox Christian Kids (ROCK): "Thursdays in the Park," 10am @ <i>Holmes-Foster Park, State College</i> Vacation Bible School, 5:15pm-8:05pm	20 Vacation Bible School, 5:15pm-8:05pm	21 Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 9am Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
22 All Saints of North America Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am Special Parish Meeting, 12pm Jr. Orthodox Youth Association Monthly Activity, 6pm	23 Vespers, 7pm	24 Nativity of St. John the Forerunner Hours, 7:40am Divine Liturgy, 8am	25 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	26 Raising Orthodox Christian Kids (ROCK): "Thursdays in the Park," 10am @ <i>Sunset Park, State College</i>	27	28 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
29 Holy Apostles Ss. Peter and Paul Festal Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am	30	July 1 Clergy Staff Meeting, 11:45am	2 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions	3 Raising Orthodox Christian Kids (ROCK): "Thursdays in the Park," 10am @ <i>Spring Creek Park, Houserville</i>	4	5 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
6 Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am	7	8 Homeless Ministry, 4pm @ <i>Centre House, 217 E. Nittany Ave.</i>	9 Vespers, 5:30pm Confessions Parish Council Meeting, 7pm	10 Raising Orthodox Christian Kids (ROCK): "Thursdays in the Park," 10am @ <i>Holmes-Foster Park, State College</i>	11	12 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions

Chapel Calendar

All events take place at 350 Old Orchard Drive in Beavertown unless where noted.

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 1</p> <p>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Hours, 9:40am Divine Liturgy, 10am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 15</p> <p>All Saints Hours, 9:40am Divine Liturgy, 10am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 3</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm @ <i>845 Center Ave. (Lyter Residence)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 17</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm @ <i>845 Center Ave. (Lyter Residence)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 7</p> <p>Memorial Saturday (Holy Forefathers) Divine Liturgy, 9am Cross Planting @ <i>Building Site (N. Kern St. & W. Mulberry Aly.)</i>, following Lunch Reception, following Chapel Financing "Q&A" Session with Archbishop Melchisedek, 1pm <i>Great Vespers/Litiya/Matins, 5pm @ Holy Trinity</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 22</p> <p>All Saints of North America Hours, 9:40am Divine Liturgy, 10am Special Meeting, 11:45am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8</p> <p>PENTECOST <i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Vespers, and Parish Picnic, 9:30am @ Holy Trinity</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 24</p> <p>Nativity of St. John Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm @ <i>845 Center Ave. (Lyter Residence)</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 10</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm @ <i>845 Center Ave. (Lyter Residence)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 28</p> <p>Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 14</p> <p>Vespers, 6pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 29</p> <p>Ss. Peter and Paul Hours, 9:40am Divine Liturgy, 10am</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday July 1</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm @ <i>845 Center Ave. (Lyter Residence)</i></p>

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