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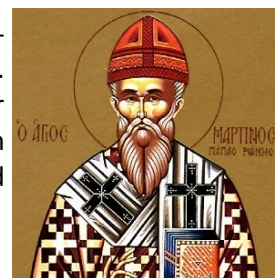
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## Paul the Confessor November 6

Saint Paul was from Thessalonica. He became the secretary of Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople (see Aug. 30), a deacon, and then the successor of Saint Alexander in about 337. Because of his virtue, his eloquence in teaching, and his zeal for Orthodoxy, the Arians hated and feared him.



When the Arian Emperor Constantius, who was in Antioch, learned of Paul's election, he exiled Paul and proclaimed the Arian Eusebius Patriarch. Saint Paul went to Rome, where he found Saint Athanasius the Great also in exile. Provided with letters by Pope Julius, Paul returned to Constantinople, and after the death of Eusebius in 342, ascended again his rightful throne; the Arians meanwhile elected Macedonius, because he rejected the Son's consubstantiality with the Father (and the divinity of the Holy Spirit besides).

When Constantius, yet at Antioch, learned of Paul's return, he sent troops to Constantinople to drive Paul out. The Saint returned to Rome, where Saint Athanasius also was again in exile. Constans, Emperor of the West, Constantius' brother, but Orthodox, wrote to Constantius that if Athanasius and Paul were not allowed to return to their sees, he would come with troops to restore them him-self. So Paul again returned to his throne.

After the death of Constans, however, Constantius had Paul deposed. Because of the love of the people for Saint Paul, Philip the Prefect, who was sent for him, was compelled to arrest him secretly to avoid a sedition. Paul was banished to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia; a town through which his most illustrious successor, Saint John Chrysostom would also pass on his way to Comana in his last exile.

In Cucusus, about the year 350, as Saint Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the little house where he was a prisoner, the Arians strangled him with his own omophorion, so much did they fear him even in exile. His holy relics were brought back to Constantinople with honour by the Emperor Theodosius the Great.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is maybe my favorite month. Not only do we celebrate Thanksgiving, it's the month before Christmas, which itself is another joyous occasion to plan for. In the Orthodoxy we also plan for these two events; while

Thanksgiving is a federal holiday, the premise is that we give thanks to God for the blessings he gives us in our joys and sorrow.

We begin fasting for the Nativity on November 15, forty days before Christmas. We do it in anticipation for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Though it's not as rigorous as our Lenten fast—this fast largely encourages us to eat fish instead of meat—it nevertheless is meant to keep us hungry, both physically and spiritually, so that we can feast sumptuously on December 25, both in the Church and in our homes. In America we take a small break from this on Thanksgiving, but the following day we begin our fast again, we continue to prepare for the Feast!

But we don't just prepare *ourselves* to gather in the parish for this joyous day. For the last several years, with the leadership of Spiro Alexander, we have opened our doors on Christmas day to feed hundreds of hungry and lonely citizens in Steubenville and its surrounding towns. COVID-19 will make our 2020 celebration look different. While we wait to hear from Spiro about how different it will look, we must remember that, no matter the situation, as we give thanks to God for his coming down to earth, we are also called to love and serve those around us, no matter the situation. And for this year, it's important that we commit to that calling, however the plans shape out.

Please remember all those who are suffering around us. Remember not just the sick, but the lonely. Remember the hurt, the sad and despondent. Remember also our own sorrows and joys, and to be thankful for all of the blessings still upon us.

In the words of St. John Chrysostom "Glory to God for All Things!"

*Fr. Matthew*

### November Monthly Parish Memorial

*O, God, give rest to the souls of your servants, those men and women of Holy Trinity that went before us*

Nikolaos Dimosthenis Karras

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THANK YOU to everyone who has begun to support our monthly memorials. It is a blessing that donors have already provided enough for us to buy the materials for koliva through April.

## Happy November!



Beloved parishioners of Holy Trinity welcome to November! Kalo Mena! Xristos Anesti!

As we continue on with the pandemic restrictions and the Green Phase of our coming back to worship at Holy Trinity, a continued thanks to everyone for your cooperation as we continue to allow up to 50% of our sanctuary's capacity into our church for Divine Liturgy.

We are always working diligently to make it fair and as safe as it possibly can be for everyone ;and so far it has gone very well. Please continue to follow the rules of distancing: sitting with close family members only. Face masks are still mandatory as well so please continue to wear these. As with last month many have shown a desire to attend church, though many have also preferred to stay home for the time being; and that's perfectly fine. There's no right or wrong here, it is solely based on your personal comfort. This arrangement will change as the pandemic changes so our hope is that the numbers stay the same or even drop so that we can continue to worship together.

We must stay vigilant and continue to follow the rules strictly as the coming weeks will be very important as to where the pandemic heads especially locally which can have an affect on us as well.

Though in the interim, and for those of you who cannot attend or desire not to, please continue to watch our services live every Wednesday and Sunday at [www.holytrinitystb.org/live](http://www.holytrinitystb.org/live)

Again, please look at our renovated website that Fr. Matthew has worked on so diligently: [www.holytrinitystb.org](http://www.holytrinitystb.org) and surf through the many pages of information, church calendars schedules and updates.

With great sadness we had to cancel our festival this year but I am proud to report that the Covid Relief Campaign has been extremely well received. Thank you to everyone who has given; the festival committee is very thankful, and your generosity has allowed our church to operate properly during this unprecedented and difficult time.

Online giving has been available and makes it easy to give to our Beloved Holy Trinity. Please Go to our church website at <http://www.holytrinitystb.org/online-giving/>

in order to access online giving and follow the easy directions.

### Stewardship:

Our parish strives "To lead people to God through Orthodox Christianity and to provide ways for them live and share God's love." It does so in good days and in bad, such as we now experience. Church attendance may be difficult or impossible for you, but we endeavor to spread the "good news" as best we can. Any financial help that you might offer, or can send us is deeply appreciated.

Please continue to pray for the sick who have contracted this horrible virus, and for the families of the many that have lost their lives throughout the world and here in our country. Also continue your prayers for our sick here with in our own church family.

We are looking to fill several committees and anyone is welcome to join and participate. Currently, we need help with the following:

- 1.) Outreach
- 2.) Education
- 3.) Ways and Means

If you have an interest in any of these committee's please either call Fr Matthew or Erin in the office or myself to join! We need your help!

We have the upcoming Philoptochos Gyro and Festival Favorites sale on November 3rd, which also is Election Day. Online pre order sales have been terrific and it is recommended to pre order to be assured of receiving a festival treat. Gyros as always will be readily available hot, fresh and plentiful that day. If you have any questions please contact either the office , Angie Mahfood Angela Mastos or myself and we will be more than glad to assist you.

As always, thank you for all that you do in helping make Holy Trinity great; it takes a village and each and everyone of you makes an enormous difference!

In closing and as always let us remember:

1 John 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God...

Much love and continued blessings,  
Tony



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following people will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of November.

Magdaline Crisante	11/04	George Sandonas	11/14
Peter Panagis	11/04	Valerie Caras	11/15
Nicole Zorne	11/07	Athanasios Kotsanis	11/15
Michael Vitellas	11/09	Michelle Colaros	11/23
Hannah Cebula	11/10	Dimitrios Collaros	11/26
Nicholas Petrides	11/10	Anita Entinger	11/26
Grace Kourpas	11/12	Barbara Dawson	11/27
George Sandonas	11/14	Lanae Collaros	11/29
Valerie Caras	11/15		
Athanasios Kotsanis	11/15		

If you have been omitted from any birthday month and would like to be included; please let us know by emailing the office at [office@holytrinitystb.org](mailto:office@holytrinitystb.org) or by calling the office at 740-282-9835.

## WAYS TO SERVE THE CITY

### Urban Mission

Urban Mission is always looking for volunteers to help package food boxes in their warehouse. They are also looking for help sorting through donations at their thrift store, Urban Thrift. These are jobs that can be done by people both young and old! Speak with Father Matthew to learn more about the opportunities for Holy Trinity to serve the poor in the Ohio Valley.

### Sycamore Center

**Do you have a skill you can share?**

**Want to be a role model for our city's youth?**

Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman is always looking for volunteers to help teach life skills or activity classes for their after school program. He already has a list of classes and activities he needs help with, but is also receptive to starting a new program. Please contact Father Matthew for more information about how you might help.

## PHILOPTOCHOS

President Angie Mahfood is happy to report that the Philoptochos society has continued their support of local charities, even during this Corona virus pandemic. During the month of October they made donations to WIACC, the Salvation Army, the Urban Mission, and the Center of Hope Friendship Room.

Unfortunately the Philoptochos had to cancel their last meeting, but another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, at 6:30 PM at the Steubenville Country Club, call the church office at 740-282-9835 with your reservation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed, Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's day. The office will also be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday November 26, and Friday November 27.

### Gyro Sale/Festival Favorites

The gyro sale/festival favorites will be held on Tuesday, November 3, from 10 AM—1 PM.

### Volunteers Needed

Come to the church on Monday, November 2, and volunteer to help with preparations for the gyro sale. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

## GOYA

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 GOYA officers!

President—Olivia Balakos

Vice President—Vasile Matzorkis

Secretary—Sophia Riley

Treasurer—Frankie Vostatek

Co-Historians—Adeline Morore, Katie Riley, and Alivia Vostatek

## KEEPING CONNECTED

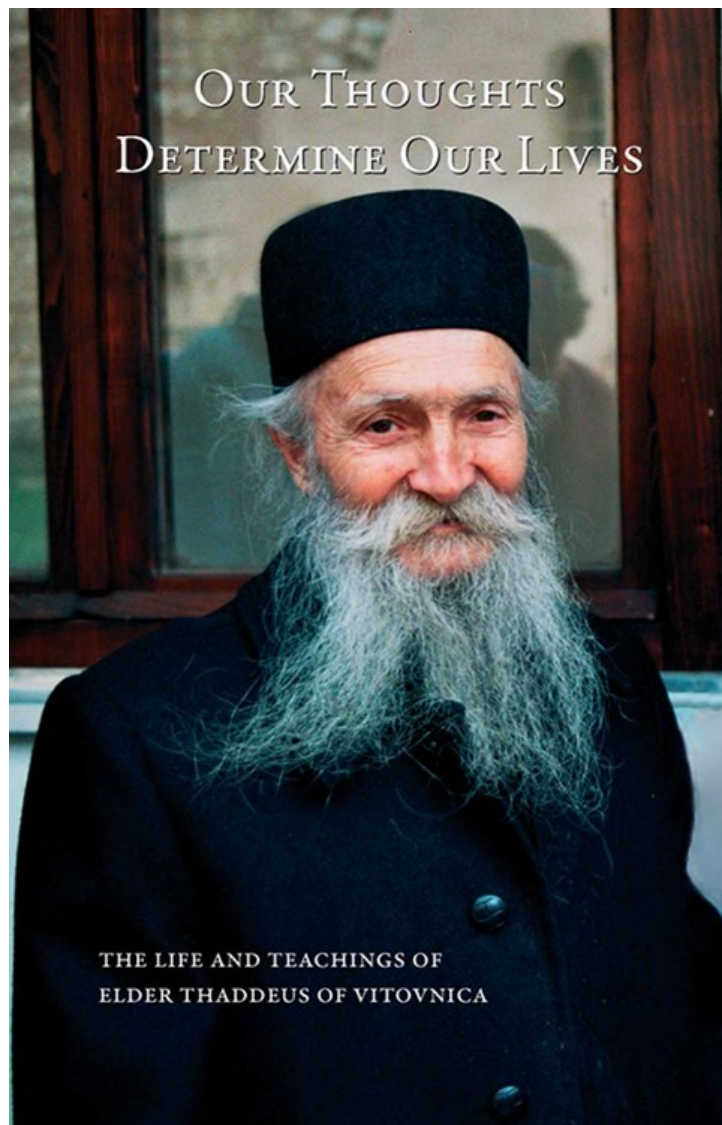
If you haven't gotten an email or are not receiving "one calls" from us lately, perhaps we don't have current information for you. Please contact Erin at the office at [office@holytrinitystb.org](mailto:office@holytrinitystb.org) or by phone at (740) 282-9835 to keep your contact information up to date.

Parishioners can also take advantage of the following online aids:

- Spend time at the appropriate moments to participate in the services via video. You can find online services at <https://www.goarch.org/live-broadcasts>
- Those with newer AppleTV devices, Roku, or Amazon Fire can find the Archdiocesan channel: <https://www.goarch.org/tv>
- Utilize the Archdiocesan Online Chapel for texts of services, daily readings, and lives of the Saints: <https://www.goarch.org/chapel>
- There are many edifying bible studies and educational podcasts available via Ancient Faith Ministries (<https://www.ancientfaith.com/>) or Orthodox Christian Network (<http://myocn.net>)
- Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis offers a wonderful daily message through his "Prayer Team" ministry. Sign up using the following link: <https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin>



# Holy Trinity Adult Education



## **Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives:**

### **The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica**

Are you troubled by your thoughts? Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Christ and those around you?

Born in 1914, Elder Thaddeus lived through all the suffering endured by Serbia in the twentieth century. Over the course of two World Wars, during the Communist takeover, and through the NATO bombings of 1999, he co-suffered with his people. He taught, counseled, and prayed for all who came to him in pain and sorrow. His words of love and hope provided spiritual balm for people from all classes of society. In 2002 Elder Thaddeus reposed, leaving behind a large collection of his teachings, preserved by his faithful spiritual children. His life, teachings, and spiritual conversations are here presented for the first time in English.

**Wednesdays, starting on November 4 @ 7pm on ZOOM**

**Contact the office for the meeting room link**

# Holy Trinity's 2020 Community Christmas Card



## Share the Joy of Christmas!

Include your name on Holy Trinity's Community Christmas Card

Return this form to the church office by  
December 1

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I am enclosing a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like my name(s) to appear as follows:

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# HOLY TRINITY'S CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias: \$15.00

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to be placed in front of the church, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by December 1

Limited supply, so donate yours today.

● ————— ●

Purchased by:

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# *GOYA THANKSGIVING BASKETS*

GOYA is collecting monetary donations for their annual Thanksgiving basket fundraiser.

Deadline for donations is November 15.



Please see any GOYA member, Rikki Kamarados, or Maria Matzorkis to donate.

You may also donate by mailing it to the church, with "Attn: GOYA" on the envelope. All checks can be made out to "Holy Trinity GOYA."

*(Unfortunately, any other donations other than monetary are not able to be accepted this year.)*





## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS <sup>OF</sup> PITTSBURGH

### OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

October 10, 2020

*Sts. Eulampius and Eulampia the Martyrs*

To the reverend Clergy, esteemed Metropolis and Parish Council members, and dedicated Parish Secretaries of the Holy and God-Protected Metropolis of Pittsburgh,

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, according to his prerogative as ruling Hierarch and in accordance with the amendment to the Regulations promulgated by the recent virtual Clergy-Laity Congress, is hereby extending the term of service for all current parish council, board of elections, and board of auditors members by one year.

For those whose terms were set to expire at the end of 2020, your term now runs to December 2021; for those whose terms were originally expiring in 2021, this will now happen in 2022; for those whose terms were originally set to expire in 2022, your term will now end in 2023.

Those parishes which would have normally held parish council officer elections for 2021 will still, in the New Year, have an election of officers. The priest will preside over the election, as directed in the Regulations.

Those council members not wishing to have their term extended are able to resign their position at the end of the year. The Council can (after their election of officers in the New Year) elect someone to fill the unexpired portion of the extended term as provided for in the Archdiocese Regulations (Article 25, Section 11), by the vote of the parish council based on nominees validated by the priest in the usual manner. This election is, as always, subject to His Eminence's ratification before it becomes effective.

Vacancies on the board of elections and audit committee can be likewise filled using the provisions laid out in the regulations (Article 32, Section 3 for board of elections; Article 33, Section 3 for the board of auditors).

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to us. Wishing you a blessed weekend,

Your servant in His vineyard,

+ Fr. George S. Callos  
Chancellor

# November 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Gyro Preparation 9 AM	3 Gyro Sale 10 AM- 1 PM  <i>General Election Day</i> 	4  6:00 PM Paraklesis	5  6:30 PM Philoptochos Society Meeting	6	7
8	9  <i>St. Nektarios</i> 9:00 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy	10  7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	11 <i>Offices Closed</i>  6:00 PM Paraklesis  <i>Happy Veteran's Day!</i> 	12  Prosfora Baking  6:00 PM	13	14
15  <i>Nativity Fast Begins</i>	16  <i>St. Matthew the Apostle</i> 9:00 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy	17	18  6:00 PM Paraklesis	19	20	21  <i>Entrance of the Theotokos</i> 9:00 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy
22	23	24	25  St. Katherine the Great 9:00 AM Orthros and Divine Liturgy	26 <i>Offices Closed</i>  Happy Thanksgiving! 	27 <i>Offices Closed</i>	28
29	30				<b>Adult Education</b>  11/4 11/11 11/18  Starts at 7pm	

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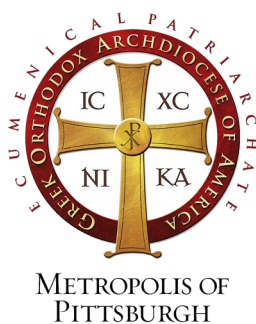


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The mission of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Steubenville, Ohio, is to be disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing the joy of the Orthodox faith through love, compassion and charity for all.