

2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
November 10, 2013

Agenda

- i. Opening Prayer: “O Heavenly King...”
 - ii. Establishment of Quorum
 - iii. Vote on the Proposed Changes to Parish Bylaws (*see summary below*)
 - iv. Minutes of the 2012 Meeting (*see below*)
 - v. Priest’s Report (*see below*)
 - vi. Treasurer’s Report (*see below*)
 - vii. Review and Approval of 2014 Budget (*see below*)
 - viii. Election of Officers (Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President—Building)
 - ix. Closing Prayer: “It is truly meet...”
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Minutes from the Annual Meeting

November 18, 2012

- I. Opening Prayer: “O, Heavenly King...” at 12:21 p.m.
- II. Establishment of Quorum (noted here out of sequence, following circulation of Attendance Sheet):
Members in Good Standing Present: 43. *Mary Kay Haupt moves, Melody Thompson seconds, to accept those in attendance as quorum for this Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*
- III. Approval of Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting: *Bruce Haupt moves to accept Minutes as submitted, Ed Miranda seconds, Motion passed unanimously.*
- IV. Priest’s Report
- V. Treasurer’s Report: *Maria Stevens moves, Megan Leathers seconds, to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*
- VI. Review and Approval of 2013 Budget: *Brandon Swisher moves, David Swisher seconds, to adopt the 2013 Budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*
- VII. Review and Approval of the 2013 Chapel of the Holy Spirit Budget: *Mka. Linda Reeves moves, Ed Miranda seconds, to adopt the 2013 HTOC Budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*
- VIII. Election of Officers: *Brandon Swisher moves, Leslyn Radomsky seconds, to elect the slate as proposed by the Council. Motion passed unanimously.*
 - a. President, Chuck Beechan
 - b. Vice President—Grounds, Bruce Haupt
 - c. Assistant Treasurer, Ravi Patel
- IX. Motion to Adjourn: *Bruce Haupt moves to adjourn the 2012 Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*
- X. Closing Prayer: “It is truly meet...” at 1:02 p.m.

Priest's Report

Annual Meetings allow us to look back over the past year to count the many ways God has blessed our parish. It is also an opportunity to look forward to new blessings which await us. Today ministry reports will be received, the financial state of the parish reviewed and the new budget for 2014 will be presented for adoption.

As well, the proposed revisions to the Parish Bylaws have been put up to a vote for a second time. (You might remember that this action failed last spring because of lack of quorum.) The revisions reflect the changes that the parish have undergone since the bylaws were originally adopted in 1995.

Some of these changes allow for greater flexibility in the duties of Parish Council members and the possibility for an Annual Meeting to expand the number of council positions, if warranted, without needing to change the bylaws.

The amendments would also allow regular business meetings to take place with a quorum of a third of the voting members as opposed to the 50% now required. Encumbering or sale of property would still require the current 50% quorum. (Based on Holy Trinity's 2014 census of 132 adult members, quorum is now defined as 66 parishioners.)

Other revisions detail the relationship of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit with the parish. These would specifically allow the Chapel:

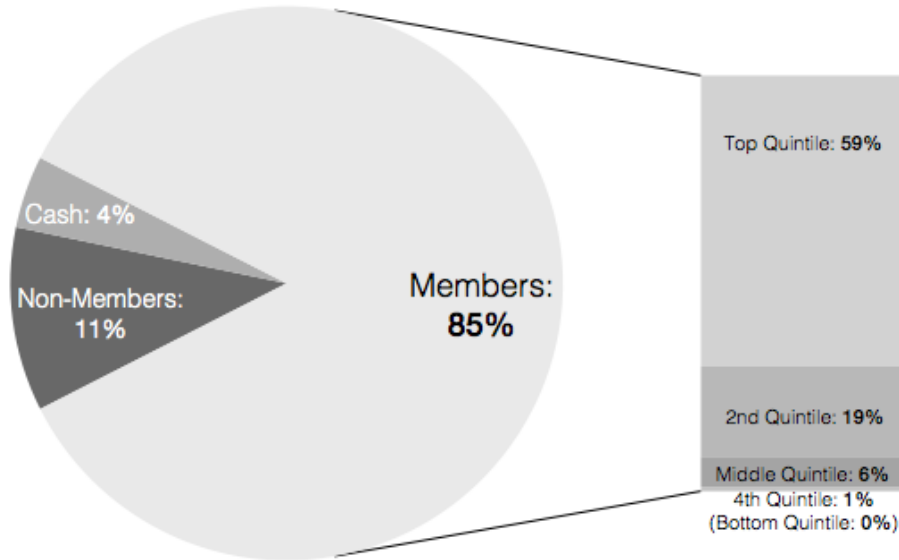
- *to have both voice and vote on the Council;*
- *to vote on specified parish matters by ballot from Snyder County;*
- *a mechanism to attain free-standing status as a mission or parish in the future.*

Last year in my report to the parish, I recounted the vision I first cast for my pastorate when I arrived in State College in 1995. I told mission leaders at that time that under my leadership it would be a pastorate whose ministry was based upon sacrificial, proportionate giving for the work of the Church. The mission community was already in agreement that Holy Trinity would never charge "dues" because it never wanted to become a religious club but a church in the fullest sense of that term. I promised that God would bless us if we honored him with a tithe, something which Scripture indicates and which I practice. I also promised to lead them and the future parish in scripturally based financial support (*cf. Malachi 3:8ff*). (In other words, to those to whom much has been given, is much more required.)

Last year, when the Council challenged us to step out in faith increase our giving by six percent, I offered you an opportunity to increase your giving and then increase your joy in proportion to God's blessings, in your lives personally and in our parish's life corporately: to take a fixed percentage of your income blessing and thank God for it by returning it to him, weekly or monthly, and put him to test.

Today as we vote to fund and support a proposed budget for 2014 that has increased another 6% from last year, let us consider and reflect upon the following information:

2013 Stewardship Offerings by Type



	NUMBER OF GIVERS	AVERAGE 2013 CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL 2013 CONTRIBUTION	% OF TOTAL
Member Units (Families/Individuals)*	74	\$1,728	\$127,900	85%
Top Quintile (20%)	15	5,961	89,413	59%
Second Quintile (20%)	16	1,762	28,194	19%
Middle Quintile (20%)	15	592	8,878	6%
Fourth Quintile (20%)	14	101	1,415	1%
Bottom Quintile (20%)**	14	0	0	0%
Non-Members	36	\$449	\$16,162	11%
Cash	—	—	\$6,355	4%
Total	—	—	\$150,417	100%

* Does not include Chapel members (i.e., 15 of the 132 members in the 2014 census). A "member unit" is defined either as multiple members making up a household (including their adult member children) or as an individual donor member.

** The bottom quintile is defined as member units that have no identified contribution for 2013. These member units may have given cash anonymously.

Just as we did last year when God called us to adopt a growth budget, let's again see what God will give us to celebrate in 2014, and discover how many more opportunities He will give us to continue building up the Church beyond the parish through worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and stewardship.

— Fr. John

Treasurer's Report

ACCOUNT BALANCES (as of October 31)

CATEGORY	2012	2013	% CHG.
ACCOUNTS	\$102,692	\$132,628	8.2%
Checking Account (National Penn Bank)	20,553	10,727	-47.8%
Money Market Account (National Penn Bank)	82,139	121,901	48.4%
ASSETS	\$110,028	\$135,846	23.5%
Committed Assets	26,302	46,522	76.9%
Chapel of the Holy Spirit Funds	26,302	46,522	76.9%
Liquid Assets	76,391	86,106	12.7%
DESIGNATED FUNDS	67,396	70,686	4.9%
All American Council Reserve	1,000	2,000	100.0%
Altar Boy Robes	—	285	—
Bookstore	734	1,257	71.3%
Building Fund	48,151	51,438	6.8%
Continuing Education—Rector	—	—	—
Continuing Education—Assistant Priest	2,500	3,507	40.3%
Cupola Fund	400	4,200	960.0%
Deacon Isaac Fund	270	110	-59.3%
Icon Fund	1,480	1,480	0.0%
Matthew 25	3,155	2,012	-38.2%
Memorial Fund	3,300	3,025	-8.3%
Property Reserve	6,406	406	-93.7%
Sunday School	—	966	—
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS	8,995	15,420	71.4%
Operating Cash	8,995	15,420	71.4%
Receivables	7,335	3,218	-56.1%
Alaska Mission Trip Reimbursement	2,224	507	-77.2%
Sabbatical Reimbursement	5,111	2,711	-47.0%
LIABILITIES	\$218,132	\$210,669	-3.4%
Mortgage Balance	218,132	210,669	-3.4%

2014 Proposed Budget – Holy Trinity

INCOME

CATEGORY	2013 YTD*	2013 BUDGET	2014 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Stewardship Offerings	\$150,417	\$191,682	\$207,372	8.2%
Deacon Support Appeal	4,190	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Parking	2,970	3,500	3,500	0.0%
Candles and Flowers	2,617	2,600	2,600	0.0%
OCF Funding Appeal	2,235	2,000	2,500	25.0%
Choir Internship Appeal	860	2,000	1,000	-50.0%
Missions Appeal	500	3,000	1,000	-66.7%
Discretionary Fund	100	500	500	0.0%
Interest Income	338	362	301	-16.9%
Total Income	\$164,227	\$210,644	\$223,773	6.2%

EXPENSES

CATEGORY	2013 YTD*	2013 BUDGET	2014 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Personnel	\$108,668	\$129,721	\$134,085	3.4%
Rector's Stipend/Housing	60,729	72,875	74,000	1.5%
Ministry Director's Stipend/Housing	33,848	40,618	42,650	5.0%
Office Assistant	5,472	6,565	6,565	0.0%
Custodian	3,969	4,763	4,900	2.9%
Continuing Education—Rector	2,400	2,400	1,920	-20.0%
Continuing Education—Deacons	—	—	1,800	—
Supply Clergy	1,000	1,250	1,250	0.0%
Continuing Education—Assistant Priest	1,250	1,250	1,000	-20.0%
Archdiocese	16,626	20,856	22,116	6.0%
Mortgage	14,430	17,315	17,315	0.0%
Outreach & Fellowship	7,109	8,250	7,750	-6.1%
Liturgical	7,051	6,675	7,675	15.0%
Utilities	4,711	6,535	6,035	-7.7%
Office Administration	3,169	3,850	5,100	32.5%
Physical Plant	2,197	4,050	4,800	18.5%
Christian Education	3,377	3,200	4,100	28.1%
Missionary/Seminaries	2,500	3,000	3,000	0.0%
Coffee Hour	1,538	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Insurance	1,553	1,692	1,777	5.0%
Discretionary Fund	1,228	1,500	1,000	-33.0%
All-American Council	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Furnishings	1,398	750	750	0.0%
Miscellaneous	109	250	270	8.0%
<i>Transfer to Property Maintenance Fund</i>	—	—	5,000	—
Total Expenses	\$176,664	\$210,644	\$223,773	6.2%

* through October 31, 2013

2014 Proposed Budget – Chapel of the Holy Spirit

INCOME**

CATEGORY	2013 YTD*	2013 BUDGET	(WITHOUT BUILDING)		(WITH BUILDING)	
			2014 BUDGET	% CHANGE	2014 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Stewardship Offerings	\$26,605	\$32,510	\$33,732	3.8%	\$33,732	3.8%
Building Fund	2,800	—	—	—	—	—
Charity Appeals	161	—	—	—	—	—
Choir Internship	1,000	—	—	—	—	—
Total Income	\$30,566	\$32,510	\$33,732	3.8%	\$33,732	3.8%

EXPENSES

CATEGORY	2013 YTD*	2013 BUDGET	(WITHOUT BUILDING)		(WITH BUILDING)	
			2014 BUDGET	% CHANGE	2014 BUDGET	% CHANGE
Personnel	\$12,250	\$15,400	\$17,200	11.7%	\$17,200	11.7%
Pastor's Housing Allowance**	11,500	13,800	15,000	8.7%	15,000	8.7%
Deacon's Housing Allowance	—	—	1,200	—	1,200	—
Supply/Visiting Clergy	750	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Travel Allowance	—	600	—	—	—	—
Outreach & Fellowship	1,136	\$1,625	\$1,525	-6.2%	\$1,625	0.0%
Advertising	294	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Chapel Events	472	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Priest's Discretionary	209	300	300	0.0%	300	0.0%
Coffee Hour	—	250	150	-40.0%	250	0.0%
Website	—	75	75	0.0%	75	0.0%
Charity Appeals	161	—	—	—	—	—
Property	569	820	690	-15.9%	9,800	1095.1%
Utilities	—	100	100	0.0%	2,435	2335.0%
Furnishings	542	250	500	100.0%	1,300	420.0%
Liturgical	414	280	575	105.4%	575	105.4%
Office Administration	60	295	150	-49.2%	295	0.0%
Christian Education	—	200	150	-25.0%	200	0.0%
Archdiocesan/OCA Assessments***	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer to Savings	15,595	13,540	12,842	-5.2%	302	-97.8%
Total Expense	\$30,566	\$32,510	\$33,732	3.8%	\$33,732	3.8%

* through October 31, 2013

** Beginning in 2014, the "Pastor's Housing Allowance" category will include the travel allowance (the "Travel Allowance" category will be eliminated)

*** Holy Trinity subsidizes Archdiocesan/OCA assessments for parishioners who regularly attend the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Ministry Reports

ADULT STUDY GROUP (*Fr. John Reeves*)

This year's study is Fr. Patrick Reardon's *The Jesus We Missed*. It meets second and fourth Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (in December only we will meet on the first and third Tuesday).

ALTAR SERVERS (*Dn. Alexander Cadman*)

The Altar Servers ministry continues to expand under the direction of Darren Torbic, with Josiah Stickles, Jeremiah Stickles, Konstantin Kucheryavy and Zachary Bare regularly acting as assistant sacristans. I am grateful to God for all who volunteer. They all do a great job and it is an honor and privilege to serve with them.

Our servers are divided into two teams that serve on alternating Sundays (everyone is invited to serve on Pascha and Feast Days.) Parents can determine what team their child(ren) are on by looking in the monthly *Trisagion* or the weekly *This Week* email. Let me know if you are not receiving either one and would like to. If you have a boy aged eight and over, please encourage him to join our team. We meet annually for fellowship, to learn fire safety, and rehearse all our movements.

Our only challenge is managing the growth of this ministry. There is a possibility we may have to add a "Team C" in the future, but this would mean servers might have to go two weeks between serving opportunities.

ALTAR SOCIETY (*Joanne Takarchek*)

The Holy Trinity Altar Society is to serve God through the maintenance and beautification of the church, its vestments, altar cloths and baking of prosphora throughout the changing liturgical seasons.

We also decorate the icons for all the Holy Days with fresh bought flowers. Certain ladies take care of repairing altar server robes and hangings.

We are always looking for more women interested in helping us.

BOOKSTORE (*Matthew Finke*)

The bookstore strives to be a source of edification for the faithful of Holy Trinity and a helpful resource for those in the surrounding community who wish to learn more about the Orthodox faith. The bookstore is open regularly on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy and by special appointment as needed. The earnings are used to purchase more inventory and broaden the selection that is available. The main challenge facing the bookstore at present is a shortage of volunteers to staff the bookstore during coffee hour.

CANTORS/READERS (*Dn. Alexander Cadman*)

Holy Trinity continues to be blessed to have talented men and women that assist the Choir in chanting our Divine services. We are always looking to train more people for this important ministry. If you are interested, please plan to attend our specialized workshops with Fr. John Reeves to improve things like pronunciation, style, and technique. Dates of sessions vary. See the printed calendar in the *Trisagion* or the online calendar at holytrinity-oca.org for meeting times.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (*Fr. Basil Biberdorf*)

Our work at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in 2013 can be characterized by continued expansion. We now hold services on all Sundays of each month, with vespers served the evening before the first, third, and fifth Sundays. We have continued our practice of offering an expanded Lenten schedule, plus opportunities at some major feasts, particularly at Theophany and Nativity.

With this increase, we have also continued our public witness. Our second commemoration of the great blessing of water at Theophany received newspaper coverage, which led to a follow-up article at the Sunday of the Cross in Great Lent. We have also offered three Family Fun Nights at the local community center, affording anyone in the community the chance to play games, make crafts, and enjoy snacks and conversations. Each of these has shown an increase in community attendance over the one previous, presenting us with still more opportunities to meet those around us.

We are also seeing a change in the response to our booths at two local festivals. In addition to breaking our record for distribution of water and pens (over 950 bottles at the Selinsgrove festival), we are having more conversations with visitors to our booths. These conversations have afforded us the opportunity to share more about Orthodoxy, and to make a personal invitation to services, studies, and Family Fun Nights.

Finally, we continue moving toward our vision of constructing a church building in Beavertown. We have agreed on a structure, and are working toward finding solutions to finance construction, with the hope of breaking ground in the first half of 2014. Our financial support for the project remains strong, and our reserves continue to grow, indicative of the commitment of our Chapel faithful to our work in Snyder County.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and financial support of the Chapel.

BRIDGE OF HOPE (*Maria Stevens*)

Bridge of Hope is Holy Trinity's newest partner ministry. Our partner organization finds single mothers and pairs them with teams from churches like Holy Trinity to provide friendship and support, until the families are back on their feet. In October, our church was assigned a mother! Bridge of Hope will conduct a final training session for all who are interested in participating in this ministry. It will take place in the Parish Hall on November 19 at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served. More volunteers are needed. Thank you for your consideration.

CHOIR (*Zachariah Mandell*)

As the choir director, my purpose is to ensure that the musical quality of the service is not distracting, either through over- or under-performance, but conducive to the prayerful environment of the church. In order to do so, I have instructed the choir in the ways of the voice: breath control and technique, posture, balance, and in practice of those pieces we shall sing. This semester I have been able to begin the process, through these aspects of singing, of procuring the best musical product out of the choir as a whole and as individuals. In addition, the choir is now much more together in terms of cutting off and starting through the observance of my directing.

My goals for 2014 include improving several aspects of singing technique in the choir. Diction, which we touched on briefly this fall, shall be learned and applied in order to have a unified pronunciation of words throughout the choir. I shall attempt to instruct the choir in rudimentary music theory, just some basics, in order that they may understand better what they are singing and why the music is set the way it is. We shall together continue to work on breathing and watching, and start applying all that is taught to the music we have. I intend on adding to our musical repertoire with settings that are most advantageous to our personnel, and with those settings that we already have which are not I plan on resetting so that we can have more variety in our holy services. I hope to schedule practice more often, likely most Sundays after church as well as some weekday or Saturday practices of a greater length in order to effectively teach and enforce the concepts I am teaching. I look forward to being able to devote more time to the choir without some of my current extracurricular responsibilities. The only obstacles that we have are ourselves. For me it is my inexperience, but I shall do whatever I can to learn as they learn and not allow that to be an issue. As for the remainder of the choir, as long as everyone is devoted to this ministry and is ready and willing to learn without pause, my tenure as choir director shall God-willing be successful in the 2014 calendar year.

COFFEE HOUR (*Jean Miranda*)

No report submitted.

GREETERS (*Melody Thompson*)

The purpose of the Greeters Ministry is to welcome all those who come into our church, current members and visitors, Orthodox and non-Orthodox. We also facilitate connection to multiple resources about Orthodoxy. Greeters work as a group during the Pascha services, welcoming those attending the service and "transforming" the church during the procession between the services.

An ongoing challenge is finding new members. Although our parish continues to grow, the number of people willing and able to be "tied down" to a scheduled ministry has not grown apace. A second challenge is ensuring that our greeters continue their ministry beyond the initial greeting in the Narthex, with follow up during coffee hour. We addressed these challenges in a training meeting this fall and are committed to increased efforts in these areas.

The goals of the ministry for the coming year are 1) to expand the number of participants in the Greeters Ministry; and 2) to implement better follow-up procedures with visitors.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (*Bruce Haupt*)

The lawn care this year has been done by Gabe Sandoval to accrue community service hours for school. The church sign has been concreted in place, by the Men's Fellowship, due to it "walking away" twice. A thank you to the State College Police for putting it back in place the first time it happened.

Our dwarf Alberta Spruce Trees also like to grow legs and walk away one was replaced during the spring of this year and one walked away not long after. As well a tree was caught in the process of growing legs and was stopped in its tracks.

HOMELESS SHELTER MINISTRY (*Diana Van Duin*)

For the past four years people from our parish volunteered once a month to provide dinner for the residents at Centre House. As a volunteer you would need to buy the ingredients, bring them to Centre House and prepare the meal there together with the residents. After meal preparation, the volunteers generally share the dinner with the residents. If transportation or finances are an issue, please let us know and we should be able to help. Currently we have about 7 groups of volunteers who help preparing these meals.

We also continued collecting quarters throughout the year. All these activities are currently on-going in our church. On November 9th, a few parishioners participated in the "Run for shelter" walk/run fund raising event organized by Housing Transitions.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take over the Housing Transition ministry, starting January 2014. If you have any questions contact Diana van Duin at 814-861-3627 or via e-mail at dmv11@psu.edu.

JR. ORTHODOX YOUTH ASSOC. (JOYA) (*Fr. Basil*)
JrOYA continues as an effort to bring our members in 5th through 8th grades (roughly ages 10-13) together for fun and fellowship while working to establish them in faith. Our regular activities have included a number of games that emphasize cooperation and learning more about each other, in addition to simple fun. The most recent activity, a hot dog roast and getting lost in the corn maze at Ard's Market, included OYA. Spiritual topics are introduced seasonally as appropriate. Once again, we will be taking a group to the St Herman's Middle School Youth Retreat at Antiochian Village, on December 13-15 this year.

One change we are implementing in the course of this year is for parents to help with snacks on a rotating basis. Further, if you have an interest in helping as a craft or activity leader, or in filling in as an alternate leader, please contact Laura Rush or Fr. Basil.

LENDING LIBRARY (*Anna Stickles*)

The books and resources available in the lending library are comprised of some books owned by the parish, and others owned by members of the parish who are willing to loan out their resources as a way of helping people grow in the knowledge and practice of the Orthodox faith. We have had a small but steady use of the library. This past year we have added a number of new books to the library, and also each book now has its own information page where a fuller description is available for most of them. For next year we are thinking of adding some search features if this is possible with the set up we have. Also, the current descriptions were downloaded off the internet automatically and for the coming year I hope to fill in descriptions for books that don't have them, and check the descriptions that exist. Feedback on mistakes people find or suggestions for improvement are appreciated.

MATTHEW 25 (*Drives Individually Coordinated*)

Matthew 25 continues to execute our donation drives and serve our community. Each of Matthew 25's main drives (Back to School, Thanksgiving, St. Nicholas Tree, etc.) has its own director (with Dn. Alexander acting as a coordinator). The entire group meets three times a year to plan, brainstorm, and support each other. A big "thank you" goes to all of our volunteers that ensure each drive runs smoothly, but especially thanks go to everyone who gives their donations of time, money, and resources so we can continue to help the underprivileged in our area. Matthew 25 is not a part of our operating budget, so please remember this ministry throughout the year as we often help individuals who come to our doors seeking assistance in the forms of utility payments and gas and food gift cards.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (*Fr. John Reeves*)

Meets third Saturdays for breakfast and fellowship from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Special emphasis is being given this year to work projects in the parish and diocese.

ORTHODOXY 101 (*Dn. Alexander Cadman*)

In Fall of 2013, Orthodoxy 101 began meeting monthly for inquirers looking for basic knowledge about Orthodoxy in a friendly, informal setting. We begin each course with a detailed church tour, then proceed with sessions on church history, doctrine, worship, the Bible, and Orthodox spirituality. Please pray for the success of this ministry that it may continue to serve as an entry point for inquirers into the Faith.

ORTHODOXY 2.0 (*Fr. John Reeves*)

Orthodoxy 2.0 meets during Lent to prepare catechumens for baptism at Pascha. Topics include both the rites and the theology of Baptism, Chrismation and the Eucharist.

ORTHODOX YOUTH ASSOC. (OYA) (*Dn. Alex C.*)

After a brief hiatus last summer, the Orthodox Youth Association successfully restarted this Fall with a "High School Summit" on September 15. Over lunch, students met and brainstormed to come up with several ideas that we plan to pursue over the next months. Because of the size and scope of activities, OYA will begin meeting about four times each year with larger, more involved activities, including overnight trips (i.e., New York City, beach, amusement park) and retreats. If you are interested in serving as a chaperone at an upcoming trip, please contact Laura Rush or Dn. Alexander.

ORTH. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (*John Carpenter*)

The purpose of OCF is to foster a strong, lifelong commitment to Christ among students through a supportive community that witnesses the Gospel to the campus. The group meets weekly on campus at 212 Pasquerilla Spiritual Center or at the church when Thursdays fall on the eves of Great Feasts. Activities alternate between "Dinner and Discussion", Prayer Nights, Game Nights, and "Stump the Priest" Nights. Frs. John, Basil, and Mark have all "entered the hot seat" this year. At each evening event, a free catered dinner is served.

OCF continues to actively participate in THON, and has been able to send students on each of the three canning trips for 2014. OCF has raised enough money to be eligible for dancers and participated in the dancer lottery for the past three years. Many members attend the THON weekend. Events associated with THON that received participation included Spaghetti Fundraising Luncheon at Holy Trinity, sending appeal letters to family, friends, and parishioners (THONvelopes) and the THON 5K.

Our overall goal is reflected in the purpose of OCF. We strive to create a group where students can come together and learn and grow in the Orthodox Faith. Likewise, we continue to support one another as we share the common beliefs of our faith. Fellowship and service are also important to us. We hope to create a close group of friends that can be a support system to one another. We also have as a goal to have active participation in THON and potentially receive a dancer pair. Holy Trinity is our family and largest supporters when fundraising for THON and

activities. We invite parishioners of all ages to join us THON weekend and create an OCF section. Shirts will be available for order so parishioners can join us in the fight and celebration of the weekend.

We strive to find the right balance between fellowship, education, worship, and service; to be inclusive and not make people feel intimidated by the group or church; increase attendance at weekly meetings; and grow in friendship and faith.

RAISING ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN KIDS (*Dee Patel*)

We had another great season of Thursdays in the Park! Several families from Holy Trinity and many other friends from the community gathered each Thursday morning at area parks from May until September. The parents enjoyed the fellowship while the children enjoyed the playgrounds. We welcomed several new members via Facebook, word-of-mouth, and just seeing folks at the park and inviting them to join us each week. Every year we always pick up at least one family who is new to State College, and we enjoy the privilege of showing them our beautiful parks and the wonderful community of mutually supportive parents and a host of small friends. Our Thursdays in the Park play dates are a positive experience for everyone involved!

RIDES TO CHURCH (*Mka. Jennifer Cadman*)

Each year we make available to college students rides to church on Sundays. Several students take advantage of this opportunity. Many times the initial ride to church connects the students to other OCF students and they eventually take care of helping each other to and from church which strengthens their relationships. Even though that does happen, rarely a Sunday goes by without someone requesting a ride and it is a wonderful way for Holy Trinity to serve our students.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / VBS (*Dn. Mark Oleynik*)

During the past year, the Sunday School has continued to conduct religious education classes each week teaching the basic tenets of Orthodox Christianity through biblical, history, tradition, doctrine, and liturgical study. Additionally, there were many extra-curricular activities conducted including a Pascha workshop, SOUPer Sunday luncheon, egg hunt, parents meetings, and a Vacation Bible School (VBS). The theme for this year's VBS was "Running the Race. Going the Distance." As always, the Sunday school program should be viewed as a supplement to the parental role and responsibility of being the primary religious education teacher.

The staff has consists of eleven teachers who share teaching responsibilities on a rotating basis within their assigned classes. We are thankful to these teachers for sharing their time and talent with the children of our parish.

Overall, student enrollment has remained stable for the past three years with the older (middle/high) classes now being the largest. The current class divisions provide favorable class sizing

although attendance has been a bit sporadic during the Fall semester. The five classes and their enrollment are shown below:

- Pre/K – 5
- 1st/2nd – 5
- 3rd/5th – 9
- Middle school – 10
- High school – 11

While the classroom "areas" are satisfactory they do present some on-going challenges due their temporary nature (noise level, outside activity during class time, limited work/display areas, etc.). Finally, a small corner area in the Fellowship hall has been set up to provide a place for toddlers to go during class time (necessitating the moving of the Pre/K more into the center of the room) and has been working well.

TLC (*Mark and Leslyn Radomsky*)

TLC provides support to parishioners in times of illness, injury, or bereavement, as requested by the HTOC clergy. Support has taken on many different forms, such as home/hospital visits, arranging assistance with projects, providing rides to appointments, sending flowers/cards, or arranging for meals. Mark and Leslyn Radomsky coordinate TLC, but every member of the church is a Holy Trinity TLC minister, and perhaps from time to time a TLC recipient.

Our goal and mission for 2014 is to support and comfort parishioners in a timely manner. We do not hold fund raisers for our work, but rather, rely on a small operating budget and the charitable nature of our parishioners who often donate their time, talents and food preparation skills to this worthy cause. We invite all who can, to participate in TLC.

TLC-2 (*Corene Swisher*)

TLC-2 operates as a ministry to new moms within the parish by providing meals postpartum. The group provided 14 meals each to two families in the past year. We anticipate two to four families receiving our meals in the next year.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Holy Trinity's Young Adult ministry is a social ministry for young adults above the undergraduate level (with and without children). The group meets on the "Fast Free" Wednesday nights throughout the year for food and fellowship. With the departure of Megan Leathers as ministry leader for the Young Adult Fellowship, we are actively seeking a new leader to coordinate the planning of activities outside of these occasions. We thank Megan for all her hard work over the years, and look forward to continuing to minister to our young adults and professionals in 2014.