

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York

IT'S NOT TO LATE TO PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION!

How is God calling you to grow spiritually this summer?
Here are some suggestions. Try one or more (that you aren't already doing).

- Fast one step more strictly than the last Apostles' Fast: Skip desserts; or skip meat on Wednesdays & Fridays or for the whole Fast; wait on your favorite TV or Netflix shows or secular music until the Fast is over.
- Trade in Web surfing for reading a chapter from the Gospels a day.
- Reclaim the first five minutes of each day to say Morning Prayers if you have drafted away from that practice.
 - Most particularly, ask God, in the morning, to help you in any situations (tests ... tryouts ... meetings ... medical appointments) which you are anxious about that are coming up that day.
- Before you go to sleep, "rewind" over the day and ask God's forgiveness of any sins you can remember from the day that has passed.
- If you're married, ask your spouse's forgiveness before you go to sleep.
- On a fast day (Wednesday or Friday) or during a fasting period, read a book like...
 - *Everyday Saints*;
 - *Born to Hate, Reborn to Love*; or
 - *The Gurus, The Young Man, and Elder Paisios*.
- Before sending a text message, ask, "Lord, is this okay?"
- When you DO go away on vacation, while you're making your reservations, find the church you'll go to on Sunday: Go to www.orthodoxyinamerica.org and use their "Search" tool. Call the church to verify the service times, and tell the priest you'd like his blessing to come to Holy Communion if that is your intention.



Sunday, June 7, 2015 ~ Sunday of All Saints
Parish Graduate Sunday



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June 7, 2015: The Sunday of All Saints; Parish Graduate Sunday

~ **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!~**

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37:38, 19:27-30

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – First Sunday After Pentecost: Sunday of All Saints

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Prayers for Graduate Sunday!

With Panikhida for Vladimir Kowalczyk (10th year of his repose), requested by his wife, Zofia; for Mikola Kuzmenko (1st year of his repose), requested by sister Vera Kuzmenko; for John Kowalczyk, by Emil & Kristine Skalski; and for John Wislocki, by John Felenczak.

2:00 PM Parish Council Conference: "Sound Financial Practices in the Parish", with Matushka Mary Buletza Breton, CPA, Diocese of New York & New Jersey, hosted at Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, 228 N. 12th Street, Brooklyn

Saturday, June 13

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 14 – 2nd Sunday After Pentecost: Sunday of All Saints of North America

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 20

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 21 – 3rd Sunday After Pentecost – Happy Father's Day!

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Panikhida for Vladimir Kowalczyk, requested by Zofia.

Tuesday, June 23

7:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Wednesday, June 24

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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!

A DEFINITION OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

How might we describe "stewardship in action?"

1. Stewardship is our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.
2. Stewardship is caring for the needs of others.
3. Stewardship is offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.
4. Stewardship is what you do after saying "I Believe . . . ", as proof of that belief.
5. Stewardship is learning how to be a responsible and concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in the Church dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.
6. Stewardship is devotion and service to God and His Church as persons, as families, as deaneries, as diocese, as national Church, and as the Church universal.

Stewardship is **not** only to do with money, though money is an integral part of it. Education for the whole parish on Stewardship as a Christian Commitment will be made available in the coming months. Meanwhile, consider these few points as they relate to your own ability and desire to give God back a portion of what He has given you.

A NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEB SITE –

Seeking a One Time \$75.00 Sponsorship

Our site is in need of a new look -- with more color and life. Our Webmaster, Nick Macagnone, has a design ready to go; it will cost \$75 to "go live". If you're interested in seeing the new look, email Nick at nick.macagnone@gmail.com. Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR 2016

Elections will be held at the next Annual Meeting, late January 2016.

See Father David or Council President Vicky Statkevicius for more information!

Please visit the LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP

Featuring Icons ... Decorated Eggs ...
Orthodox Greeting Cards and Gifts for All Occasions!
Open Today During Coffee Hour,
Located in the Education Building,
Second Room on the Right from the Courtyard Entrance

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED – TOWARD NEW PUMPS FOR OUR HEATING SYSTEM

It is summer now ... but it'll be winter again before we know it!

**We have raised \$2,705 thus far,
and we have \$3,295 left to raise.**

The cost to install new pumps is approximately \$6,000.00.

Anyone wishing to contribute toward this project, please see Fr. David, Parish Council President Vicky Statkevicius, or any other Parish Council member. Thank you!

TODAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Brethren: 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. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 Our Lord said, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

COMING EVENTS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE...

- Saturday, June 20, Christian Education Conference, at Holy Trinity Church, East Meadow, Long Island, NY. See full-page flyer in this Bulletin.
- Thursday, August 20. Orthodox Youth Day at Six Flags Great Adventure!

LOOKING FOR WORK?

A gentleman who often comes to our parish and has recently come home from the hospital, needs someone to assist him during the day. Ukrainian language would be helpful but not required. You can call Irina at (914) 556-6346 or (845) 729-2567, or ask Fr. David if you'd like more information.

PUT CONFESSION ON YOUR CALENDAR ... NOT JUST AN EASTER THING!

Not only is Confession a requirement for voting membership in the parish according to our bylaws ... more importantly, Confession is a staple of the spiritual life! **Orthodox Christians have Confession; Orthodox Christians have Communion. Such has been the Tradition of our Church for 2,000 years.** Along with doctor's appointments, sports events, SAT prep, and all your other commitments, see the Confession times offered in the Bulletin and **put Confession on the calendar for you and your family!**

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at (914) 965-6815, 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.

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.



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 married Paul & Natalia and Kimberly & Jason; Anatole Honczarenko; Tekla Rzyk; Boris Lyzak; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake (Beth Rzyk's sister); Helen; Elizabeth; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Christopher Olsen; Gail Saldis; Elena Herman; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szpynda; Paul "PJ" Sulich; newborn Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Nathan Orsini; Suzanne Gee; Matthew & Malek; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; the newborn Walter Pulley and Christopher Safruk; expecting parents Sara & Eros, and the child to be born to them; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; Stan & Victoria, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios; Vera Bullock; 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. John Tkachuk, Vitaly Bahanovich, Joseph Chupeck, Boris Gulin, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Deygansky, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Ann Belchyk; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Martha Slivka; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge, Bryan & Mykola; 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: Joel Statkevicius (6/11); Anniversaries: Peter & Laura Roshak (6/2, 2 years); Fr. John & Matushka Mary Tkachuk (6/8, 46 years) – and our Graduates: Andrew Nolan & Justyna Skalski (12th Grade); and Frances Nolan and Thomas & Lukas Skalski (8th Grade). **For blessed repose for the souls of:** The ever-memorable Helen Roshak, Vladimir Kowalczyk, Mikola Kuzmenko, John Kowalczyk, and John Wislocki, remembered in the *Panikhida* today; 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 Miroshnikov

Matt Skalski

Joe Ciamarra

Kamille Perry

Alexandra Solak

Megan Jones

Schuyler Perry

Nick Thanasias

Kaydee Kowalczyk

Roman Piwinski

Monika Wislocki

Dan Kozak

Amanda Rzyk

Peter Kreatsoulas

Peter Rzyk

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