

HAVE DINNER WITH THE ARCHBISHOP ON FEB. 28!
As a parish, we contributed to the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor program.
Come to dinner that night at St. Nicholas Church in Whitestone,
and see what the Diocese does with your support!



*"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love for all the saints, do not cease
to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers ... "*
(Ephesians 1:15-16)

*You are cordially invited to attend
the New York City Deanery Appreciation Dinner
for the 2015 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors
of the Diocese of New York & New Jersey*

*hosted with gratitude by
His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL*

*Sunday, February 28, 2016
at five o'clock in the evening*

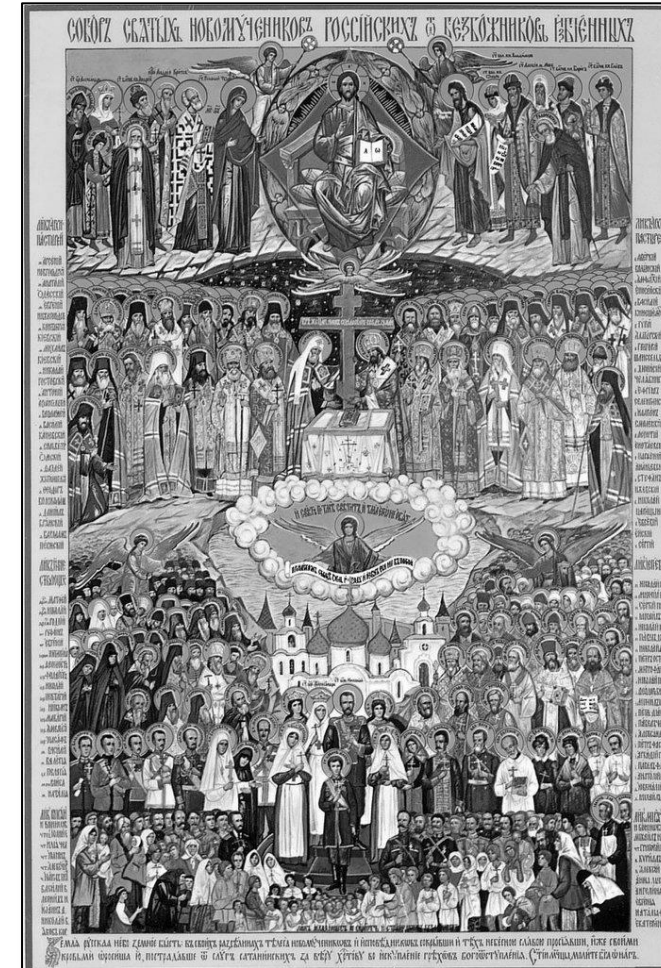
*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
14-65 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, New York 11357*

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

*RSVP by Sunday, February 21 with the number attending
to Fr. David at 914-965-6815 or email: frdavidcowan@gmail.com*

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, January 31, 2016
35th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 2
Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia (20th century)

Today is the Annual Parish Meeting, starting during Coffee Hour.
If you have met the voting criteria previously published, please stay to participate.
(If you have not, please stay and enjoy the Chili Cook-Off!)



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Trinity Plaza ✦ 46 Seymour Street ✦ Yonkers, New York 10701
Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan ✦ Protodeacon John Eby
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Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16; Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for loved ones Vladimir, Joseph, Ella, Mary, John, Anna & Steve, requested by Zofia Kowalczyk; for John Kowalczyk, by Mr. & Mrs. Szymon Gebuza; and for John & Julia Wislocki, by Julia Bojko.

After the Liturgy: Annual Parish Meeting (Rescheduled from January 24)

Blessing of Homes Continues – Contact Fr. David if you would like him to visit and bless your home, (914) 965-6815 or frdavidcowan@gmail.com

Monday, February 1

7:00 PM *Great Vespers* with *Blessing of Candles* – Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

Tuesday, February 2

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Blessing of Candles* – Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

Saturday, February 6

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, February 7

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

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.

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 present in the house should come together and stand at the table. If kids are present, an icon for each child to carry (who is big enough to carry one) should also be on the table.

-All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.

-Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT

The Annual Diocesan Altar Servers retreat is scheduled for **February 12-14, 2016 at Saint Basil's Academy, 79 St. Basil's Road, Garrison NY**. Saint Basil's Academy has beautiful grounds offering dormitory style rooms, an indoor basketball court and an Olympic-size indoor swimming pool which will be available for use.

Saint Basil's Academy dormitory space has been reserved for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. The arrival of the altar servers will be on Friday evening, February 12. The retreat will conclude on Sunday, February 14, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Last year we had over 50 participants attending the retreat where they enjoyed fellowship, education, and spiritual enrichment under the guidance of His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL. We look forward to another successful retreat where we learn the basics and fundamentals of serving the Divine Services. A special feature at this year's retreat will be learning how to serve a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy along with how to read and chant in church. Those servers who are interested in attending the retreat should contact their parish priest for information and registration forms. Clergy of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey should report the number of altar servers that will attend the retreat to Priest Jason Vansuch (as soon as possible). Adult supervision will also be sought to accompany the servers.



See Father David to sign up!

TODAY'S EPISTLE Colossians 3:12-16 Brethren, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;¹³bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.¹⁴But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 The Lord said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.¹⁵And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.¹⁶Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.¹⁷And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.¹⁸But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.²⁰So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'²¹His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'²²He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'²³His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'²⁴Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.²⁵'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'²⁶But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.²⁷'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.²⁸'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.²⁹'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.³⁰'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT CARNEGIE HALL:
BENEFIT CONCERT FOR I.O.C.C.**

A very special concert will be given by the renowned Russian-born pianist Natalya Antanova on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. It marks the 205th anniversary of Chopin's birth, but most importantly is dedicated to the memory of the Russian citizens who 6 months ago tragically perished in the October 2015 Sharm el-Sheikh air disaster. Most of the ticket proceeds will be given to the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) to support their refugee relief program.

Ms. Antonova made her debut with the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of 16, and upon graduation from the Leningrad Conservatory was appointed as the youngest professor in the history of that school.

In 1993, Ms. Antonova joined the faculty at the Eastman School of Music, where she is currently a distinguished Professor of Piano.

Tickets for this recital are priced at \$30 and will go fast, due to the special intimacy of Carnegie's Weill Hall. There is a special discount code for Orthodox church members and a 50% discount rate for students and seniors. The DISCOUNT CODE SVM23232 should be given when purchasing tickets. In a few weeks, a small poster will be sent to you as a follow-up. Contact information for the Carnegie Hall Box Office is noted below.

For Tickets:

1. In person at the Carnegie Hall Box Office, Seventh Avenue and 57th St.
2. Internet: go to www.carnegiehall.org click on "Calendar & Tickets", enter date of the concert
3. by phone: 212-247-7800 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. 7 days a week

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:

His Eminence Archbishop Nikon; Jenifer Calomiris; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosing; Victor Miroshnikov; Matvey Wulsing; Daniel Paprocki; John & Elizabeth Batson; Mat. Mary & Danielle Geeza; Mat. Kathy Kowalczyk; Adnan Abbasi; newborn Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Tekla Ryzyk; Timothy; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Elena Herman; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szpynda; baby Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Evan; Nicholas; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; Nicholas Washenko; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; newborn John Federoff, his parents Mark & Juliana; expecting parents Victoria & Joel Statkevics, Mat. Anastasia & Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Mat. Viktoria & Fr. Adrian Budica and their unborn children; Stan & Victoria, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker; Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk, John Udics; Joseph Chupeck, Jonathan Ivanoff, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik; John Nehrebecki, 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 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 & families, especially John & Brenda Mikitish; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthday: Julia Kowalczyk (2/3); Mary Kantor who is turning 90.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Eugene Degyansky (+1/22); Julia Wislocki (+1/6); Maria Plakakis (+1/1); Sophie Turko (+12/20); the ever-memorable Valentina & Olga; Leonid; and all those 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.