

IT'S TIME TO PREPARE THE "ED BUILDING" FOR A RENTER! (We'll still have it for Coffee Hour.)

Our Parish Council is in the process of negotiating a lease to rent out the Education Building. The possible tenant is a local not-for-profit agency that supports and educates children who are transitioning out of disadvantaged circumstances. So far, the negotiations are moving very positively. This rental would greatly help the parish financially -- and it would greatly bless us in many other ways too, since the Education Building would be put to use, every day, for education!

The lease clearly states that the parish will have access to the Education Building restrooms and upper floor (the kitchen and the gym) on Sundays, until the end of Coffee Hour. Also, we do not need to remove the tables, chairs, and other furniture -- the tenant would use those things for their classes and programs. Our Church School and other parish needs, including facilities for non-Sunday services, will be accommodated in other ways. The Council is working on those arrangements now.

We all need to come together and work as a family to prepare our "house" for this blessing. Below is a schedule of upcoming Sundays, most including packing sessions. Please see Dasha Piwinski or Pat Bouteneff to find out how you can help. From making lists, to labeling boxes, to "heavy lifting" -- anyone of any age and ability can join in!

- Sun 2/5 Packing Session After Coffee Hour, 30 Minutes
 (Don't worry, the Super Bowl doesn't start until 6:30!) ☺
- Sun 2/12 At Coffee Hour: Memorial Luncheon for Justin Solak
 Followed by Packing Session, Bottom Floor, 30 Minutes
- Sun 2/19 At Coffee Hour: Memorial Luncheon for Vincent Macagnone
 Followed by Packing Session, Bottom Floor, 30 Minutes
- Sun 2/26 Forgiveness Sunday and "Cheesecake Sunday" Coffee Hour!

Additional weekday packing sessions will be announced.

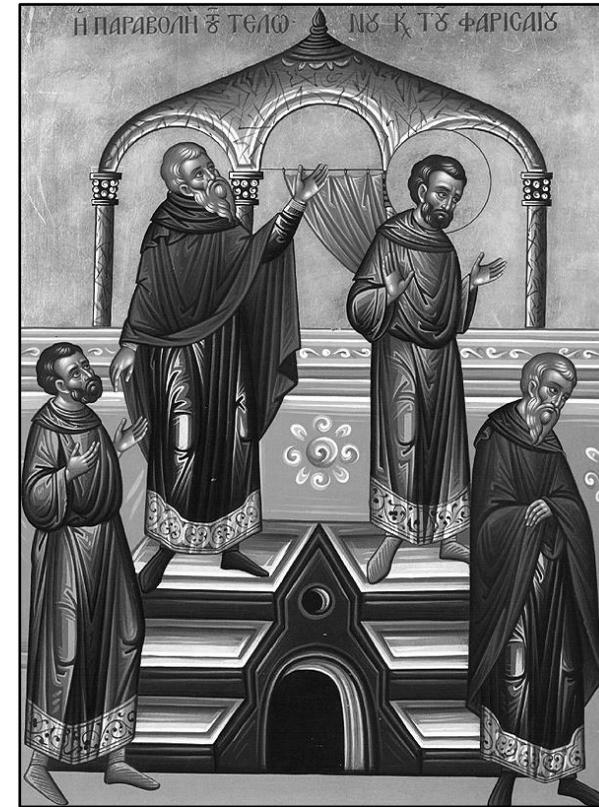
**** Thank you to everyone who has helped so far, on Sundays and weekdays too!****

Thank you for your sacrifice of "time and toil"
as we move together into this next chapter in the life of our parish!

With love in Christ,
Fr. David

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, February 5, 2017

**The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
First Preparatory Sunday Before Great Lent**

MEMORY ETERNAL ~ MATUSHKA JULIANA SCHMEMANN

Matushka Juliana, mother of our Matushka Masha Tkachuk, fell asleep in the Lord on January 29. Her services were held Thursday and Friday, and she was laid to rest at Saint Tikhon's Monastery Cemetery, next to her beloved husband, Father Alexander. Our prayerful sympathies are with Matushka Masha and all the Tkachuk, Bullock, Ossorguine, Bouteneff, and Schmemann families.
May Matushka Juliana's memory be eternal!



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Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with “Scouting Sunday” Prayers for our Scouts; and *Panikhida* for John Kowalczyk (for his 3 Year Anniversary), requested by his wife Melanie, children and grandchildren; for Maria Stanczak, by Irena & Mark Medwid; for Helen Dempsey, requested by Fred Marchak; for John & Julia Wislocki, by Basil & Anna Kocur & Family; and for Maria, John & Maria Rzyk, by their children Peter & Julia. Coffee Hour & Church School. **Cleaning Session in Ed Building.**

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 PM Online Outreach Team Meeting – in the Education Building, Teen Room
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

Thursday, February 9

4:00 PM Bible Study in English & Spanish, at Kristensen Apts. across from the church.
Call Fr. David ahead of time to join us, so you can be buzzed into the building.

Saturday, February 11

3:30-5:30 PM Church School Rooms Cleaning Session
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, February 12 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*: Please Welcome Back Father Chrysostom with *Panikhida* for Justin Solak (One Year Anniversary), requested by his mother, Vera Bullock, and Family. Followed by Coffee Hour, with Memorial Meal Hosted by the Bullock and Tkachuk Family. Church School. **Cleaning Session, Ed Building Bottom Floor.**

Monday, February 13

7:00 PM Trinity Plaza Community Group Meeting, with Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac and Captain Emil Cavorti, Yonkers Police 4th Precinct – Here at HTOC

Saturday, February 18

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

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:

John Felenczak, recovering from surgery; Ioanna; Anna; Ursula Handley; Vincent Knarr; Theodora Mandel; Adnan Abbasi; Paul Flurschutz; Nicholas Macagnone; Dragan Saric; Tanya Balasenowich; Natasha Work; Svetlana Wineski and the child to be born to her; the children Nadia, Michael, and Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Ann Dahulich; Barbara Evanina; Boris Lyzak; Stephanie Davis, Susan Hansen, Alexander Kravchenko, Virginia & Arthur Shanahan, John O'Donnel; Christopher Olsen; Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosin; catechumen Norman & Elena Herman; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Eleanor Wasilko; Dora Alexandris; Dorothy Stratton; Mark Sovyrda; David Dutko; 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, Nicholas Harris, John Malcom, Gabriel Nicholas, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Anastasia Harris, Kathryn Malcom, Masha Tkachuk and Elizabeth Vinogradov; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Ann Karell; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Martha Slivka; Nicholas Washenko; 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; nun Theodula and all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthday: Julia Kowalczyk (2/3), Fr. Gregory Safchuk (2/5), Lidia Rzyk (2/7), Martha Wislocki (2/8), Olivia Reduto (2/11). Ordination Anniversary: Archbishop Michael (Priesthood, 2/4/73). **For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Matushka Juliana Schmemann (+1/29); Daniel Markewich (+1/29); Antonina Krawczuk (+1/26); Sami Kassis (+1/22); Alexis Troubetzkoy (+1/22); Steven Moskaluk; Spiros and Rosalind; Ludmilla Krylova (+1/10); Paul Chernay; Marina Copp; Vasili Work; 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 FEBRUARY:

Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia). Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.

TEENS AND TEENS' PARENTS:

The next meeting of Fr. David with our teens will be Sunday, February 19, during Coffee Hour.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Diocesan Lenten Teen Retreat is Friday to Sunday, March 10-12, at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY, one hour north of here. You will be receiving a flyer and sign-up forms for this important event in the Christian formation of your sons and daughters!

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION FOR MEMBERSHIP WITH VOTING PRIVILEGES

The financial obligation determined by the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting is the following: To submit a financial pledge for 2017, by means of the Stewardship Commitment Form (Pledge Form); and to prayerfully attempt to fulfill that pledge by remitting to the parish the pledged financial contribution no later than December 31, 2017. Have you turned in your Pledge Form yet? About 20 percent of the forms sent out have been returned. Please put yours in the "2017 Pledges" box on the candle desk today!

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 Kopcza	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.

Sunday, February 19 – Sunday of the Last Judgment – Meatfare Sunday

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Vincent Macagnone (First Anniversary of his repose), requested by his wife Mary, Children & Grandchildren; for Maria Stanczak, requested by Janina & John Kowalczyk & Family; for John Kowalczyk, by Rose Wasiczko; for John & Julia Wislocki, by John & Jane Kowalczyk. Followed by Coffee Hour: "Meat-Farewell Sunday" Memorial Lunch, Hosted by the Macagnone Family
During Coffee Hour: Teens Meet with Fr. David. Cleaning Session in Ed Building.
12:30 PM Parish Council Meets

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 My son Timothy: You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14 The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

ALTAR SERVERS:

Please see Fr. David to reserve your spot at the
2017 Diocesan Altar Server Retreat with Archbishop Michael!



2017 ANNUAL DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVER RETREAT

February 10, 2017

WHEN: Friday, February 10th - Sunday, February 12th

WHERE: St. Basil Academy – Garrison, NY

THEME: The Mystery of the Diaconate: Service in the Church and Beyond!

****ALL SERVERS ARE TO BRING THEIR GOLD ROBE FOR SERVICES****

Any questions about online registration, please contact nynjocayouth@gmail.com

Any questions about the retreat, please contact jvansuch@hotmail.com

We must register by FEB. 6 so rooms and meals can be arranged.

**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/2016_diocesan_assembly.html ... scroll down to:
VIDEO: 2016 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW . Any questions? See Fr. David.



YOUR PASTOR’S VISION FOR 2017 ...

Beloved in the Lord: Christ is in our midst!

My vision for this parish family, which I hope you share, is of *A Full Church* ...
full on Sundays, fuller than now on Feasts ... full of faith-filled,
joy-filled, Christ-filled people, who themselves
are full of desire to love God, to trust God, and to share God with their neighbors!

In recent weeks you have heard me speaking often of
striving for spiritual maturity. To mature, of course, means to grow.
To mature spiritually, means to move past the understanding of Baptism and
Communion as a “get-out-of-hell-free card”. To mature spiritually means to
grow, during every hour and day and year and season of our lives,
in an ever deepening relationship of love – with the God Who loves us,
as St. John Chrysostom says, “more than a father, mother,
friend, or any else could love, and even more than we are able to love ourselves”.

How can we return that love? The same way we’d return the love of a father
or a mother, a husband or a wife: by saying, “I love you,” back ... and not
only with our lips, but with our lives. We return love by *growing the relationship*:

We need to grow as *worshipping* Christians.

“How often can I come to church, come on time, and come not just on Sundays?”

We need to grow as *giving* Christians.

“How much can I give, of time and talents and money?”

We need to grow as *learning* Christians.

*“How often can I bring my kids to Church School ...
and how much can I attend adult Christian education when it is offered?”*

As we look toward the hope of renting the Ed Building
for a very helpful source of regular income ...
as we stand free from the “training wheels” of dues and assessments ...
and as we begin to envision the possibility
of gradually realizing the incredible potential of our church building
with urgently-needed restroom facilities, accessibility, and hospitality space ...

we have the choice,

either to retreat from these challenges,
and shrink into “maintenance mode”,
or to walk forward into “growth mode.”

Let’s grow.