

RE-CLAIMING OUR HOMES FOR CHRIST: A NOTE ON HOUSE BLESSINGS

When our homes are blessed, we reclaim our homes, and everyone and everything in them, for Christ: our wives, our husbands, our marriages... our children... our working and studying... our worrying and our struggling... our decisions and our dilemmas... our successes and our rejoicing: we reclaim all of our lives for Christ, by inviting Him into our inner sanctum.



The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. We show the Lord – and the devil – that we wish for God to physically expel every trace of sin, anger, bitterness, and worry that has invaded our homes and our families over the past year!

When Father comes to bless the family and house, these things should be prepared:

- A lit candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for Holy Water should be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- All present in the house should come together and stand at the table.
- Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



Sunday, January 18, 2015
32nd Sunday After Pentecost
Saints Cyril and Athanasius of Alexandria

WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS: It is our joy to have you here today!
Please introduce yourself to Fr. David when everyone comes up to venerate the Cross at the end of Liturgy. Then, join us for Coffee Hour next door!



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Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Wladimir Kowalczyk, requested by his wife, Maria Kowalczyk; for Joanna Kurylo (10th Anniversary of her repose), Stefan Kurylo, Semeon Kowalczyk, Maria & Osif Durkot, and Julia & Teodor Kowalczyk, by the families of John Kowalczyk & Maria Rysz; for John Kowalczyk, by Roman Gebuza; for Tatyana Archangelskaya, by brother Eugene; and for Charles Brown, by niece Matushka Tamara and Family.

3:00 PM *Wedding* of George Miroschnikov and Madeline Loving

Saturday, January 24

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, January 25 – Zacchaeus Sunday

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Following the Liturgy: Annual Parish Meeting. Amendments to our Bylaws will be proposed and voted on, provided we have a quorum. The proposed amended Bylaws are available now for review by any parishioner. See Fr. David. ALSO: Last year's Annual Meeting Minutes are available for review; see Jim Perry.

Thursday, January 29

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – The Three Holy Hierarchs

Friday, January 30 – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Saints Gregory the Theologian, Basil the Great, and John Chrysostom

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – The Three Holy Hierarchs

Saturday, January 31

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, February 1 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Donna Marie Boss, requested by her father, Charles Pochari, and family; and for John Kowalczyk, by Anna, John & Lydia Jacewicz.

4:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – The Meeting of Our Lord – Note Time Change

Monday, February 2 – Great Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*



*“How can we thank God enough for you
in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?”
(1 Thessalonians 3:9)*

*You are cordially invited to attend
the New York City Deanery Appreciation Dinner
for the 2014 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors
of the Diocese of New York & New Jersey*

*hosted with gratitude by
His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL*

*Sunday, February 15, 2015
at five o'clock in the evening*

*Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
46 Seymour Street
Yonkers, NY 10701*

~You are encouraged to bring family members and parish guests~

*RSVP by Sunday, February 8 with the number attending
to Fr. David Cowan 914.965.6815 or email: frdavidcowan@gmail.com*

**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.





Thursday, January 22, marks the 42nd Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the U.S. Orthodox Christians from across the country will travel to the US Capital for the annual March for Life or participate in similar regional events.

Metropolitan Tikhon, and our Bishop Michael, will be among the Orthodox bishops, clergy, seminarians and faithful participating in the DC March for Life on Jan. 22. The rally on the DC Mall begins at noon. Orthodox marchers will gather to the right of the stage under the iconic “Orthodox Christians for Life” banner and signs. After the rally, participants will march to the US Supreme Court, where prayers for the victims of abortion will be offered.

The St. Ambrose Society at St. Vladimir’s Seminary has booked a bus for those in the New York City area who wish to participate. The bus will depart the seminary campus at 5:00 a.m. and return at approximately midnight. Cost is \$20.00 per individual, and \$30.00 for married couples and families. **Email SAS@svots.edu or call 961-8313 for information on the St. Vladimir’s bus.** Also, St. Joseph Catholic Church, our neighbors at 141 Ashburton Ave., is running a bus to the March. **Call 963-0730 for more information on the St. Joseph’s bus.**

If you aren’t going to the March, please mark your calendar to PRAY for the marchers – and for the victims of abortion in this country.

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 Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick, however 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 cremations.

TODAY’S EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:15-17 My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.¹⁶However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.¹⁷Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

TODAY’S GOSPEL Luke 18:18-27 At that time, a certain ruler asked Jesus, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁹So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.²⁰You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’²¹And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.”²²So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”²³But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.²⁴And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.²⁶And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?”²⁷But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

Donation of \$40 for altar candles in memory of Joanna Kurylo from Luba Ardan.

THANK YOU...

To everyone who helped put our “chapel” together in the Hall last week – what a beautiful Liturgy we had there! -- And, to ALL who participated in the Christmas Yolka last Sunday, **ESPECIALLY OUR KIDS!! GREAT JOB!!!**

CHURCH WALL CALENDARS FOR 2015
will be here in the next several days.

ALTAR SERVERS ~YOUNG and YOUNG-AT-HEART!

The 2015 Diocesan **ALTAR SERVER RETREAT** is coming up – **Friday-Sunday, Feb. 6-8, at St. Basil’s Academy, Garrison, NY.** Some of our boys are signed up ... join us! Please see Fr. David for details.

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 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 coming soon!

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:

George Miroshnikov & Madeline Loving, to be married today; Becka; Petr Teplov; Tatiana Mordovina; Anatole Honczarenko; Matushka Patricia Mason; Catechumen Mary Ann Paprocki; Adriana Szpynda; Paul “PJ” Sulich; Gloria Panciera; Elias & Jonah Kachur; Christina McDonald; Mary Smith; Fr. John Tkachuk; newborn Eva Schmidt, Luke Kraus, Micah Needham, Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Natasha Harris; Nathan Orsini; Olga Ptach; Suzanne Gee; Matthew & Malek; 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; Jason & Kimberly, Paul & Natalia, Joshua & Jacqueline, Norm & Elena, Stan & Victoria, 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. Joseph Chupeck, Thomas Hopko, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; 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; all those named for Saints Athanasius & Cyril. Birthdays: Klara Aleksandra Borzova (1/16), Helen Maybo (1/24).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Tatyana Archangelskaya (+12/8); Helen Waryha (+12/14); Melinda Butler; the ever-memorable Meggi Kvizikadze; Vladimir & Vira; those named for Saints Athanasius & Cyril; 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 Rzyzyk
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 Rzyzyk	

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