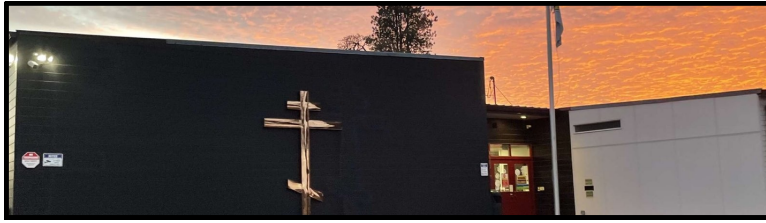


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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By Ewon Scherbakov and Kilikia Toran, 11th grade

Saints Cyprian and Justina

In the third century, a boy named Cyprian was taught black magics. At the age of ten, he moved to a mountain, when he turned fifteen the seven most knowledgeable wizards in the world taught him how to change the weather, send out sicknesses and many other terrible spells. He finished his studies by the age of thirty.

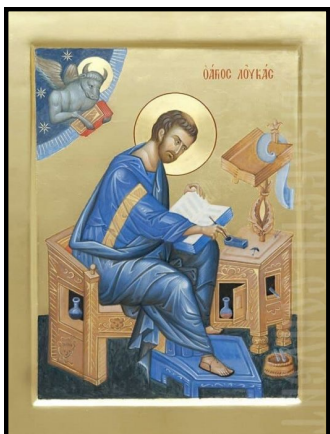
Justina was a young girl who heard about the Christians while sitting at her bedroom window. She overheard a deacon talking about our Lord Jesus Christ, and so she went to the church of Christ and convinced the rest of her family to join the faith. While walking to church, a pagan man named Agladius would greet her and try to woo her, after many failed attempts even after trying to force himself on her, he turned to Cyprian for a spell. Cyprian looked at some books, then got demons to try to get Justina to like Agladius, but she prayed hard so it wouldn't work.

When Cyprian realized he wasn't serving the highest power, he went to the church and got baptized. He became a deacon while Justina became a deaconess, and they brought many pagans to the religion. Other pagans didn't like what they were doing, so they went to the king and told lies about Cyprian and Justina. They were sentenced to death by beheading, and Justina happily went first, as Cyprian went next. Their bodies were buried six days later. Many people visiting the graves of Cyprian and Justina would have miracles worked for them. Cyprian and Justina are commemorated October 2nd по старому стилю (old date) and October 15th по новому (new date).



Holy Saint and Evangelist Luke

On October 31st, we remember The Saint Evangelist Luke. He traveled wide ranges, was a physician from Antioch, and is the author of the gospel named after him. Not only had he written that gospel, but he is ascribed to the book of Acts, which recounts the spreading of the gospel from the apostles in Jerusalem to the whole world! Although he isn't one of the original 12 Apostles of Christ, he is a part of the 70 Apostles. At the age of 84, the Holy Evangelist was captured by local idolaters in Boeotia, Greece, and was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ. Fun fact! He is the first Icona writer and in iconography, he is usually symbolized as a winged ox.



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

By Nikita Burkoff, 12th grade

The Seniors and Juniors are exploring the possibility of an exciting educational field trip to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. Ark Encounter is a life sized replica of Noah's Ark and is one of the most unique faith based learning experiences in the country. The price of each student will vary from \$1,000 - \$1,200. Seniors and Juniors plan on creating raffles, doing car washes and selling chocolate bars, to raise enough money for this educational opportunity.



<https://arkencounter.com>



Donations for the senior trip are open!

WORD OF THE MONTH

By Iroia Vshivkoff and Neeka Basargin, 9th grade

Псаломъ ѿн Psalm 79:13

For we are Your people and the sheep of Your pasture; We shall give thanks to You God freely and openly forever; From generation to generation we will proclaim Your praise.

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ИМЕННЫ OF OCTOBER

By Viveya Alagoz, 11th grade

Oct 4th	Евсѣвій
Oct 6th	Андрѣй
Oct 8th	Евфросиніа
Oct 10th	Марк
Oct 14th	Романъ
Oct 17th	Вириніа
Oct 21st	Таніа
Oct 24th	Зинаіда
Oct 27th	Никѡла
Oct 28th	Викѣа
Oct 29th	Логинъ
Oct 30th	Даміанъ

IMPORTANT DATES

By Damian Scherbakov, 9th grade

	1st	National Pumpkin Spice Day
	2nd	School Custodian Day
	3rd	Picture Day @ 9:00am
	9th	Repose of Saint John the Theologian
	14th	The Protection of the Mother of God
	21st	Bookmobile

PRIMARY UPDATES

By Susanna Chuprov, 9th grade, and
Myramia Ovchinnikoff, 12th grade



Тётя Dunia has been working hard these past few weeks to try and help the second graders settle in, with unique ways to help them participate in their new classes. Although they are struggling with paying attention in class, her positive attitude and outlook on things is a good breath of fresh air to her students, making math and assignments fun.

Тётя Dunia has always wanted to be a teacher since she was in elementary school. Jumping from job to job, she was first an EA at Washington, then a supervisor at Carson Hot Springs, a construction worker, and a nursery worker till she finally landed a position at HTPS. She loves to work here and wouldn't want any of her old positions back now. Тётя Dunia thinks for the rest of the year it will only get better from here.

ДУХОВНЫЕ DEVELOPMENTS

By Zoya Burkoff, 11th grade



Theodora Karayel is a choir teacher and a very gifted singer. This year she is only teaching the primary students (grades K - 4th). Theodora noticed this year with the first graders how well they grew in singing, with just a year of learning at this school. For an example, she was teaching them the song Слава ввышних Богу a short стих sung before пса-псалмы. Normally it would have taken them multiple days to learn the стих but instead they learned the whole song in one class!

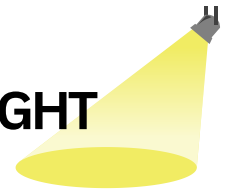
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SCHOLAR'S SPOTLIGHT

By Sofia Cam, 11th grade



This week's student spotlight is Daniel Masalignin, from Тётя Melania's kindergarten class. He is a kind student who already steps up to help, whether it's by giving his teacher assistance or lending a hand to his fellow classmates. He's great at following directions and stays on top of his work with ease. Daniel's positive attitude and willingness to pitch in make him a real asset to the class, and he's always setting a great example for everyone around him. Good job, Daniel!

ELEMENTARY UPDATES

By Logan Kuznetsov, 10th grade



For October, the 6th grade class at HTPS has been turning up the heat in science — literally! With magnifying glasses in hand, students tried the classic experiment of using sunlight to burn paper. Instead of just flames, this project sparked a whole lot of curiosity, big questions, and “wow” moments.

But that's not all! Alongside the experiment, students are learning how to use directions — north, south, east, and west — not just for science, but even for everyday classroom jobs like figuring out which tables need to be cleaned. Who knew teamwork could be so... directional?

Leading this fiery fun is Тётя Irina, now in her second year at HTPS. “This group has been amazing,” she said. “They're curious, asking great questions and always ready to learn.”

With experiments, teamwork, and a teacher who loves seeing her students shine, the 5-6th grade classroom is truly bright with learning!

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

By Nikolai Pleshakov, 12th grade

Faddei Postnikov, one of our school's devotional instructors, transitioned from teaching part-time to being a full-time teacher this year. In addition to the general religious and church-related topics he taught in previous years, he is now involved in some other subjects. These include choir and a wood-shop class. Faddei is particularly excited for wood shop, having various projects planned for it.



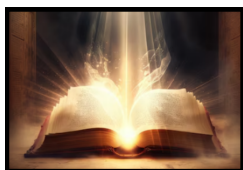
Before his time here, Faddei never imagined that he would serve a teaching role. However, as a recent turn in his life, he took on the job and found that he appreciated it way more than he might have originally thought. Faddei describes his position as being amazing; he loves every day here. Faddei predicts that the remainder of the year will continue to be great, getting better every day. Faddei Postnikov bears much gratitude toward God, our principal Ulita Seleznev, the school board, and his wonderful students.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

By Tatiana Valihov, 11th grade

Isaiah 2:11-12

"For the eyes of the Lord are lofty, and man is humble. The haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day."



RIDDLE

By Sophia Konev, 11th grade



I look like a T, I can look like an X, I hang from chains, around people's necks.
Once a symbol of pain, now I bring hope — what am I?

Answer: a cross

UNGRADED UPDATES

By Lev Chernishoff, 10th grade

Ekatirina Fyodorovna's high school science class is learning responsibility and independence by caring for a pregnant Pygmy goat this year. Students will learn skills like milking, fermentation, and cheesemaking for a well rounded homesteading experience.



Holy Trinity Golf Tournament Raises \$50,000 for School



By Alexander Kuznetsov, 12th grade

Last month, Tom Ivanov, with the help of Sergi Yakis, organized a successful fundraiser for Holy Trinity Private School. Fueled by their shared passion for golf and strong ties to the Holy Trinity community, they hosted a charity golf tournament to raise much-needed funds for the school.

The day began with a lively pre-game putt-off, followed by an exciting helicopter ball drop—made possible by a generous donation from Ivan Ivanov. The winners were Mike Erikson, who took the top spot in the putt-off, and Nik Ovchinnikov, who won the ball drop and a \$500 cash prize.

To raise the stakes, two incredible prizes were offered for a hole-in-one: a 2025 Ford F-150 and a Tara Roadster 2 golf cart. The event received enthusiastic support from the local community and businesses. Special thanks goes to US Market, a key sponsor, who provided drinks and a large supply of cooked chicken to keep everyone refreshed and fed.

The tournament raised a total of \$50,000. A special thank you goes to Karl Ivanov, whose \$10,000 donation match doubled the impact of community contributions.

This event would not have been possible without the support of Tom Ivanov and Sergi Yakis for organizing, Karl Ivanov, Ford, and US Market for their generous donations, and the OGA Golf Course for hosting. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and helped make the Holy Trinity Golf Tournament such a memorable and impactful event for the school's community!

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