

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York

ON GIVING THANKS TO GOD

St. Anthony the Great



The truly intelligent man pursues one sole objective: to obey and conform to the God of all. With this single aim in view, he disciplines his soul, and whatever he may encounter in the course of his life, he gives thanks to God for the compass and depth of His providential ordering of all things.

For it is absurd to be grateful to doctors who give us bitter and unpleasant medicines to cure our bodies, and yet to be ungrateful to God for what appears to us to be harsh, not grasping that all we encounter is for our benefit and in accordance with His providence. For knowledge of God and faith in Him is the salvation and perfection of the soul.

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David's cell phone, 1-(570) 878-5074, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Anointing is available in Church, in the hospital, or in your home, for anyone who is sick, no matter how severe. It doesn't mean "Last Rites!"

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!

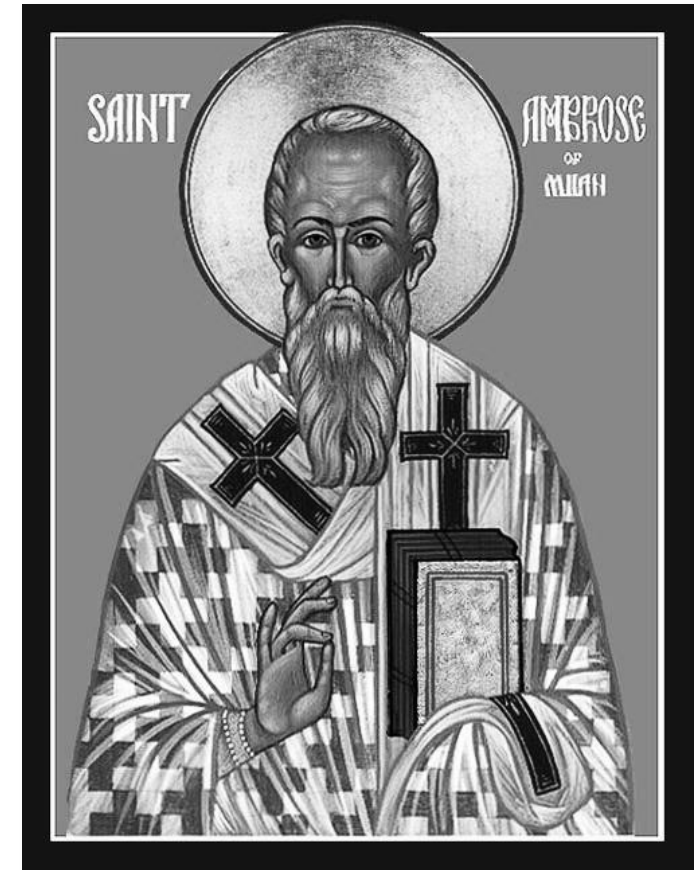
Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details.

The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for those being cremated.

WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY?

Become a ***DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!***

To see a video "slice of life" of our Diocesan churches, visit www.nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html ... and scroll down to VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS. Questions? See Fr. David.



Sunday, December 7, 2014
26th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Again this week, please consider
SITTING CLOSER TO THE FRONT
So that you can hear the choir better,
and we can share in the Liturgy as a parish family!



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
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St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (4th century)
 Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19; Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

After the Liturgy, in the Parish Hall: Annual St. Nicholas Breakfast, with a special visit from St. Nicholas! And, new this year, a Gingerbread Church Contest! Edible building materials will be supplied for classes and families (and anyone else who'd like to participate) to build their "dream" church.

3:00 PM *Baptism* of Anastasia VanLare

Friday, December 12

7:00 PM *Akathist* to St. Herman of Alaska, followed by Saints Martha & Mary Women's Group Meeting at the Rectory

Saturday, December 13

5:30 PM Private Confession Available – in English

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

During Vespers: Private Confession Available in Russian, Polish, Ukrainian. Fr. Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk will hear Confessions here in those languages, during Vespers. Please share this with your family and friends in the parish who will benefit!

Sunday, December 14

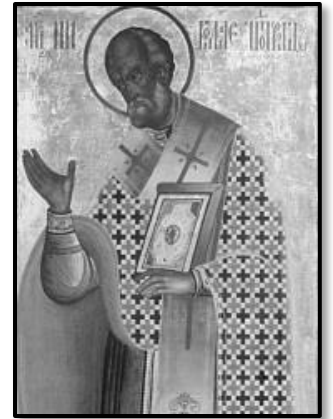
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12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Education Building

В субботу, 13 Декабря в 6:00 вечера, во время службы великой вечерни, о. Вячеслав Кравчук будет слышать исповеди прихожан нашего храма говорящих на Русском, Украинском и Польском языках.

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF SAINT NICHOLAS RIGHT HERE IN TRINITY PLAZA...

Join the CLOTHING DRIVE for the Franciscan Friars' CASA JUAN DIEGO HOSPITALITY CENTER ~ At the Corner of WALNUT STREET & YONKERS AVENUE



We will celebrate St. Nicholas for his Feast Day, with Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, and again on Sunday, Dec. 7, with a special coffee hour meal and a visit by our beloved bishop of Myra, who will have sweets for the children.

We are exemplifying his **GENEROSITY** through The Saint Nicholas Project, making the lives of two seminarian families merrier to thank them for their devotion to serving God's Church. See the back page of the Bulletin for details.

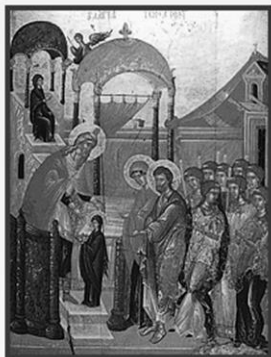
Let us also exemplify St. Nicholas' spirit of **CHARITY** by helping the less fortunate. We will be making a clothing collection of specific, much needed items for **Casa Juan Diego**, the hospitality center run by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, our neighbors on Trinity Street. The center is located around the corner at Yonkers Avenue and Walnut Street and serves mostly a male population of the poor and needy in Yonkers.

The collection will consist of the following clothing items, all of which are continually needed, and some of which are rarely donated:

- New men's warm socks
- New men's underwear, sizes small, medium & large (No X-Large, please!)
- New men's undershirts, sizes small, medium & large (No X-Large, please!)
- Men's t-shirts, new or in good condition (No X-Large, please!)
- Men's sweatpants & hoodie sweatshirts, new or good condition (No X-Large, please!)

Boxes labeled "CASA JUAN DIEGO" will be placed in the church entry way and on the stage in the Hall.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



The Pre-Nativity Season

“O angelic hosts of the Lord, do ye hasten to the village of Bethlehem in Judea to prepare a noble place for Him who cannot be contained, the Author of creation...”

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY ...

- Sun 12/7 at Coffee Hour: St. Nicholas Celebration.** The Nolan Family will host their annual St. Nicholas Breakfast. There will be a special visit from St. Nicholas and new this year, a Gingerbread Church Contest! Edible building materials will be supplied for classes and families (and anyone else who'd like to participate) to build their "dream" church.
- Fri 12/12, 7:00 PM: Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska,** followed by **SS. Martha & Mary Women's Group Meeting** at the Rectory.
- Sat 12/13, 6:00 PM: Confessions in Russian, Polish, Ukrainian:** Fr. Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk will hear Confessions here in those languages, during Vespers. Please share this with your family and friends in the parish who will benefit!
- Wed 12/24 Evening: Holy Supper** at the Rectory.
- Wed-Thu 12/24-25 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: SPECIAL COLLECTION for Project Mexico, during the Vigil and Divine Liturgy.**
- Thu 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY After the Liturgy – The Children's Choir of Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church in Brooklyn** will sing a brief concert for us before we enjoy our Christmas Coffee Hour together.
- Sun 12/28 After Liturgy: Christmas Caroling Visits** to Homebound Parishioners.

TODAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 5:9-19 Brethren: the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.¹⁴ Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."¹⁵ See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 17:12-19 At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"¹⁴ So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?¹⁸ Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?¹⁹ And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

HELP NEEDED – NEWLY WIDOWED MOTHER OF A TEEN

There is a newly widowed mother in our neighborhood who just lost her husband to a sudden illness. She has a teenage son. If you would like to provide them with some financial help for Christmas, please contact Fr. David. *Thank you!*

BAKING COOKIES? BAKE EXTRA!

If you are baking Christmas cookies, consider baking another dozen and bringing them to one of our homebound parishioners – or contact Olga Ptach, 914-262-1061 or olgaptach@gmail.com , to arrange for their delivery. *Thank you!*

HELP WANTED: Stuff and Stamp our Parish Christmas Mailing! Please see Fr. David or Mat. Tamara if you would like to help.

**30TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT, SUNDAY 12/14, 3:00 PM
AT MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH –
OUR NEIGHBORS**

The choir and orchestra concert is followed by a reception at their Parish Hall. A free will donation of \$10 for the concert is appreciated; tickets for the Dinner are \$35. Dinner Reservations: Call 963-0720

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10 AM – 12 noon.

As you may know, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church is among those slated to be closed next summer. Whether by attending this concert or in some other way, please show your opposition to this decision to close the parish ... a pillar of our neighborhood!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sat., March 21: Lenten Retreat with Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery. Details to come after the New Year.

PRAYER LIST

Above all, we are a praying community. Keep this list in your prayer corner, and in your daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Newly received Catechumen Mary Ann Paprocki; Adriana Szynda, recovering from surgery; the newly Chrismated Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Paul “PJ” Sulich; Christina McDonald; Fr. John Tkachuk; the child David; newborn Elena King, Luke Kraus, Isabelle Paprocki & Anastasia VanLare; Ludmila Branzow; Katherine & newborn Gabriel Brasowski; Natasha Harris; Mat. Alexandra Kishkovsky; Nathan Orsini; Olga Ptach; Suzanne Gee; Peter Tymus, Jr.; Stephen Vagianos; Matthew & Malek, traveling in the Middle East; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; John Loving; Mat. Leanne Parrott and the child to be born to her; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; George Miroshnikov & Madeline Loving, Jason Vitale & Kimberly Ovsag, Paul Stewart & Natalia Maicenko, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; John & Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne’s sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the priests Frs. Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak; Herman Schick, Matthew Searfoorce, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Paul Kucynda, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; Aleksandra Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyzyk; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and the Ukraine; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians and their families; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Protodeacon John Eby (12/8); Justyna Skalski (12/11), Matthew Skalski (12/13); Maria Wislocki (12/13).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Charles Brown (+12/6); Melinda Butler; Constance Tarasar (+11/7); Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich (+10/30); the ever-memorable Vladimir & Vira; and all departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server. Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTO their spiritual home away from home!

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| Michael Bouteneff | Madeline Loving | Peter Rzyzyk |
| Joe Ciamarra | George Miroshnikov | Matt Skalski |
| Megan Jones | Kamille Perry | Alexandra Solak |
| Kaydee Kowalczyk | Schuyler Perry | Nick Thanasias |
| Dan Kozak | Roman Piwinski | Monika Wislocki |
| Peter Kreatsoulas | Amanda Rzyzyk | |

Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.