

# *Dynamis*

October 2011

*"... Since the kingdom of God is not just words, it is power."*

1 CORINTHIANS 4:20

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"Falling at your feet, I beg you, as long as you enjoy the brief respite of life, let us repent, let us be converted, let us become better, so that we will not have to lament uselessly like that rich man when we die and tears can do us no good."

St. John Chrysostom

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) when read prayerfully, reveals our true Christian heart. It is much easier to hear the accounts of Jesus healing and showing mercy. The parables of Jesus, especially this one, help us look deep into the way we are living. It is very easy to look very good on the outside as Christians. We can appear to be very busy in Church, but in reality locked in a prison of our own self-love like the rich man in the parable. The rich man was not an evil man. He did not beat Lazarus. The rich man walked by Lazarus on a daily basis. How could he not have noticed Lazarus? He was unable to see Lazarus, even though he was at his gate, his home, because the rich man was holding a mirror his whole life, only looking at himself. God placed Lazarus at the rich man's home to save him. St. John preached, "God placed him there deliberately in order to save the rich man. I sent the poor man Lazarus to your gate to teach you virtue and to receive your love; you ignored this benefit and declined to use this assistance toward your salvation."

This is the only parable that Jesus speaks of a person going to hell. It is the only parable in which Jesus names one of the characters. There is a reason the Lord does not mention the name of the rich man. Take a moment and think about the way people are honored today. The movie stars, celebrities, politicians, and sports figures are the ones constantly being honored. It is rare that we hear about the real heroes, the teachers in the poorest neighborhoods, the doctors and nurses in the poorest countries, the soldiers serving our country, or the missionaries in the poorest parts of the world. The Lord does not mention the rich man's name, St. Nicolai wrote, "in order not to give too much honor to one whom men greatly honor. He did not come on earth to copy men's treatment of men, but to show how heaven treats men."

The people in the village admired the rich man. He was treated like royalty. Parents would tell their children, "You must be like him, and not like that bum begging at his gate." Society places too much emphasis on the "outside" of a person, and not the "inside" of a person. A wise saint of the church, St. Nicolai, said the rich man and Lazarus were a mirror of each other. "The rich man's outward splendor mirrored Lazarus's inner state. The rich man's soul was as full of sores as Lazarus's body. God placed these two men

on earth to be a mirror of one another. The rich man's outward splendor mirrored Lazarus' inner state, and Lazarus outward sores mirrored the rich man's inner state."

The rich man in a way lost his name. Wealth did not send the rich man to hell. Poverty did not send Lazarus to heaven. The rich man suffered because he had no relationship with God. When a person fails to love God, he fails to love his neighbor. He had so many opportunities to have God in his life. It is important to go back and look at the dialogue between the rich man and Abraham. Of all the Old Testament saints, Abraham is placed in this parable. Jesus presents Abraham for a very special reason. There was no one more hospitable than Abraham in the Old Testament. The gospel presents us with Abraham's hospitality verses the rich man's inhospitality. Abraham called the rich man "son." He is called "son" because he left his family and abandoned God. He was the prodigal son who never returned to His Father.

Please allow this parable to be a personal gift. Jesus presents this gift to help us. "Let us repent, let us be converted, let us become better, so that we will not have to lament uselessly like that rich man when we die and tears can do us no good." We do not have to bury the gift of God in all of us. Are we being good stewards? Let us not be like the rich man who was a prisoner of his own self-love, caring only for himself. We have to ask the following questions, and take action. What can I be doing to better serve my spouse? What can I be doing to better serve my children? How can I be a better friend? What can I be doing to better serve my parents? And the most important question, what can I be doing to best serve Holy Trinity?

How we live today will determine how we die. There are two destinies in life. I can be carried like Lazarus by the angels of God to heaven or buried in hell like the rich man. With the help of God, we can start living for Him, our family, and our brothers and sisters. Saint Anthony the Great said, "Our life and our death are with our neighbor. If we gain our brother or sister we have gained God, but if we scandalize our brother or sister, we have sinned against Christ."

Father Jordan

## Every Liturgy is a Festival....

To all, thank you for another outstanding festival! As always, your hard work was obvious and does not go unrecognized. Well done!

After months of preparation and three full days of nonstop work with our customers you can give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back and some needed rest.

Although, the work may seem endless, the three days of the festival come and go rapidly.

For those, who began working months ago, the end of the festival means the apron can be put away for a while. For others, who kindly themselves available for the three days of the festival may be left wondering "Is that all there is?"

Odd, as it may sound I started comparing certain aspects of our Liturgy and the festival and came up with these comparisons.

Our Liturgy	Our Festival
Two-thousand years of work, worship, prayer and planning	Sixty years of work, cooking, baking and planning
Everyone participates and has a role	Everyone participates and has a role
Weeks of preparation, prayer and fasting to encourage our spiritual growth toward Christ and His kingdom	Weeks of preparation and lots of praying that the work gets done and everything is ready for our guests
Written instructions from our Church Fathers, the Saints and the Holy Evangelists on how we should run our lives	Written instructions from previous generations on how best to plan and run the festival, prepare food and buy necessary items
Christ in our midst	Greater Portland in our midst
Christ invites us to participate in His gift of everlasting life.	Greater Portland thanks us for a great time
Christ shares Himself	Greater Portland, shares their hard earned money at our festival
We can count on Christ for everything we need and have	A day of rain can make a difference in the outcome of the festival
"Thanks for accepting my invitation to come to my house, I've missed you" .... Christ	"Thanks for coming to help." "I haven't seen you since the last festival. I'm glad you came".

As Orthodox Christians we all know what the liturgy means. How wonderful it would be if "Christ's Festival" was attended as enthusiastically as our Greek Festival?

Note - Special thanks to Mike Rouches for giving me the inspiration for this article.  
*Sophia Stamatis*

## Save the Date

### Philoptochos Sunday

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Trinity Cathedral. Help us honor our departed members, supporters of Philoptochos and the collective work of this vibrant organization. Renew your membership or become a new member.

**Philoptochos General Assembly Dinner & Discussion** ~ Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Fr. Elias Stephanopoulos Community Center

RSVP to your circle leader or Stacey Gianopoulos (503 789-2209)

Join us as we learn about the broad activities of the right arm of our church.

### PHILOPTOCHOS THRIFT SHOP---

**OPEN FORUM:** Join us on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for an open discussion on this valued Philoptochos ministry to strategize future goals, personnel needs, assess problems and solutions.

Current volunteers and interested parties are encouraged to attend. Look for us at 10:00 AM in the small hall.

The Father Elias Stephanopoulos Committee presents:

## "Athens by Night"

Saturday, November 19, 2011 in the Father Stephanopoulos Center at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
Featuring Vangelis Alkimos, singer from Greece and New York

Food and Dance

Proceeds to support the mission of the Father Elias Stephanopoulos Memorial Fund

**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral 3131 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR 97232**

*Dynamis* is the monthly newsletter of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. Articles for the next month's issue of *Dynamis* are due in the church office on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the current month. Deadlines will be strictly adhered to.

### *Dynamis Editorial Guidelines*

How to contribute: Email to: [Gail@goholytrinity.org](mailto:Gail@goholytrinity.org) or on a CD with a hard copy to the church office. If you do not

use a computer, please fax submissions to 503-236-8379 or bring a typed copy to the church office. Content and length: Church-related organizations maximum 500 words; non-church related and articles by private persons maximum 300 words. We reserve the right to edit or decline a submission. All inserts must be approved by the church office and the postal service. Announcements policy: Unpaid announcements for church-related events are limited to a half page.

Non-church-related community event announcements are limited to a quarter page. Advertising rates: Full advertising section – half of back page .....\$400 Half advertising section – ¼ of back cover .....\$225 Quarter advertising section – 1/8 of last page .....\$125

St. John the Forerunner Greek Orthodox Monastery  
**Fifth Annual Benefit Dinner**  
 and Silent Auction

An Evening of Inspiration and Fine Dining  
 prepared by the Sisters Of St. John's.

Sunday Evening, October 9, 2011, 5:30pm  
 Civic Auditorium Ballroom, The Dalles, Oregon  
 For directions and a list of local accommodations,  
 please visit [MonasteryBuilders.org](http://MonasteryBuilders.org)



Our featured speaker is Dr. Eve Tibbs, Dean of St. Katherine's College

Tickets are available at \$65 per person  
 Reserve your spot by mailing payment by the 29th of September to:

**The Benefit Dinner Committee**  
 PO Box 662, Goldendale, WA 98620  
 509-773-9944

**Our People**

**Baptisms:**

September 17, 2011: **Theodoros Nikolaou Toffolo Papaioannou**, son of Nickolaou Toffolo

Papaioannou and Shannalee Karsseboom. The Godparents are Katerina and Vasilios Tsirimiagos.

September 25, 2011: **Bruk Semaineh Abebe**, son of Semaineh Abebe Belaye and Enatenesh T. Lemeneh.

**HACCM Happenings**

There's a lot coming up in October and November for our Museum. First, if you haven't had a chance yet to see the current exhibit "Year in Byzantium", now's the time. You won't want to miss a special part of this exhibit which includes six tapestries woven by Nepalese Buddhist monks. The tapestries depict key events from the life of Christ. They are on loan to us for a short period of time from Dr. Theoharis Provatakis of the Cultural Ministry of Greece. We are fortunate to have them here for our Festival. Speaking of the Festival the Museum will be open during Festival hours on the

second floor of the Fr Elias Stephanopoulos Center.

We are fortunate once again to have the Leonidas Loizidis Theatre Group from Greece perform Euripides' "Iphigenia in Tauris". This year's performance is co-sponsored by HACCM and Classic Greek Theater of Oregon. The play will be presented October 5, 6 and 8 at noon and October 7 at noon and 3 pm at PSU's Lincoln Hall. Ticket prices are adults, \$15; students and seniors, \$10; groups of 50 or more, \$8. Check out the flyer posted in St. Dimitrios Hall or for more information call HACCM, 503-858-8567.

Another exciting event on HACCM's October schedule is a showing of a two-part documentary produced by the Greek Heritage Society of Southern California. The documentary which tells of the Greek immigrant in America was shown on PBS and narrated by Olympia Dukakis. This event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Annex at 6 pm. Cost is \$20.00; students are \$7.50. Refreshments are included.

If you enjoyed playing tavli (backgammon) last year, you're going to get a chance once again. This year our Tavli Tournament will be held at the New Copper Penny on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Time to be determined. Also on board for November is a book discussion led by Tom Doulis on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in St. Dimitrios Hall. His newly published book, [Iron Storm](#), details the activities of the Greek Junta.

HACCM is open on Sundays after church for an hour, from approximately noon to 1 pm and on Wednesdays from 11 am to 3 pm. Take some time to visit the Museum - you'll be surprised at what you'll find!

Thank you to **Jim Koliqas** for painting the posts in front of the Annex building and for scrubbing down the parking lot in front of the Annex.

**IOCC Sunday,**

## October 23

Dan Christopoulos will be our special guest speaker on Sunday, October 23. Dan has been with International Orthodox Christian Charities for a number of years. He has worked in the mission field serving some of the poorest countries in the world. In support of IOCC, and all their philanthropic work, Holy Trinity will be hosting a "souvlaki lunch," on Sunday, October 23, immediately following Sunday services.

## OCF @ OSU

Orthodox College Fellowship at Oregon State University  
Father Stephen Soot, Archpriest of the St. Anne Orthodox Church, located in Corvallis, is the OCF chaplain for OSU. Please inform your children and friends who attend OSU to participate in this wonderful young adult ministry. OCF will meet on the following Wednesdays, 4:30 pm, @ the St. Anne Parish (10 minutes from campus), October 12 and October 26. Father Jordan will be joining Father Stephen on the 12 October. If you have any questions regarding OCF, please contact Father Jordan @ [frjordan@goholytrinity.org](mailto:frjordan@goholytrinity.org) or Father Stephen Soot [frsoot@comcast.net](mailto:frsoot@comcast.net).

## OSU @ OCF

Sponsoring Parish: St. Anne Orthodox Church OCA, 6000 NE Elliott Circle, Corvallis, OR, 97330  
541-745-6982 [www.staoc.com](http://www.staoc.com)  
Student contact: Anna Sokolov, [anna.sokolov@gmail.com](mailto:anna.sokolov@gmail.com)

## OCF @ U of O

Orthodox College Fellowship at the University of Oregon  
Father Jerry Markopoulos, Proistamenos of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, is the OCF chaplain for U of O. Father Jerry can be reached at [frgerasimos@sntgrg.org](mailto:frgerasimos@sntgrg.org). The OCF will be meeting at the St. Nektarios OCF house located at 870 E. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Eugene, 972403, 541-654-4061. Please share this information with your children and friends who

attend U of O. OCF is a wonderful ministry, and has changed the lives of college students. Please do not let these precious years pass by your children.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

### GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE

OUR FALL BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5. FATHER JORDAN WILL BE LEADING THE STUDY. CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 AM. WE WILL MEET IN THE LIBRARY.

FATHER JORDAN WILL SHARE THE MESSAGE OF THIS POWERFUL GOSPEL. ST. LUKE WROTE HIS GOSPEL BOTH FOR THE CHURCH, AND A DEFENSE OF THE FAITH. ST. LUKE CELEBRATES THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND EMPHASIZES THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, PRAYER AND HEALING. THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "THE LOVELIEST BOOK IN THE WORLD."

CLASS WILL MEET ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER; 5, 12 AND 19. PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY ON OCTOBER 26. LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE 26 OCTOBER, FOR THE FEAST OF ST. DIMITRIOS AT 9:30 AM.

## Dear Parents of Sunday School Students:

You must sign your children in and out of class each Sunday. Class ends at 12:15 PM. Please be courteous and pick your child up no later than 12:20 PM. Thank you for helping us with this new safety procedure.

Parents of Preschool – High school students, please fill out a registration form for your children. Thank you, Ann, Lori and ZoeAnn.



## Anniversary celebration for Gail and Bob

Gail has assisted the clergy and managed our office for 15 years. Bob has taken care of our cathedral and community center for 15 years. Holy Trinity is blessed to have this 'Dynamic Duo'.

On Tuesday, October 18, 11:30 am, our parish will be hosting a special

## Annual ALL YOUTH Halloween Party

Join us for our annual Halloween Party, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

This year's party is for all ages. Senior Goya will create our Silly Haunted House

Junior Goya will help run the Games And Joy & Hope get to come and enjoy EVERYONE WELCOME

Join us for games, dancing, prizes and good treats.

PLEASE BRING ONE BAKED GOOD PER CHILD FOR OUR CAKE WALK.

Any questions, please email Dina Khoury at [dinagkhoury@hotmail.com](mailto:dinagkhoury@hotmail.com)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011 @

5:30 PM



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual A.G.R.O. Youth and Community

### Fundraising Gala

- Fun filled evening with family and friends
- Surprise entertainment
- Live Greek music

luncheon honoring Gail and Bob for their many years of service. Please take the time to break bread with Gail and Bob, two very special people who have faithfully served our cathedral. If you would like to offer a personal note of thanks and a gift, please see either Father Jordan or Ellie Bass.

## The Green Initiative Visits a Local Paper Factory

On August 27, members of Holy Trinity's Green Initiative took a tour of

- Fine Food
- Silent Auction

the Longview Fibre Plant in Washington. They learned how Longview Fibre has reduced its water usage from the Columbia River and only discards water back into the river after it is purified. The plant also uses existing paper products to produce 30-50% recycled-content boxes. Switching to recycled paper products minimizes impact as it saves not only wood but water and energy. In addition, the plant minimizes pollution – a fact that was noticed upon arrival as there was no foul smell!

We can't live without paper, but we can do our best to conserve it.



## Camp Angelos 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lamb/Salmon Dinner

Sunday, December 11, 2011

2:00 PM Appetizers

4:00 PM Dinner

Tickets-\$50 per person

RSVP: Mary Jo Brobeck

503-695-5888 or email: [aher@teleport.com](mailto:aher@teleport.com)

Send checks to:

Camp Angelos, 32149 SE Stevens Rd, Corbett, OR 97019

Tickets will be on sale on Sundays after church and at the event.

- Per person \$75.00
- Per table of 8 persons \$500.00

All proceeds from the event support all of our youth programs at Holy Trinity, community at large and Doernbechers Hospital Foundation.

## Fall Family Fun Night Saturday, October 22, 2011

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
3131 N.E. Glisan Street  
Portland, OR 97232

*Change Service Requested*

at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Vespers begins at 5:00 with dinner following at 6:00.

After dinner, there will be games and activities in the gym for family members. Parents can relax or join in the fun.

Jr. GOYA will break out for some time of their own and Sr. GOYA will leave and head out to a fun activity for the night.

For more information please contact Christina Geist [geist@teleport.com](mailto:geist@teleport.com)

Saturday, October 29  
Halloween Party ~ 6:30 PM

### Feast Days

**Paraclesis** - 6:00 PM – Wednesdays

**Orthros** – 9:00 AM - Wednesdays

October 18 ~ St. Luke

7:00 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

October 20 ~ St. Gerasimos

8:30 AM ~ Orthros

9:30 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

October 26 ~ St. Demetrios

8:30 AM ~ Orthros

9:30 AM ~ Divine Liturgy

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### Youth Corner

Saturday, October 22  
Youth and Family Night at Holy Trinity ~ 7:00 PM

*10<sup>th</sup> Annual*

*Women's Fall Retreat*

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

At Tilikum Retreat Center in Newberg, Oregon

*"Planting Seeds of Stillness"*

Retreat cost: \$120\*

Friday night: Light snack and welcome

Saturday: Full day Retreat with Breakfast, lunch & Dinner

Sunday: Divine Liturgy, followed by closing meal

\*Includes 2 nights lodging & 4 full meals

For more information, and to register online please visit: [www.StJohnGOC.org](http://www.StJohnGOC.org)

To register by mail, please send check and contact info to: St. John the Baptist  
Greek Orthodox Church, 14485 SW Walker Rd., Beaverton, OR 97006



## “Choral Worship and Prayer”

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*Denver, Colorado*

**Concert:** 7PM, Friday, October 14, 2011

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

3131 NE Glisan Street, Portland, OR 97232

Rev. Fr. Jordan Brown, 503-234-0468

**Concert:** 7PM, Saturday, October 15, 2011

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

14485 SW Walker Road, Beaverton, OR 97006

Rev. Fr. Theodore Dorrance, 503-644-7444

**~Concert Admission is Free of Charge ~**

A free will offering will be accepted with proceeds benefiting the local parishes.

**Divine Liturgy:** Sunday, October 16, 2011

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

9 AM – Orthros (Matins)

10 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

The Cathedral Choir of Denver has, for over forty years, maintained the tradition of presenting musical programs to the Denver community. Over time, the parish has expanded its music ministry to travel throughout the United States to promote fellowship and showcase the talent of our Greek-American composers. In 1993, the choir represented the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America in a summer tour of Greece. The choir performed a concert tour of Toronto, Canada in 2008. The choir has produced three recordings, appeared on television, and recorded multi-media production backdrops for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The Orthodox music selected for the Portland concert program is representative of the entire Greek Orthodox liturgical cycle.

For additional information about the choir, the October visit or Dr. Maniatis, please contact: Poti G. Doukas, Choir President at 303-898-4119 or [potidoukas@gmail.com](mailto:potidoukas@gmail.com)



## On September 15th,

our senior luncheon took place at Beaches restaurant on the Columbia River. A wonderful day of great para and fellowship was enjoyed by all of us. It was also a nice break from all of our festival preparations these last few months. Mark your calendars for the next outing to Spirit Mountain Casino on October 19<sup>th</sup> and more information will follow.



A thank you to Dean Lampus who heads the committee that plans and arranges the year's activities and also a thank you to John and Sandi Somarakis for hosting the wonderful luncheon at Beaches. A free-will offering was made to Camp Angelos.

