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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost;
St. Michael, the Archangel

Luke 8:41-56



Divine Liturgies:
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) & 11:15 a.m. (English)
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Baptisms & Funerals: By arrangement.
Marriages: By arrangement eight months in advance.
NOTE: Marriage preparation course required.
Confessions: 20 minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgies, or by appointment.
Pastor: Fr. Iryney Valyavka, OSBM
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Josaphat Oliynyk, OSBM
***Parish Secretaries** (part time):* Lorraine Stoyko & Michelle Yakimetz

HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE HOURS (Monday – Friday)
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VII. Faith Is Knowing We Are Never Without Hope

Faith is knowing that we are never without hope because our hope is not built upon human strength, success, or circumstances, but upon the living presence of Jesus Christ. In the life of every Christian there are moments of suffering, disappointment, fear, and uncertainty. Yet faith teaches us that even in darkness God does not abandon His people. The Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our hope. Death did not conquer Him, and therefore sin, suffering, and despair will never have the final word in the life of those who belong to Him. Saint Paul reminds us: "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5). True Christian hope is not wishful thinking; it is confidence that God remains faithful to His promises.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises" (CCC 1817). Hope keeps the soul alive during trials. Without hope, the human heart easily falls into bitterness, fear, or despair. But faith opens our eyes beyond the struggles of this world and allows us to see that God is still guiding history toward salvation. In the Byzantine tradition we often sing, "God is with us!" These words are not simply poetry; they are the truth that sustains the Church through persecutions, wars, and personal crosses. Hope is born whenever we remember that Christ walks with us even through the valley of suffering.

In the Ukrainian Catholic experience, hope has always been deeply connected to perseverance and trust in God. Our people endured persecution, exile, imprisonment, famine, and war, yet faith continued to burn in the hearts of the faithful. Why? Because Christian hope is rooted not in earthly security but in the Cross and Resurrection of Christ. The saints teach us that hope grows strongest precisely in moments when human solutions disappear. Saint John Chrysostom wrote: "The storm is strong, but it cannot sink the ship of Christ." Even when life seems uncertain, the believer knows that God's providence is greater than every human tragedy. Faith gives us the courage to continue praying, loving, forgiving, and serving even when the future is unclear.

Hope also transforms the way we look at our daily struggles. A Christian does not deny pain or pretend suffering does not exist. Rather, through faith we unite our sufferings to Christ. The Holy Eucharist constantly renews this hope within us. Every

Divine Liturgy is a reminder that heaven is already touching earth and that Christ remains among His people. When we approach Confession and Holy Communion, Christ heals wounds that the world cannot heal. He strengthens weary hearts and reminds us that we are His beloved children. In this way hope becomes not merely an idea but a living relationship with the Lord who never abandons us.

The saints are powerful witnesses that hope never fails. Many saints endured loneliness, persecution, illness, and rejection, yet they remained joyful because their hearts rested in God. Saint Basil the Great teaches that the Christian must "anchor the soul in the hope of God." An anchor holds a ship steady during storms. Likewise, hope keeps the soul from drifting into despair. The devil constantly tempts people to believe that nothing can change, that sin is stronger than grace, or that suffering is meaningless. But faith proclaims the opposite: God is always working for our salvation, even in hidden ways that we cannot yet understand.

As Christians, we are called not only to possess hope but also to become witnesses of hope for others. In a world filled with anxiety, division, and discouragement, believers are called to radiate the peace of Christ. A hopeful Christian encourages others, prays for the suffering, comforts the lonely, and reminds people that God's mercy is greater than every darkness. Faith teaches us that no situation is beyond God's healing power. Therefore, we continue forward with courage, trusting the words of Christ: "Do not be afraid." When our hearts remain close to Him in prayer, the Church, the sacraments, and acts of love, we discover that we are truly never without hope, because Christ Himself is our eternal hope and salvation.

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Holodomor: Let Us Remember

In memory of all those who perished in 1932-33 from the **Holodomor,** our church is once again sponsoring a **food drive** for the Vegreville Food Bank. Parishioners are asked to bring non-perishable food items and put them in the **specially-marked box** in the vestibule. All donated items will be **delivered to the Food Bank in December**. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile cause by showing kindness to those who are suffering in our community, in memory of the cruelty received by our ancestors.

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, November 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th:
- (November 7th: First Saturday Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM)
- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th:
- 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)

Wednesday, November 11th: Remembrance Day
- Parish Office closed for Remembrance Day

Thursday, November 12th: Feast of St. Josaphat
- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 13th:
- 3:00–5:00 p.m. – **Catechism Class**

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Liturgy Service at Senior's Home:

Mon., November 9th: 9:30 a.m. at Homestead Lodge
Thu., November 12th: 10:00 a.m. at Heritage House
Fri., November 20th: 10:00 a.m. at Century Park
Tue., November 24th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Care Centre
Thu., November 26th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Manor

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Catechism Class:

Friday, November 13th from 3:00–5:00 p.m.

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Update to Church Basement Rebuild:

The majority of items which were placed in storage by the reclamation crew have been returned to the church basement. Most of the shelving in the storage room and the pantry room was put back. As soon as water is reconnected downstairs, the toilets, sinks, and dishwasher will be reattached to the water supply, which will hopefully be next week.

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Parish Weekly Donations:

- November 01 Donations:	$1,650.00
- Catechism:	$ 115.00
November 01 Total Donation:	**$1,765.00**

Неділя, 8 листопада: 24-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа Архистратига Михаїла

Тропар воскресний, глас 7: Розорив Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть,* отворив Ти розбійникові рай,* мироносицям плач перемінив Ти,* і апостолам проповідати повелів,* що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже,* даючи світові велику милість.

Тропар святого, глас 4: Небесних воїнств архистратйги,* молимо вас завжди ми, недостойні,* щоб ви вашими молитвами огородили нас* покровом крил духовної вашої слави,* охороняючи нас, що усильно припадаємо і кличемо:* Від бід визвольте нас* як спільники вишніх сил.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Кондак воскресний, глас 7: Уже більше Влада смертна не зможе людей держати,* Христос бо зійшов, сокрушаючи й розоряючи сили її* Зв'язується ад,* пророки суголосно радуються,* представ Спас, мовлячи тим, що в вірі:* Вийдіть, вірні, у воскресіння.

Прокімен, глас 7: Господь кріпость людям Своїм дасть, Господь благословить людей Своїх миром.

Стих: Принесіть Господеві, сини Божі, принесіть Господеві молодих баранців.

Прокімен, глас 7: Господь кріпость людям Своїм дасть, Господь благословить людей Своїх миром.

Апостол: До Ефесян послання святого апостола Павла читання (2:14-22)

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Благо є ісповідувати Господа і співати імені Твоєму, Всевишніи.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Звіщати вдосвіта милість Твою і істину твою на всяку ніч.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Луки 8:41-56

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його во вишніх. Ти твориш ангелами Своїми духів і служителями Своїми - полум'я вогню. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

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Sunday, November 8: 24th Sunday after Pentecost
St. Michael, the Archangel

Sunday Troparion, tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion of the Archangel, tone 4: Princes of the heavenly hosts,* we, though unworthy, beg you to encircle us through your prayers under the shelter of the wings of your spiritual glory.* Guard us as we come to you and sincerely cry:* "Deliver us from dangers, O princes of the powers on high!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Kontakion, tone 7: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.* Hades is bound.* The prophets exult with one voice.* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying: *"Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Prokeimenon, tone 7: The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

Prokeimenon, tone 7: The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. He makes spirits His angels, and flaming fire His ministers. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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