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IMPORTANT NOTES & DATES

SEPTEMBER 11th REMEMBRANCE - Saturday, September 10th 4:00 p.m. Open House and 6:00 p.m. Vespers, where we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terror attack at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA. Please make every effort to attend this important commemoration with your family and invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

NEW ENVELOPE SYSTEM - As you have seen by now, Holy Trinity has rolled out our new envelope system. Niki Barna, our Treasurer, welcomes all feedback and any suggestions for improvement.

ST. BASIL'S BENEFIT - We will once again have our luncheon to benefit St. Basil's Academy. Please look for more details to follow - the luncheon will be held one of the last two Sundays in October. Please plan on attending this very satisfying event — both in the culinary sense, thanks to Peter D — and in the sense of the benefit to the children at St. Basil's.

FROM FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - **Next meeting Sunday, September 25th.** On November 20th the Honey Baked Ham Co. will be selling Gift Certificates in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Certificates can be used for phone orders, so take orders for everyone in your neighborhood and in the office! December 4th will be the annual Holiday Bake Sale with Christmas cookies and goodies available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome Ludmila Battista as our new Sunday School Superintendent and Effie Krause, Jennifer Junda and Agatha Ryerson as new teachers! Our goal is to have every class equipped with a team of teachers so that no one gets burned out, more teachers can learn from teaching, and every week we have great classes. The curricula are excellent and easy to follow. So far, classes will be:

• Preschool/K: Andrea Bohensky • 1st-3rd Grades: Ludmila Battista • 4th-5th Grades: Gene Bohensky • 6th-8th Grades: Matushka Kerri Fox, Jennifer Junda, Effie Krause, Agatha Ryerson • High School: Fr. David Fox, Time - TBA

Sunday, September 11th: Sunday School Registration (after Liturgy) • Sunday, September 18th: 1st Week of Classes (after receiving Holy Communion). Combined Sunday School/Jr. O Club Barbecue afterward at Rectory.

CONTEMPORARY FAITH ISSUES - ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

This fall we are opening our doors to everyone searching for help with life's most challenging questions, and offering treasures from our rich Orthodox Faith. Please see the calendar for a schedule of topics, dates, times, and facilitators. All are encouraged to come and to bring others. **All times are at 7:00 pm.**

PASTORAL MESSAGE

In the end, what are we giving our kids?

I love to coach and to watch my kids play sports. This fall we have another full schedule of sports and other activities. When our bishop visited us, he said the biggest challenge to our faith today are good things that take the place of Best Things: sports and other activities are good things, but they challenge our faith when they take the place of the Best Things, God and Church.

I know it's tough: We want our own kids to be well-rounded, to experience God in every part of their lives. We constantly ask ourselves: in the end, what are we giving them?

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SEPTEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:00 a.m. Third Hour 9:15 a.m. St. Xenia Prayers 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy	5	6	7	8 <i>Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos</i> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	9	10 4:00 p.m. Open House 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers <i>Commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the terror attack at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, P.A.</i>
11 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. Gen. Confession 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <i>Memorial Prayers for those departed 9/11/01</i> <i>Sunday School Registration</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	12	13 <i>Elevation of the Cross</i> 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Litiya	14 <i>Elevation of the Cross</i> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	15	16	17
18 9:15 a.m. <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 9:45 a.m. Third Hour 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class with Fr. David - <i>The Mountain of Silence</i> <i>Sunday School Begins</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
25 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. Gen. Confession 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class with Fr. David	PASTORAL MESSAGE...CONTINUED There was a beautiful little girl I knew who had a deep heart. Her parents bent their entire lives around the little girl's practices, games, travel tournaments. Going to Church slowly faded away. In many ways it paid off: the girl played on state championship teams and was a star at an NCAA Group One School. She even works now as a coach. But what about that deep heart of hers? Does it still pulse for Ultimate Things? Does it remember how to pray? Can it get beyond itself, to find God in others? This fall, I am offering a special class for high school youth and challenging them to study with me the best introduction to Orthodoxy I know, <i>The Mountain of Silence</i> , and our Sunday School has even more teachers, classes and curricula. Steve Barrow will be leading our Jr. O Club to new activities. There will be opportunities for children & their families to serve the poor, to participate in special worship services & study groups, to go out for dinner together after Vespers. In the end, I want to give our kids and your kids all I can, and I cannot rest unless this includes Christ & His Church. But fellow parents, I need your help. Yours in Christ, Fr. David					

OCTOBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayers 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David - <i>The Mountain of Silence</i>	3	4	5 7:00 p.m. <i>Contemporary Issues: Who is God? The vision of God in Orthodoxy and World Religions - Part I: Judaism, Islam, Christianity.</i> Led by Fr. David	6	7	8 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
9 <i>Choir Recognition Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. Gen. Confession 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David <i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	10	11	12 7:00 p.m. <i>Contemporary Issues: Who is God? The vision of God in Orthodoxy and World Religions - Part II: Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism.</i> Led by Fr. David	13	14	15
16 9:15 a.m. <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 9:45 a.m. Third Hour 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David	17	18	19 7:00 p.m. <i>Contemporary Issues: Science & Faith: Can they Coexist? A discussion of Evolution and Christian Faith.</i> Led by Dr. George Theokritoff.	20	21	22 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
23 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. Gen. Confession 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David	24	25	26 7:00 p.m. <i>Contemporary Issues: Spirituality & Religion: Do We Need Church? What does "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic" mean?</i> Facilitator: His Grace Bishop Michael	27	28	29
30 9:45 a.m. Third Hour 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David <i>All American Council</i>	31 <i>All American Council</i>					

NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>All American Council</i>	2 <i>All American Council</i>	3 <i>All American Council</i>	4	5
6 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. St. Xenia Prayers 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David - <i>The Mountain of Silence</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
13 9:15 a.m. <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. Gen. Confession 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David	14	15	16 7:00 p.m. <i>Contemporary Issues: Why Do Bad Things Happen?</i> Facilitator T.B.A.	17	18	19
20 9:45 a.m. Third Hour 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David <i>Honey Baked Ham Sale & Thanksgiving Bake Sale</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	21 <i>Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple</i> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m. <i>Contemporary Issues: What is Prayer and how do you do it?</i> Facilitator T.B.A	22	23	24	25	26 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
27 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 9:45 a.m. Gen. Confession 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 12:15 p.m. High School Class w/ Fr. David	28	29	30 7:00 p.m. <i>Contemporary Issues: Marriage, the Real Deal.</i> Panel Discussion led by Fr. David			