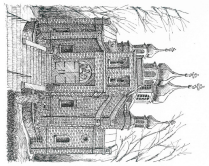

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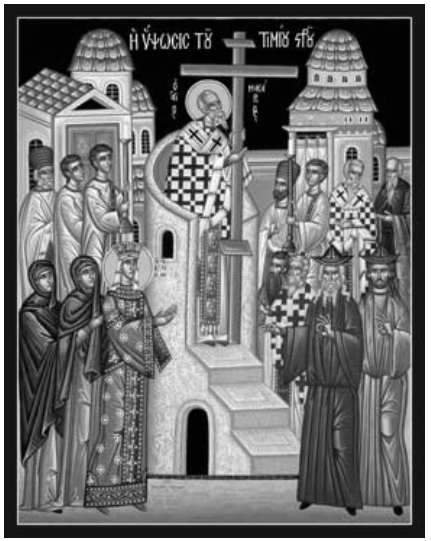

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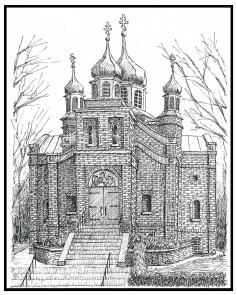
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 CHURCH NEW YEAR Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
2 14th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. - Coffee Hour	3	4 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. JEROME HOME	5	6 ST. MAXIM SANDOVICH CT Deanery Mtg. @ Hartford, CT 7:00 P.M.	7 Festal Great Vespers 6:30 P.M.	8 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
9 15th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. - Coffee Hour	10 Fr. David away Sept. 10 - 12	11	12	13 Vesperal Liturgy 6:00 P.M. Pot Luck Supper	14 ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS STRICT FAST DAY	15 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
16 16th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. - Coffee Hour	17	18 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. MIDDLEWOODS ATRIUM At Rocky Hill	19	20	21	22 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. GENERAL CONFESSION
23 17th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. - Coffee Hour	24 NEW MARTYRS OF ALASKA	25	26 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. LEDGECREST NEWINGTON BRITTANY FARMS	27	28	29 Tailgating & UConn Football Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION



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FEASTDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:
The Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8th) will be celebrated with Great Vesperal at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 7th and Festal Divine Liturgy on Saturday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. The Elevation of the Cross (September 14th - a strict fast day) will be celebrated with Vesperal Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. on the eve of the feast, Thursday, September 13th. Pot Luck Supper will follow.

SVS LECTURES:
The annual fall series of lectures sponsored by St. Vladimir's Seminary will be held once again at Holy Transfiguration Church in New Haven. All sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. and end no later than 9:00 P.M. Watch the bulletin board and web site for the schedule. Hopefully we can get a caravan going to the lectures.

The September monthly charity
collection is for St. Vladimir's Seminary Orthodox Education Day. Our parish annually donates to the Russian food booth. OE Day is Saturday, October 6th.

PARISH COUNCIL:
The September meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday, October 1st.** All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

GENERAL CONFESSION:
is normally held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular communicants should make every effort to attend each General Confession. The next General Confession will be held on Saturday, September 22nd (due to the football game on the last Saturday of this month).

FORCC:
The annual FORCC (Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut) Benefit Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 30th, 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Hall, 4070 Park Ave. Bridgeport, CT. The guest speaker will be V. Rev. Chad Hatfield, Chancellor of St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary. The topic of his talk is "Developing Orthodox Leaders and Clergy." Also, the six scholarship recipients will be honored. Advance ticket sales only, call Nina Kosowsky 203-924-0936 or Bill Balamaci 203-876-2379 before September 15th. Proceeds of this dinner provide major funding for FORCC programs.

As a parish we are also looking for someone who would like to be our "parish representative." We did have one in the past but this position is vacant at this time. If you are interested talk with Fr. David.

O.N.E. Newspaper:
The diocesan newspaper "O.N.E." is back in circulation and will be sent out every two months. Everyone should have received a copy of the paper. If you did not get a copy PLEASE see Fr. David so that he can check and make sure your address is correct.

Also, the new editor, Fr. Sergius Halvorsen, has asked that every parish have a contact person, someone who would write an article about the happenings around Holy Trinity. If you are interested talk with Fr. David.

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:
A systematic plan has been developed to address the problems in the following manner:

Archpriest David Koles, Rector
9 Frankie Lane
Terryville, CT 06786
Phone: 860-573-0013
Email: frdavid@htocnb.org

- ☞*Removal of the two trees in front of the church (along with two at the front of the rectory)* ***3/07*** ☜
- ☞*Clean gutters of all debris* ***6/07*** ☜
- ☞Professionally have all down spouts, rear curtain drain clean-outs and lines inspected and snaked all the way to the main drain pipe in the street ***7/07*** ☜
- ☞*Have designated roof and cupola repairs made* ***5/07*** ☜
- Determine cause of water in church kitchen and add sump pump or alleviate the problem from the outside ***[Sept - Oct 07]***
- Once it is determined that the outside water problems have been addressed, repair and re-plaster the interior church walls ***[late fall 07]***
- Paint the interior of the church
- Paint the downstairs and replace ceiling tiles
- Complete the downstairs area with new indoor/ outdoor carpet, with tile to cover the area of the coffee hour set-up

As you review the points listed above, one can see that the additional expenses are yet to be determined. But it is important to remember that our church building is approaching the 100 year mark in 2013, not to be confused with the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2002.

Many have contributed to the Hundred Plus Club to honor the hundred plus years since our founding. Individuals may join by making donations to the building fund in denominations of $100. This will be in addition to one's annual pledge. The funds will be used solely for the purpose of renovating our church building.

100 PLUS

As of this printing we have collected $ 2300.00.

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB

NEW IRA RULE FOR 2007 OFFERS TAX BREAK FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

If you are over the age of 70 and 1/2, you must make a mandatory minimum distribution from these funds each year. In 2006, legislation was signed into law allowing IRA holders over the age of 70 and 1/2 to withdraw as much as $100,000 from these accounts TAX FREE if it goes directly to a charitable organization such as your church.

This "donated" money is excluded from taxable income and is NOT eligible to be deducted again on tax returns if you itemize deductions. This "donated' money does count toward your required minimum distribution of IRA funds.

By donating your IRA distribution directly to your church or a charity, you do not have to pay Federal Income Tax or State Income Tax on these funds.

Also, medical expenses can be deducted as a part of itemized deductions only if they reach at least 7.5% of adjusted gross income. By lowering your adjusted gross income, more of your medical expenses could be deductible, thus saving you money.

If you receive Social Security, this '1ax break" could keep your Social Security payments from being subject to income tax because of your lower taxable income.

This legislation is significant to both the donor and the charity since the donor does not pay tax on this income and the charity has increased income.

This tax break is for fiscal 2007 but it is possible that it will be extended.

If you have any questions, please call Paul Culton at 860-224-1320.

Birthdays & Anniversaries in SEPTEMBER:

12	Louise Balkun	1921
18	Maggie Myszka	1996
20	Larissa Rembisz	1976
21	Mat. Elizabeth Dresko	
22	Nelson Potter	1946
22	Christopher Dresko	1979
28	Alexander Cabrera	1983

2 Darrin & Larissa Rembisz 2001

"WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME"

The following parishioners (and friends) are now home-bound or in long-term care facilities. If there are any names missing, please inform Fr. David. The regular schedule of visitations is included on the monthly calendar. Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to make regular visitations to nursing homes and shut-ins. Our loved ones **NEED** to feel connected to their parish family.

Walnut Hill, New Britain
Agnes Makula
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

Jerome Home, New Britain
Sadie Albino
Ann Laska
Anna M. Makula

Newington Care, Newington
Zinaida Sotnick
Mary Salina

Middlewoods, Newington
Jennie Skovich

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk

Atrium at Rocky Hill
Jean Prusik

Brittany Farms, New Britain
Olga Halajko

Arden Courts, Avon
Mildred Dobrowolski

Ingraham Manor, Bristol
Eulah (Julianna) Chesky

At Home: Mary Bogdan, Anne Cherpak, Mary Glowacki, Helen Karabin, Susan Labas, Lillian Maddaluno, Mary Roman, Maria Stregotsky, Sophia Zardecki and Zenaida Zapatka.

Newly Departed:

Patriarch TEOCTIST of Romania (7/29)
Matushka Karen Mahaffey (8/8) [Pottstown, PA]
Gregory Timpko (8/4) [Son of Fr. Nicholas Timpko]
Mary Lucyk (8/8) [Sister of Katherine Szestakow]

PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Child Stephanida Avhustinov	5 mo	September	1 1907
Steven Slavinsky	72	September	1 1950
Joseph Roman	63	September	1 1970
Wasily Zaiko	84	September	1 1971
Mary Turek	78	September	1 1977
Child Mary Pristash	1 mo	September	2 1916
Natalie Panteleev	77	September	2 1938
O. Makuch		September	3 1927
Anna Semanchik	47	September	3 1953
Helen Hart Zaiko	70	September	3 1992
Anna Shaw	81	September	3 1995
Mary Olbuchen	8	September	5 1912
Child Helen Makula	5 mo	September	5 1916
Eugenia Pesesky	82	September	5 1979
Peter Horbal	83	September	5 2000
Matthew Holovchuk	20	September	6 1908
Child Helen Contiavelos	2 mo	September	6 1914
James Garlewski	94	September	6 1987
George Cherpak	79	September	6 1993
John Shuiko	37	September	7 1930
Dionisy Kochansky	42	September	8 1908
Anna Gromak	41	September	8 1937
Constant Sladkow	75	September	8 1989
Child George Zelena	5 mo	September	9 1906
Child Anastasia Ris	4	September	11 1913
Wasyl Bondarenko	76	September	11 1970
Estelle Janelle		September	11 1985
Donald Bilas	56	September	11 1989
Anna Panasevich	42	September	12 1933
Michael Kaminsky	76	September	12 1951
Mit. Apr. Constantine Buketoff Rector: 1907 - 1914		**September**	**12 1965**
Eva Golyshko	64	September	12 1970
John Kulakowski	54	September	12 1972
Walter Karabin	69	September	12 1996
Mary Melnichuk	24	September	13 1914
Peter Zapatka		September	13 1982
Emily Zielinski	87	September	13 2005
John Honchar	42	September	14 1911
Child Olga Zardecki	17 days	September	14 1920
Nikofor Levchuk	18	September	15 1908
Anna Zenuk		September	17 1912
Child Helen Controvelos	9 mo	September	17 1914
Julian Hoseduk	49	September	17 1927
Pelagia Petlyanovich	21	September	20 1910
Helen Panot	48	September	20 1933
Eva Liwen	68	September	20 1962

Gary Prusik	47	September 20 2001
Child Catherine Kleya	2 mo	September 21 1916
Constantine Gadzik	56	September 21 1954
Nona Haschuk	79	September 21 1988
Mary Dyndiuk	79	September 22 1978
Constantine Ankuda	45	September 23 1929
Sergei Kovalchuk	44	September 23 1939
Mary Koles	*68*	*September 23 1985*
Dora Ludko	83	September 23 1987
Anatol Zawadzki		September 23 1987
Anna Dankevich	80	September 24 1966
John Bilas	23	September 25 1927
Child Vera Keyko	4	September 25 1935
Sarah Bogdan	83	September 25 1967
Evfassis Kondichuk	37	September 26 1927
Child Peter Buchena	11 mo	September 27 1908
Martha Stefik	19	September 27 1908
John Muzika	42	September 27 1909
Robert Balkun	57	September 27 2003
Mary Bilas	93	September 28 1982
Helen Zawadzka		September 28 1987
Alice Waskiewicz	83	September 28 1994
John Koren	34	September 29 1947
Sophie Bogdan	76	September 29 1959
Harry Tompkins	74	September 29 1972
Adam Panish	73	September 29 1973
Erast Korneiczuk	85	September 30 1978
Victor Shevchuk	59	September 30 1978

ВѢЧНАЯ ПАМЯТЬ

The Church New Year – September 1st

On this day the Church of Christ observes the Indiction or proclamation of the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The term derives from the practice of the Roman Emperors, who used to impose a tax every year at this time for the maintenance of the army. The rate of this annual levy was fixed by proclamation for fifteen years. This is why each cycle of fifteen years starting from the reign of Caesar Augustus, three years before the birth of Christ, is called an Indiction.

Besides, September is the time for harvesting the fruits of the earth and for making ready for a new round of growth, so it is proper to honor the beginning of the agricultural cycle by giving thanks to God for His loving-kindness towards His creation. This is already what the Jews did under the old Law. On the first day of their seventh month (corresponding to the beginning of September) they kept the Feast of Trumpets, resting from every kind of work and devoting themselves entirely to the offering of sacrifices of a sweet savor, and to the praise of God (Lev. 23:24-25).

Christ, the Son and Word of God, Creator of time and space, pre-eternal King of all the ages, who took flesh to restore all things to unity and to reconcile the whole of humanity, Jews and Gentiles, in one only Church, has also wished to gather to Himself the things subject to the laws of nature and what He ordained in the written Law. This is why, on this day, when nature is about to unfold anew the course of the seasons, we commemorate the occasion when the Lord Jesus Christ entered the Synagogue and, opening the book of Isaiah, read the passage where the Prophet says in His name: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor… to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19).

And so today all the Churches, gathered together in oneness of mind, praise with one voice Him who is single in His nature and threefold in His Persons, who dwells in bliss everlasting, hold all things in being, and showers blessings upon the works of His hands at all times. It is Christ Himself who opens to us the gates of the year and who calls us to follow Him, so as to share in His eternity.

- From the Synaxarion

FEAST DAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small

city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since St Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcame the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Ss Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Ss Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.
St Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. St Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

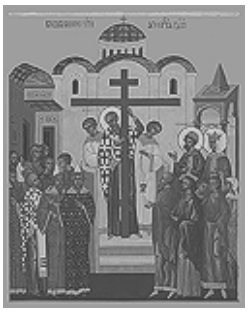
The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls".

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

On September 14th, the Church commemorates two events in connection with the Honorable Cross of Christ: first, the finding of the Honorable Cross on Golgotha and second, the return of the Honorable Cross from Persia to Jerusalem.

Visiting the Holy Land, the holy Empress Helena decided to find the Honorable Cross of Christ. An old Jewish man named Judah was the only one who knew where the Cross was located, and, constrained by the empress, he revealed that the Cross was buried under the temple of Venus that Emperor Hadrian had built on Golgotha. The empress ordered that this idolatrous temple be razed and, having dug deep below it, found three crosses. While the empress pondered on how to recognize which of these was the Cross of Christ, a funeral procession passed by. Patriarch Macarius told them to place the crosses, one by one, on the dead man. When they placed the first and second cross on the dead man, the dead man lay unchanged. When they placed the third cross on him, the dead man came back to life. By this they knew that this was the Precious and Life-giving Cross of Christ. They then placed the Cross on a sick woman, and she became well. The patriarch elevated the Cross for all the people to see, and the people sang with tears: “Lord, have mercy!” Empress Helena had a silver case made and set the Honorable Cross in it.



Later, the Persian Emperor Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, enslaved many people, and took the Lord's Cross to Persia. The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years. In the year 628 the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes and, with much ceremony, returned the Cross to Jerusalem. As he entered the city Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross on his back, but suddenly was unable to take another step. Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel preventing the emperor from bearing the Cross on the same path that the Lord had walked barefoot and humiliated. The patriarch communicated this vision to the emperor. The emperor removed his raiment and, in ragged attire and barefoot, took up the Cross, carried it to Golgotha, and placed it in the Church of the Resurrection, to the joy and consolation of the whole Christian world.

From the Prologue of Ochrid by Saint Nikolai of Zicha

THE SOCIAL VIRTUES TO BE PRACTICED

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich (+1956)

Almsgiving: "When you give alms, do not sound a trumpet as do the hypocrites, that they might receive praise from men. Let not your right hand know what you left hand is doing. And your Father who sees in heaven shall reward you openly."

Giving without hesitation: "Give to him that asks, and do not turn away the one who desires to borrow from you." (Matthew 5:42) Give all in the name of Christ and for the brotherhood's sake. Loving your enemies: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). There is no other way to cooperate with Christ, or to establish peace and brotherhood.

Forgiving your brother: "If your brother trespass against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, then forgive him. And if he trespasses against you seven times a day, and seven times a day turns to you and says, "I repent", then you shall forgive him (Luke 17:3-4). Try to experience the joy of forgiving.

Humbleness: Christ was born in a stable. Why should we then strive after the highest honors and the first places? "Go down and sit in the lowest seat." "For whoever exalts himself shall be hum-bled, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:10-11).

Show pity to sinners: That is the way to help and reform them. Ridiculing and condemning them is of no avail. Christ considered them sick. He visited them (Zacchaeus), ate with them (Matthew), spoke kindly to them (women sinners), and thereby re-stored their spiritual health and human dignity.

Reconciliation: Before going to church, and also before being drawn before a court of law, a Christian should try to reconcile himself with his adversary (Matthew 5:23-25). However, "If your brother shall trespass against you," take action gradually, as was clearly prescribed by the Lord (Matthew 18:15-17).

Hopefulness, or Christian optimism: In all afflictions, calamities, persecutions, and even tortures and death, a Christian is hopeful. For he remembers Christ's words: "Great is your reward in heaven." "Fear not them who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul." "I have overcome the world." "All power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth."

ST. GREGORY CATHOLIC CLINIC

(Bududuram, C/R)

Post Office Box 5, Apam Phone: 041-21549 / 024-250494

A Thank You from the missionary, Sebastien Nerault, on behalf of him, Dr. Daniel Gallego and everyone at the Health Clinic at Bududuram Liberian Refugee Camp in Ghana. They and I wanted you and the parish to know how appreciative they are of the donation and that it has gone very far to help the refugees in the camp.

Many thanks,
Amber

The Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
USA

Dear Sir,

RE: DONATION

I write to express to you my sincere gratitude for the donation to Saint Gregory Catholic Clinic via our organization "Fraternité Laïque Missionnaire".

On the 22nd of February 2007, we received 1,269 $ so 11,650,000 cedis.

This money will really be very helpful for the refugees who attend to the clinic.

With the programming withdraw of UNHCR from Bududuram; the main challenge of the Clinic is to guarantee the access to primary health care to the refugee population and the surrounding local community while ensuring simultaneously the long-term sustainability of the institution.

We have used the money in three different areas:

- to pay some charity treatment at the clinic for the most vulnerable patients (4,000,000 cedis).
- to improve the hygiene and the care providing in working on the building as painting the emergency room, change some mattresses and install mosquito net on each bed. (4,000,000 cedis)
- to keep for emergency cases or expenditures that is the most important things here at the clinic.(3,650,000 cedis)

Thank you very much for your help and God bless you and yours activities.

Sébastien NERAULT
Administrator
Saint-Gregory Catholic Clinic