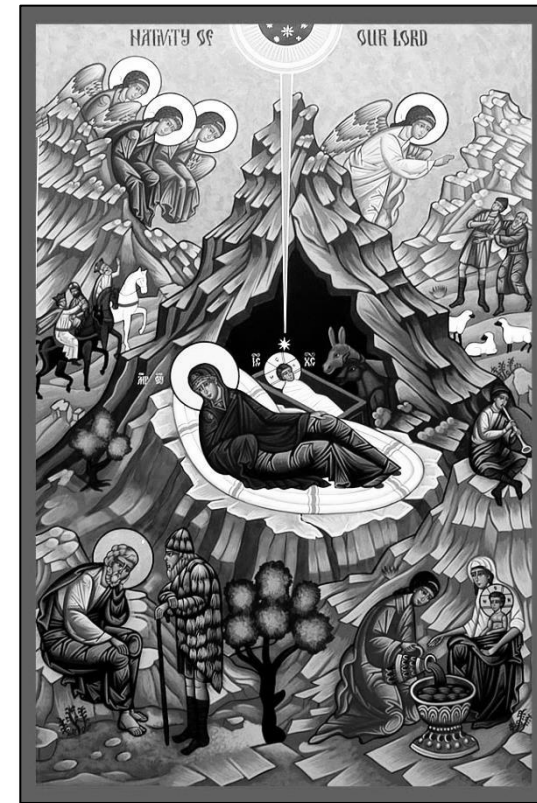




# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Yonkers, New York



Sunday, December 21, 2014  
28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ  
The Sunday of the Holy Fathers

***Holy Supper – Christmas Eve, 6:00 PM***  
***At the Rectory ~ It's Not Too Late to Sign Up!***

All are invited. Please call Matushka Tamara,  
at the Rectory, 965-6815, to let her know you are coming.



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Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

#### Wednesday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity / Christmas Eve

(Strict Fast Until Sunset)

8:00 AM *Royal Hours*

6:00 PM Holy Supper at the Rectory – *All Are Welcome... Please Call Ahead to Matushka Tamara, (914) 965-6815 if you plan to come!*

8:00 PM *Vigil Service* for the Nativity of Christ

#### Thursday, December 25 – The Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas

10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

After Liturgy: Christmas Concert by the Children's Choir of Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, Brooklyn

Followed by Agape Meal

#### Friday, December 26 – The Synaxis of the Mother of God

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*, with His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL

#### Saturday, December 27 – Saturday After the Nativity

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, December 28 – Sunday After the Nativity; Saints Joseph, David & James

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

After Coffee Hour: Christmas Caroling Visits to Homebound Parishioners – All Are Welcome to Come Along!

#### Wednesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

6:00 PM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – Circumcision of Our Lord; Feast of St. Basil the Great; Thanksgiving for the New Year

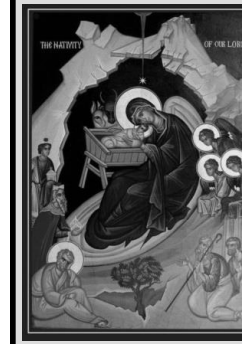
#### Saturday, January 3 – Saturday Before Theophany

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, January 4 – Sunday Before Theophany

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*



## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND THE NATIVITY SEASON

•**Wed 12/24 6:00 PM: Holy Supper** at the Rectory.... Sign up with Matushka Tamara! A traditional lenten meal on Christmas Eve, it is the last meal of the Advent fast. The fasting foods served can include barley, honey, stewed prunes, pierogi, sauerkraut, potatoes, lima beans, garlic, Lenten bread, mushroom soup and salt. A lit candle symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. The bread broken and shared symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. The foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ was born and the sweetness of life after He came. After supper, all attend the Christmas Eve vigil. Hay placed under the tablecloth recalls the manger in which baby Jesus was placed by His Mother. An extra place is always set -- for Jesus, either in Spirit, or in the form of a traveler or stranger, for none are turned away on this day without a warm invitation to partake!

•**Wed-Thu 12/24-25 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day: SPECIAL COLLECTION** for Project Mexico, during Vigil and Divine Liturgy.

•**Thu 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY After the Liturgy – The Children's Choir of Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church, Brooklyn**, will sing a brief concert for us before we enjoy Christmas Coffee Hour together.

•**Sun 12/28 After Liturgy: Christmas Caroling Visits** to Homebound Parishioners. Sign up in the hall today!

•**Sun 1/11 The Nativity Yolka – NEW DATE**. By popular request, we have moved the Yolka a week later, to Jan. 11. Please note the change.

### 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](mailto:olgaptach@gmail.com), to arrange for their delivery. *Thank you!*

### SCHOLARSHIPS SOUGHT FOR ST. ANDREW'S CAMP:

His Grace, Bishop Michael, is appealing to individuals across our Diocese, who realize that they have been blessed by God and are in a position to share in those blessings, to provide a Christmas “gift of Camp for a week” for our young people to attend St. Andrew's Camp, in Jewell, NY, this coming summer.

Your gift would bless a camper who otherwise could not attend St. Andrew's because of financial constraints. The cost of Camp is \$300 per week per individual – that includes room and board, meals, and all activities, including at least one special excursion each week.

Checks may be made payable to St. Andrew's Camp Scholarship, and mailed to: Diocesan Chancery, 33 Hewitt Ave., Bronxville, NY 10708.

Visit [www.saintandrewscamp.org](http://www.saintandrewscamp.org) for more information on the Camp.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

•**Sun., Feb. 15, 5:00 PM: Bishop Michael Hosts the Annual Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Appreciation Dinner, Here!** All parishioners are invited ... and anyone who could help serve this dinner (which will be catered) would be greatly appreciated! See Matushka Tamara to offer your assistance.

•**Sat., March 21: Lenten Retreat with Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon's Monastery.** Details to come after the New Year.

### DON'T FORGET ... SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR PROJECT MEXICO ON CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

The collection will be taken both during Vigil on Christmas Eve, and during the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day. To see the amazing things Project Mexico and the St Innocent Orphanage of Tijuana do in the lives of otherwise forgotten children rescued from the streets of Tijuana, visit [www.projectmexico.org](http://www.projectmexico.org).

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40** Brethren: By faith Abraham dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 1:1-25** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:2Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.3Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.4Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.5Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse,6and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah.7Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. 8Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah.9Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.10Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.11Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon.12And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.13Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.14Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud.15Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.16And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.17So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.18Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.19Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.20But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.21And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.22So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:23Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us."24Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,25and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

**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 Baptized Anastasia VanLare; newly received Catechumen Mary Ann Paprocki; Adriana Szynda, recovering from surgery; the newly Chrismated Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Paul "PJ" Sulich; Christina McDonald; Mary Smith; Fr. John Tkachuk; the child David; newborn Micah Needham, Elena King, Luke Kraus, Isabelle Paprocki; 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 Maidenco, 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, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, 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 Rzyk; 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.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Helen Waryha (+12/14); Charles Brown (+12/6); Melinda Butler; 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!**

Michael Bouteneff	Madeline Loving	Peter Rzyk
Joe Giamarra	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 Rzyk	

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

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