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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:

Holy Fathers of the 7th Council

John 17:1-13



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.

III. Characteristics of Faith

Faith is a Spiritual Exercise. Faith is not something static or passive. It is alive, dynamic, and requires effort. Just as the body needs exercise to remain strong, so too the soul needs spiritual exercise to grow in faith. Christ has given us faith as a gift, but He also calls us to cooperate with this gift, to nurture it, and to strengthen it daily.

A spiritual exercise means that faith must be practiced. It is not enough to say, “I believe.” True faith is lived through prayer, participation in the Divine Liturgy, reading of Holy Scripture, acts of charity, and the constant effort to follow Christ in our daily life. Without this practice, faith can become weak, just as muscles weaken without use.

In the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, we understand that spiritual life requires discipline. The saints teach us that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are essential “exercises” of faith. These are not burdens, but means of transformation. Through them, our hearts become more open to God, and our lives become more aligned with His will.

Faith also grows through struggle. Just as physical exercise can be difficult, spiritual exercise often requires perseverance. There are moments of dryness in prayer, moments of doubt, and times when it is hard to do what is right. But it is precisely in these moments that faith is strengthened. When we remain faithful despite difficulties, we grow deeper in our relationship with Christ.

Christ Himself shows us this path. He prayed, He fasted, He served, and He remained obedient to the Father even unto the Cross. If we want our faith to be real and strong, we must follow His example. Faith becomes mature when it is exercised daily in love, sacrifice, and trust.

Let us, therefore, take seriously this call. Let us “exercise” our faith each day—not out of obligation, but out of love. For the more we live our faith, the more it becomes alive within us, and the more we experience the transforming power of the Risen Christ.



*We wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and
Happy Thanksgiving!*

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Holy Trinity Parish Anniversary Celebration:

In 2027, Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Parish will mark 120 years of faith, prayer, worship, and service to our community. We ask our parishioners to prayerfully consider how we should commemorate this important milestone, giving thanks to God for the generations who have built, sustained, and faithfully served our parish.

Our anniversary celebration would include a Divine Liturgy, a blessing by our Bishop upon our parish and parishioners, and a parish celebration of thanksgiving and fellowship.

Please indicate your preference in the box in the vestibule:

- ☐ Celebrate our 120th Anniversary in 2027
- ☐ Wait and celebrate our 125th Anniversary in 2032
- ☐ Celebrate both — commemorate our 120th Anniversary in 2027 and our 125th Anniversary in 2032

This vote is about when we, as a parish family, wish to commemorate the faithful history and spiritual life of Holy Trinity Parish. Details regarding a banquet, entertainment, dancing, or other social activities can be discussed and decided separately.

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Update to Church Basement Rebuild: Painting has been completed, but paint touch-ups will be done closer to completion of all repairs. Flooring has been ordered and should arrive in approximately 1 week. The ceiling tile in the kitchen has been installed.

Parish Garage Update: The construction of the new garage began last week. Work will continue in the upcoming weeks.

Fundraiser for 2027 World Youth Day Pilgrims:

Sunday, October 18th at St. Martin of Tours Parish, from 12:00–1:00 p.m. Soup and a bun for \$5.00/person. Everyone is welcome!

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is dedicated to Mary. We normally try to pray the Rosary daily. If anyone would like to pray in church, please come during office hours so someone can unlock the door.

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Saturday, October 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st:

- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 11th, 18th & 25th; November 1st:

- 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)

Monday, October 12th: Thanksgiving Day

- **9:00 a.m.** – Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy (*please note change of time from 8:00 a.m.*)
- Parish Office closed for Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 20th:

- 7:00 p.m. – **Parish Council Meeting** in the Parish Office.
All parishioners are welcome to attend council meetings

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Liturgy Service at Senior's Homes:

Tue., October 13th: 9:30 a.m. at Homestead Lodge

Fri., October 16th: 10:00 a.m. at Century Park

Thu., October 22nd: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Manor

Tue., October 27th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Care Centre

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Parish Weekly Donations:

-	October 04 Donations:	\$1,975.00
-	Catechism:	\$ 50.00
-	Repairs & Maintenance:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	October 04 Total Donation:	\$2,075.00

Parish Weekly Donations:

-	September Donations:	\$6,053.45
-	Catechism:	\$ 100.00
-	Repairs & Maintenance:	\$ 70.00
-	Utilities:	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
	September Total Donation:	\$6,398.45

Неділя, 11 жовтня: 20-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа Отців Сьомого Собору

Тропар воскресний, глас 3: Хай веселяться небесні, хай радуються земнії,* бо явив могутність руки своєї Господь,* подолав смертю смерть, первенцем мертвих став,* з безодні аду визволив нас і подав світові велику милість.

Тропар СВ. Отців, глас 8: Препрославлений Ти, Христе Боже наш,* що на землі Отців наших появив світилами* і ними навів усіх нас на істинну віру.* Багатомилосердний, слава Тобі!

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

Кондак воскресний, глас 3: Воскрес Ти днесь із гробу, Щедрий,* і нас вивів Ти із врат смертних,* днесь Адам ликує і радується Єва,* а пророки разом із патріярхами неперестанно оспівують* божественну могутність влади Твоєї.

Прокімен, глас 4: Благословенний Ти, Господи Боже Отців наших,* і хвальне й прославлене ім'я Твоє повіки.

Стих: Бо Ти праведний у всьому, що вчинив Ти нам.

Прокімен, глас 4: Благословенний Ти, Господи Боже Отців наших,* і хвальне й прославлене ім'я Твоє повіки.

Апостол: До Євреїв послання святого апостола Павла читання (13:7–16)

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Бог Господь прорік, покликав землю від сходу сонця до його заходу.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Зберіть Мені Моїх побожних, які над жертвою союз зо Мною учинили.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Івана 17:1–13

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його во вишніх. Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

**Sunday, October 11: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Fathers of the 7th Council**

Sunday Troparion, tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with his arm.* He trampled death by death; He became the first born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers, tone 8: Christ our God, You are glorified above all,* You established our fathers as beacons on the earth* and through them guided all of us to the true faith.* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

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

Sunday Kontakion, tone 3: You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of your power.

Prokeimenon, tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

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Epistle: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (13:7–16)

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: John 17:1–13

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!