



CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY OUR CHOIR!



You'll get posters today—hand them out!
Thursday Evening, December 22, 7:00 PM

Concert in the Church; Reception Follows in the Fellowship Hall

We are very excited to be offering this showcase of our choir's gifts ...
the richness of Orthodox music for the Advent and Nativity season ...
and the unmatched beauty of our church

when it is lavishly decorated in joyous preparation for Our Lord's Nativity!

NEXT CHOIR REHEARSAL: Monday, December 12, 7:30 PM.

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017.

In order to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting, take any
needed steps to fulfill all the following requirements. Thank you!

- partake in the Sacraments of private Confession,
and Holy Communion, at least once a year,
- fulfill all financial obligations, as established by the parish, by
the end of the year [currently, and for the final year, this is the
\$145/year Diocesan Assessment ... please bring yours by Dec. 11]

Voting isn't everything ... Communion with Christ is! Still,
your voice is valuable. So please, take action to meet these
requirements so that you can participate both spiritually
and materially in the care and growth of your family in Christ!

**WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR
SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY?**

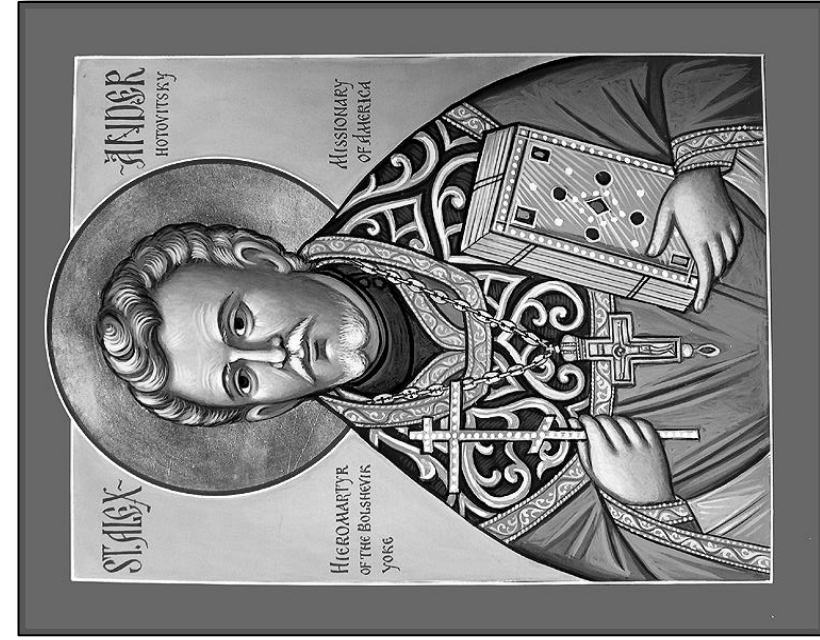
Become a ***DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!***

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.*



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, December 4, 2016 ~ 24th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Alexander Hotovitzky, Senior Priest at the Consecration of Our
Church and Martyr in the Soviet Union;
St. Barbara and St. Juliana, Martyred at Heliopolis;
St. John of Damascus



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22; Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Church School & Coffee Hour. Teens Meet with Fr. David.

Monday, December 5

6:00 PM *Vespertine Divine Liturgy* – Saint Nicholas the Wonder Worker of Myra in Lycia

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting, in the Education Building

Saturday, December 10

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, December 11

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Followed by St. Nicholas Youth Celebration: Visit of St. Nicholas; Church School Play “The Life Of St. Nicholas;” Gingerbread Church Building Contest; Orthodox Youth Mission Team Cookie & Soup Fundraiser

Monday, December 12

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

Tuesday, December 13 – Feast of St. Herman of Alaska

10:00 AM *Akathist* to St. Herman of Alaska

Saturday, December 17

5:30 PM Private Confession Available in Polish, Russian, Ukrainian, Here, with Fr. Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk; in English with Fr. David or Fr. Wiaczeslaw

Sunday, December 18

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Maria Stanczak, requested by the Prusak Family; for John Kowalczyk, by John & Cindy Kowalczyk & Family; and John & Julia Wislocki, by Anna & Lydia Jacewicz. After Liturgy: Coffee Hour & Church School.

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:

Madeline Miroshnikov; Helen Dempsey, newly baptized Nicholas James Statkevics and Mason Gregory Van Lare; newborn Lukas Freeman (to Mat. Robin & Dn. Evan); Vladimir Constantine; Walter Donski; William & Virginia Fann; John Felenczak; Anna; Simeon; Vincent Knarr; Mary Smith; Adnan Abbasi; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; Svetlana Wineski and the child to be born to her; the child Nadia Wineski; Ann Dahulich; Boris Lyzak; Stephanie Davis, Susan Hansen, Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosin; catechumen Norman & Elena Herman; Danielle Geeza; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Eleanor Wasilko; child Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Ken James Stavrevsky, John Reeves, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Katherine White, Anastasia Harris, Juliana Schmemann, and Masha Tkachuk; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Martha Slivka; Nicholas Washenko; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Bryan, Mykola & Marin; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians & families; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Protodeacon John Eby (12/8).

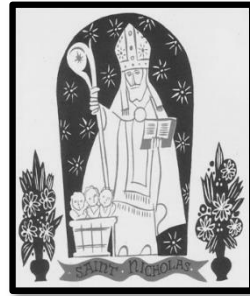
For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Donald Thetford (+12/1); Nina Kirsanoff (+11/14); Clara & Nikolai Patutin (+11/11, +11/12); Maria Stanczak (Joanna Czuchta's mother, +10/30); ever-memorable Doris Morin; and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

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.

CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR NOVEMBER:

Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family. Living: Shanny Paul, Rafael, Jessica Catherine, Isabelle & Lucia Moreno; Wirchansky, Seckerson, and Carlucci Families. **Vigil Candle, Icon of the Theotokos,** Shanny Paul, Rafael, Jessica Catherine, Isabelle & Lucia Moreno.

**THE SAINT NICHOLAS
PROJECT:
SHARE THE SPIRIT OF
ST. NICHOLAS WITH
A SEMINARIAN FAMILY!**



This year we are sponsoring St. Vladimir's Seminarian Herman Fields and his wife, Anna, and children, Julia (9 yrs.) & Jacob (6 yrs.) You & your family can give in two ways...

Purchase one of the Children's Wishes:

For Both Kids to Share: Giant Butterfly Garden from www.EAIEducation.com

For Julia (9 yrs.) Rollerblades size 4M, fluffy house slippers, camera, dress (size 12)

For Jacob (6 yrs.) Rollerblades size 2Y and knee/elbow pads, backpack (big enough for school binder), binoculars

Visit the Giving Tree in our Parish Hall:

Give a \$10 donation toward an Amazon Gift Card on the Giving Tree.

Thank you!

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!

Bassim Abbasi	Andrew Nolan	Joshua Rzyk
Elizabeth Bouteneff	August Perry	Peter Rzyk
Michael Bouteneff	Kamille Perry	Stephanie Rzyk
Joe Ciamarra	Schuyler Perry	Justyna Skalski
Jaroslav Kopeza	Christianna Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	
Dan Kozak	Amanda Rzyk	

“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.

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.

TODAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 2:14-22 Brethren: Jesus Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 17:12-19 At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

***Families Encouraged to Come Together for Confession
in Preparation for Christmas, on Sat. 12/17, starting 5:30 PM ... particularly if
some family members wish to confess in the Slavic languages:***

***CONFESSION AVAILABLE IN RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, and POLISH –
Saturday, December 17, 5:30 PM***

В субботу, 17 Декабря в 5:30 вечера, во время службы великой вечерни, о. Вячеслав Кравчук будет слышать исповеди прихожан нашего храма говорящих на Русском, Украинском и Польском языках.

Please turn in your completed 2017 Pledge Response Form today. If you can't do that, then please bring it or mail it to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM:
Holy Supper at the Rectory**
*Let Mat. Tamara know
you would like to come!*



A traditional lenten Christmas Eve meal, it is the last meal of the Advent fast. Fasting foods served can include barley, honey, stewed prunes, pierogi, sauerkraut, potatoes, lima beans, garlic, Lenten bread, or mushroom soup.

A lit candle symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. The bread broken and shared symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. Foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ's birth and its sweetness after He came. After supper, all attend the Christmas Eve vigil. Hay under the tablecloth recalls the manger where Jesus' Mother placed Him. An extra place is always set -- for Jesus, either in Spirit, or in the form of a traveler or stranger, for none are turned away on this day without a warm invitation to partake!

HERE WE GO, A-CAROLING!

Visits to Homebound Parishioners,
Monday, December 26, After 10AM Divine Liturgy



Our Brothers and Sisters Confined to Their Homes
Need Our Smiles, Our Songs, and Our Love ...

*You'll Open Your Gifts Christmas Day;
The Day After Christmas, Give Back!*