

THE UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF ST. SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

The relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh were uncovered on July 5, 1422 when St Nikon, St. Sergius' spiritual son, was Abbot of the Trinity Monastery which St. Sergius had founded. In the year 1408, when Moscow was invaded by the Tatar horde of Edigei, the Trinity monastery was burned down, and the monks hid in the forests, taking icons, sacred vessels, and other holy things connected with the memory of St. Sergius.

In a vision on the eve of the Tatar attack, St. Sergius warned his disciple about the coming attack. He said that the trouble would not be prolonged but that the monastery would arise from the ashes and flourish again. Metropolitan Philaret wrote about this in his *Life of St. Sergius*: "Just as it suited Christ to suffer, and through the Cross and death to enter into the glory of the Resurrection, so it also becomes everyone who would be blessed by Christ with length of days in glory, to be tested by one's own cross and death."

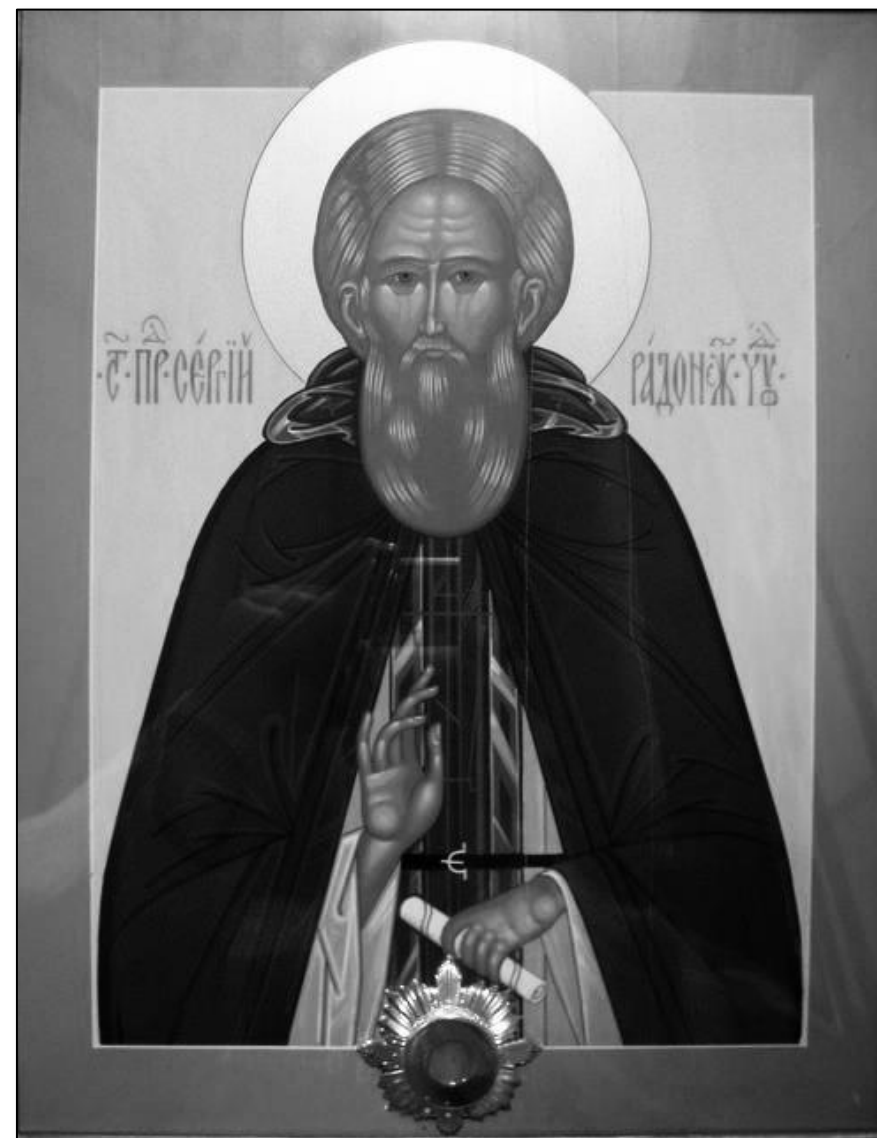
Before the beginning of construction of the new church of the Trinity on the site of the former wooden one, St Sergius appeared to a certain pious layman and bid him to demand of the Abbot and the brethren: **"Why do you leave me so long in the grave, covered by earth and in the water, constraining my body?"** During the construction of the cathedral, when they dug the ditches for the foundations, the incorrupt relics of St Sergius were uncovered and brought up. All were astonished that not only his body but also his clothing was undamaged, though there was water around the grave.

Amidst a large crowd of the devout and the clergy, in the presence of Prince Yurii, the son of Prince Dimitry Donskoi who with the blessing of St. Sergius had routed the Tatars at the Battle of Kulikovo in 1380, the holy relics were removed from the ground and placed temporarily in the wooden Trinity church (at this spot now stands the church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit). With the consecration of the stone Trinity cathedral in 1426, the relics were transferred into it, where they reside today.



The Relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh,
Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Trinity-St. Sergius Monastery, Sergiev Possad, Russia

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



Sunday, July 5, 2015 ~ 5th Sunday After Pentecost
Uncovering of the Relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh



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Uncovering of the Relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh;
Feast of St. Athanasius of Mount Athos
Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2; Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – 5th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*; with *Prayers for Those About to Travel* for the ASP Team, and
Panikhida for Sergei Statkevics, requested by his family, Joel, Victoria & Anastasia
Coffee Hour Hosted by the Ladies' Guild

Saturday, July 11

5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, July 12 – 6th Sunday After Pentecost: Martyrs Theodore & John of Kiev

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Monday, July 13 – Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, July 18

5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, July 19 – 7th Sunday After Pentecost: Uncovering of Relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, July 25

5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, July 26 – 8th Sunday After Pentecost: St. Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of Alaska

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

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!

Is God calling you to a ministry in the parish?

As I mentioned on Pentecost Sunday, we as a parish
are called to **“blossom where we’re planted”**.

Our challenge is to show Christ’s love to the people
who are here, where we are, in this part of Yonkers, **now**. To that end:

One, or more, of you has a **calling to help the poor**.

Please consider coordinating an effort within our church family to assemble
“kits” for the homeless and impoverished persons
who come to the Rectory on a regular basis for help.

And one or more of you, I am confident,
has a **calling to help women and couples facing crisis pregnancies**.
Please consider leading us in a commitment to provide
maternity and baby supplies for Yonkers’ only crisis-pregnancy counseling center,
the Life Options Center of Westchester County
(upon whose Board I currently serve as the sole Orthodox presence).
The “LOC” is in continual need of diapers, baby formula, cribs, strollers, and the like.

There are “in-house” ministries, as well:

There are **three Parish Council positions** which will open up early in 2016:
the offices of **President**, currently held by Victoria Statkevics;
Treasurer, currently held by Jim Reduto; and
Financial Secretary, held by Joel Statkevics.

And, a **volunteer is sought to pick up custodial supplies**, about once a month.

You can either receive petty cash in advance, or submit your receipt for
prompt reimbursement.

Fr. David will give you the shopping list – which typically numbers a dozen items or less.

If you feel your heart stirred when you read this ... then, **it’s you**. Please come and see me.

With love in Christ,
Fr. David



**DIOCESAN
YOUTH DAY**
Thursday, Aug. 20
Six Flags
Great Adventure,
New Jersey

From elementary to college ages, all parish kids and friends – Orthodox and not – are invited! Tickets \$30; an \$11.99 food voucher will be given at no cost. See Father David for a registration form or with questions.

FAMILIES SOUGHT TO HOST *SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR!*

You can see how breaking bread together grows friendships and draws visitors more deeply into our parish family...

Hosts are needed for July and August, and beyond.

To be part of this incredible ministry of hospitality, talk to Tina Reduto:
(914) 713 4716 or email legalcareers2000@hotmail.com ... Thank you!

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 \$2,780 thus far,
and we have \$3,220 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 Statkevics,
or any other Parish Council member. Thank you for your generous assistance!

TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 5:22-6:2 Brethren: the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.²⁴And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.¹Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 6:17-23 At that time, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,¹⁸as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.¹⁹And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.²⁰Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.²²Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Save the Date: **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 2015; 2:00-5:00**
TRINITY PLAZA COMMUNITY GROUP'S 3rd ANNUAL PICNIC
 taking place on the newly created **LONGFELLOW FIELD!**
 We wanted it; we fought for it; let's **enjoy** it!!

Who's bringing what:

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church: meat, rolls, condiments
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: beverages
 Yonkers Police Department: grill, ice
 Plaza residents: "munchies" (chips, pretzels, etc) and desserts; paper products

We have this big grassy space, so we hope to have some kids' games & fun too!
 So mark the date and be part of this **HISTORIC EVENT!!** Questions? See Dasha.

**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:

Archbishop Michael, recovering from an operation; newly married Paul & Natalia; Anatole Honczarenko; Tekla Rzyk; Boris Lyzak; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake (Beth Rzyk's sister); Helen; Elizabeth; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; 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; 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, Igor Burdikoff; Joseph Chupeck, Boris Gulin, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Dn. Demetrios Richards; Ann Belchuk; 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; all named Sergei & Athanasius celebrating their feast today; our ASP Mission Team -- Andrew, Peter and Chris Nolan, Adriana, Emily and Chris Szpynda, and Beth Rzyk – traveling to Kentucky from July 11-19. Birthdays: Dasha Piwinski and Anthony Prusak (both 7/7).

For blessed repose for the souls of: The newly departed Carmelo Renda (+7/1); Reader Andrew Talarovich, Jr. (+6/27); Matushka Barbara Adamcio Puhalla (+6/24); Fr. Alexander Jasiukowicz (+6/20); Mary Stankovich; the ever-memorable infant Sergei Statkevich and all named Sergei and Athanasius; 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 Miroshnikov | Peter Rzyk |
| Joe Ciamarra | Andrew Nolan | Matt Skalski |
| Megan Jones | Kamille Perry | Alexandra Solak |
| Kaydee Kowalczyk | Schuyler Perry | Justyna Skalski |
| Dan Kozak | Roman Piwinski | Nick Thanasias |
| Peter Kreatsoulas | Amanda Rzyk | Monika Wislocki |

"Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic." -- Archbishop Michael
Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.