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Hyacinth of Caesarea July 3

Saint Hyacinth, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his “cubicularius” (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.



Hyacinth was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. Saint Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint’s body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head.

The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint’s relics were transferred to Caesarea.

Saints Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus, and Golinduc also suffered with Saint Hyacinth.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over my years of ministry, I have found that many couples with troubled marriages are stuck in the rut of routine. You may ask: routine is a challenge? Paradoxically, the security and benefit of routine can become a challenge when it causes mo-

notony (talking about the same things, going to the same places, etc.). Partners begin to expect the other will be around. Routine becomes maintenance and not growth. Counselors help couples like this by using the security and comfort of routine in the relationship to renew and explore. In this way, couples experience a reawakening of their love for one another, and if both spouses are willing, it will put their marriage back on a loving and exciting track.

I think that we Orthodox Christians also get stuck in the rut of routine when it comes to our relationship with Christ and the Liturgy. After years of coming to church, lighting our candles, listening to the Gospel and sermon (if we arrive by then), and hearing many of the same hymns over and over again -many times in a language we don't understand- the Liturgy becomes routine, dull. It ceases to have the excitement and wonder that the Church Fathers created

for our worship of Christ. If we can, in the security of the routine, rediscover the Liturgy for its original intention, much like married couples, we can renew, explore, and rediscover ourselves in the context of worship.

For the first three Sundays in July, I will be preaching special sermons on the Liturgy and how we interact with it. We will then have a teaching Liturgy on the final Sunday. July will be a special time for all of us to better understand our Orthodox Faith and worship; don't skip out on summer services!

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped make the festival a success. We were incredibly busy, and your help made everything run smoothly so the city could have a good time.

This year we have split the July and August newsletters into two. The August Net will have the information for the September house blessing season. **IT WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN IN YEARS PAST.**

I wish you the best of your remaining summer!

Fr. Matthew

Orthodoxy 101

Who are we? Why are we here? What are we doing?

Last Sunday of Each Month @ 12pm

Welcome to July!



Beloved parishioners of Holy Trinity welcome to July! Kalo Mena!

Welcome back to Holy Trinity!

Even as the pandemic numbers lessen we are still asking for everyone to respect and love one another by keeping proper etiquette based on the comfort of everyone. If you are completely immunized, no mask is required. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, by all means do so. We will keep masks on hand along with sanitizer. We will also continue to keep the pews sectioned off. We are always working diligently to make it fair, safe, and as clean as possible for everyone, and so far it has gone 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

Wow! Greek Fest 2021 has come to a fabulous end!

On behalf of my fellow chairs, Nick Riley and Nick Demitras, I want to thank each and everyone of our venue leaders as well as their volunteers who truly came out in full force to help us produce record number in just three days! Where do I start? The crowds were in excess of 25,000! The weather was perfect everyday! The food was delicious, the pastries were perfect, 9,000 gyros were sold, record sales at the bar, loukoumathes and baklava sundaes! Also thank you to Fr. Matthew and Presbytera Jennifer for their church tours. I am very appreciative for everyone's great effort and enthusiasm, it made a huge difference! This festival ran smoothly and was the best that I can recall, and that has to do with all of you! I am always amazed at our church family, near and far that come together in times of need. It was a heaven sent and wonderful blessed week, until next year!

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

Your gracious gifts have allowed us to continue to operate by paying bills and salaries. Please know this only lasts for so long and we need to continue to maintain our pledges and commitments to Holy Trinity. We surely are appreciative of your efforts and hard work, but we also need your monetary donations as well.

Stewardship:

Our parish strives "To lead people to God through Orthodox Christianity and to provide ways for them to 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.

Coffee hour will proceed every Sunday after Divine Liturgy, so please stop by and join us for the fellowship we have missed for so long.

Sadly, Covid has delayed some of the efforts towards building our ministries. If you have an interest to help, please contact Fr. Matthew or Erin at the church at 740-282-9835 or at office@holytrinitystb.org.

I want to thank all of you for your steadfast support and faith in a year and time that has been so very difficult for all of us. It reminds me of 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight" and though it is easier said than done, we must stay strong and know that this too shall pass...we now see the light at the end of the tunnel!

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! We've been through a tough time for sure, and we're still battling to get back to normalcy, but we all have a responsibility to uphold. What many of our ancestors created in 1945 when Holy Trinity Steubenville was born, we must never forget that, and keep working together and know that good times are ahead.

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...

Love will always conquer. Much love and continued blessings.

Again, thank you for a great and successful festival!



Have a safe, happy, healthy and abundant July!

God Bless America!



Your servant in Christ,

Tony





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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

Nicholas Terezis	7/03	Maria Matzorkis	7/22
Justin Tabrosky	7/09	Nicholas Riley	7/22
Marianne Balakos	7/10	Barbara Maragos	7/24
Jordan Karvounides	7/10	Costas Mastros	7/24
Judith Dines	7/11	Kyle Koehnlein	7/25
Manuella Petrides	7/12	Frank Vostatek	7/26
Andoni Demitras	7/13	Adeline Moore	7/30
Nicholas Kotsanis	7/16	George Shea	7/31
Marino Alexander	7/19		



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 or by calling Erin in the office at 740-282-9835.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available and makes it easy to give to Holy Trinity. Please Go to our church website at: <http://holytrinitystb.org/online-giving/>
Follow the easy directions to access online giving.

COMMITTEES

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

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

If you have any interest in any of these committees, please call either Fr. Matthew, or Erin at 740-282-9835 to join.

PHILOPTOCHOS

For the month of June the Philoptochos made donations to: Jefferson County MRDD Special Olympics.

PARISH ASSEMBLY—July 18

Our Summer assembly will be Sunday, July 18, after Divine Liturgy. The agenda, and previous minutes will available at the meeting. Minutes from the previous assembly will be available at the meeting. The agenda is as follows:

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Nominations and Election of General Assembly Officers
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Festival 2021 Results
5. Hellenic Hall Catering Update
6. 75th Anniversary Update
7. Volunteers for Committees
8. Good of Order
9. Closing Prayer

2021-GREEK FEST

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A GREEK CELEBRATION



July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 7 PM Parish Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 General Assembly	19	20 Prophet Elias 9AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy	21	22	23	24
25 Teaching Liturgy	26	27 St. Panteleimon 9AM Orthros & Divine Liturgy	28	29	30	31

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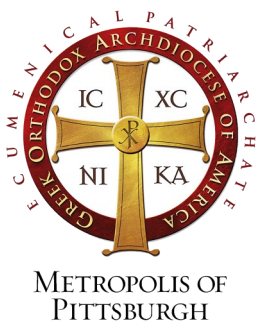


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The mission of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Steubenville, Ohio, is to be disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing the joy of the Orthodox faith through love, compassion and charity for all.