

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016.

Please read the following excerpt from our Parish By-Laws, and if you wish to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting, take any needed steps to fulfill all the following requirements. Thank you!

Parish By-laws Section 1: *Voting Membership*

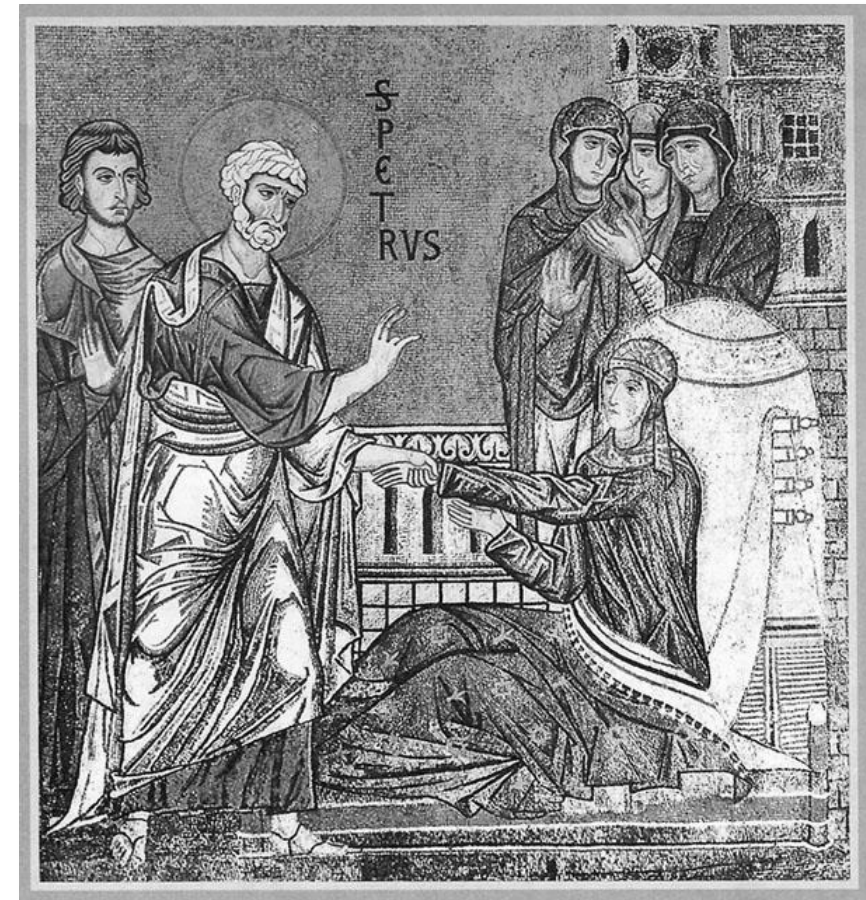
The following requirement *[sic]*
shall establish the right for full voting membership:

- a) be baptized and chrismated as an Orthodox Christian
[actually, if you are a chrismated Orthodox Christian even if you were baptized in another tradition, then you are an Orthodox Christian and meet requirement (a)],
 - b) be 18 years of age or older,
 - c) be a [sacramentally Orthodox – see item (a)] member of the parish for six months,
 - d) partake in the Sacraments of private Confession, and Holy Communion at least once a year,
 - e) fulfill all financial obligations, as established by the parish, by the end of the year [currently, this is the \$145/year Diocesan Assessment, which the sooner we receive, the more accurately we can submit our Parish Census to the Diocese],
 - f) must respect and adhere to the Bylaws of the parish,
 - g) shall not be a member of any other parish.
- [This doesn't mean you can't worship in another parish, merely that you may only participate as a voting parish member in this parish in a given year.]

Voting isn't everything ... Communion with Christ is! Still, your voice is valuable. So please, work on meeting these criteria so that you can participate both spiritually and materially in the care and growth of your family in Christ!

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, October 25, 2015 ~ 21st Sunday After Pentecost
Saint Tabitha, the Seamstress
Raised from the Dead by St. Peter the Apostle

PLEASE BRING YOUR 2015 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT "A.S.A.P.!"

The Diocesan Assessment is again set at \$145.00 per person for 2015. So we may submit our accurate parish census to the Diocesan Office by Nov. 1, please bring your \$145.00 Diocesan Assessment today, or as soon as possible.



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan ✦ Protodeacon John Eby
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Saint Tabitha, the Seamstress, Raised from the Dead by St. Peter the Apostle
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20; Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today, October 25 – St. Tabitha the Seamstress, Raised from the Dead by St. Peter

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Teodor Felenczak, requested by the Felenczak & Medwid Family; for John Kowalczyk, by Andy & Maria Medwid; and for John Wislocki, by Mary & Dimytr Felenczak
Coffee Hour is hosted by the Moreno Family.

Saturday, October 31

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

** Remember: Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM Sunday, Nov. 1.

Set your clocks BACK 1 hour, enjoy the extra sleep ... it'll be easier to get to Church on time!

Sunday, November 1

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*: Coffee Hour Hosted by the Bouteneff Family

Tuesday, November 3

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, in the Church

Saturday, November 7

5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – Feast of the Archangels, SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and All the Bodiless Powers

Sunday, Nov. 8 – Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and the Bodiless Powers

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Fr. Igor Tkachuk, requested & celebrated by his son, Fr. John Tkachuk; Coffee Hour Hosted by the Tkachuks & Bullocks

Saturday, Nov. 14

10 AM–3 PM “Meat Lovers Last Chance” Church Cleanup Day
Including a Hearty Lunch on the Eve of the Nativity Fast!

3:00 PM *Great Vespers* – Note the Time Change, Today Only

After Vespers: Private Confession Available

Sunday, Nov. 15 – St. Philip the Apostle – Nativity Fast Begins

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*
Today: Bids Open for “Freezer Pleazers” Gourmet Dish Auction!

The Chamber Choir of St. Tikhon's Monastery



TILL MORN ETERNAL BREAKS

A Concert of New Music to Benefit St. Tikhon's

The concert will celebrate the release of the chamber choir's forthcoming debut album, **"Till Morn Eternal Breaks: Sacred Choral Music of Benedict Sheehan,"** the first album of its kind, and will feature original compositions, arrangements, and transcriptions of sacred music by composer and conductor Benedict Sheehan, resident music director at St. Tikhon's Seminary and Monastery.



November 12, 2015
7:30 PM

Church of St. John Nepomucene
411 East 66th St.
New York, NY

To purchase tickets visit monasterychamberchoir.com or call 1-888-454-6678

Tickets \$40. Students \$18. Groups of 10 or more \$30 per person.

"FREEZER PLEAZERS"

Charity Auction

Sunday, November 22
(during Coffee Hour)



On Sunday, Nov. 22, we will auction off **freezer-ready, home-cooked gourmet favorites and family pleaser meals** that are prepared by the best Parish Chefs of Holy Trinity Parish and local restaurants – all to benefit our beloved St. Andrew's Diocesan Summer Camp. Help our Camp to continue the good and worthy work of providing an Orthodox Christian experience for the youth of our Church in New York, who are in such urgent need of wholesome, unmaterialistic, Godly experiences!

Bidders can buy gourmet meals and desserts for your Thanksgiving Feast, for a family dinner, for your Christmas Feast or New Year's Celebration. Cooking for one? Serve it up, again and again from your freezer. Makes a great gift too – for new moms, those who are ill or homebound, or those who just enjoy good food!

PARISH CHEFS:

What's your best dish or dessert? The one that people request, ask for the recipe, or rave about to others? Are you willing to take that talent and use it for charity? See Matushka Tamara to participate in this fun and worthy cause!



Bidders will be able to review the auction menu before the event, and can place an email bid if unable to be present.

TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 2:16-20 Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.¹⁷But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not!¹⁸For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.¹⁹For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31 The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.²⁰But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,²¹desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.²²So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.²³And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.²⁴Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'²⁵But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.²⁶'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'²⁷Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,²⁸'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'²⁹Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'³¹But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

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.***

CHOIR MEMBERS: Rehearsal Schedule for the Rest of 2015

Tuesday, November 3, 7:30 PM • Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 PM • Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 PM

... and a Pre-Christmas Rehearsal, Sunday, December 20, after the Liturgy

Thank you, Singers, for every effort you can make to participate in rehearsals and in the Divine Services!

With love in Christ ~ Fr. David

**LAST CHANCE, PRE-FAST, "MEAT LOVERS" CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – Starting 10 AM, Ending with 3 PM Vespers**

Let's prepare the church for Advent decorations – and enjoy a last day of carnivorous fun together before the Advent Fast begins on Sunday, Nov. 15. Details to come on a list of the jobs that need doing.



This Diocesan event for girls in Grades 7-12 will take place at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY, one hour north of here. There is no charge to attend. See Father or Matushka for more information!

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED –

LET'S PAY OFF THE NEW HOT WATER PUMPS!

We have raised \$5,475 thus far, and we have \$525 left to raise.

Many Thanks to David DeSimone for his recent donation of \$25.00.

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

The pumps are working ... your continued donations are most appreciated!

To contribute, please see Fr. David, Parish Council President Vicky Statkevics, or any other Parish Council member. *Thank you* for your generous assistance!

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:

Newborn Amelia; MaryAnn Paprocki; Presbyter Irene Ivanoff; Julianna Sannella; Edward Kiss; Newborn Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Tekla Rzyzyk; Timothy; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake (Beth Rzyzyk's sister; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Elena Herman; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szpynda; baby Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Nathan Orsini; Suzanne Gee; Evan; Nicholas; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; expecting parents Juliana & Mark Federoff and baby; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; Stan & Victoria, and all those preparing for marriage; Mat. Anastasia Hojnicky and her unborn child; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne's sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the priests Frs. Michael Koblosh, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk, Joseph Chupeck, George Hasenecz, Alexey Karlut, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik; Joseph Lickwar, Herman Schick, David Shewczyk, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Stephen Mack, PDn. Peter Skoog; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Martha Slivka; Zena Weshita; 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 & families, especially John & Brenda Mikitish; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthday: Emil Skalski (10/31).

For blessed repose for the souls of: The newly departed Fr. Sergei Garklavs (+10/19); Nellie Berezina (+10/12); Deacon Mark Hoepflinger (+10/8); Julia Petrisko (+10/2); Corey; Edward Kepple; the ever-memorable Alexander Lis, Helen Washenko; all those departed named Luke and Lukas; and all departed 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

Andrew Nolan

Peter Rzyzyk

Joe Ciamarra

Kamille Perry

Matt Skalski

Kaydee Kowalczyk

Schuyler Perry

Alexandra Solak

Dan Kozak

Roman Piwinski

Justyna Skalski

Madeline Miroshnikov

Amanda Rzyzyk

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.