

**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 2/12 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!\*\***

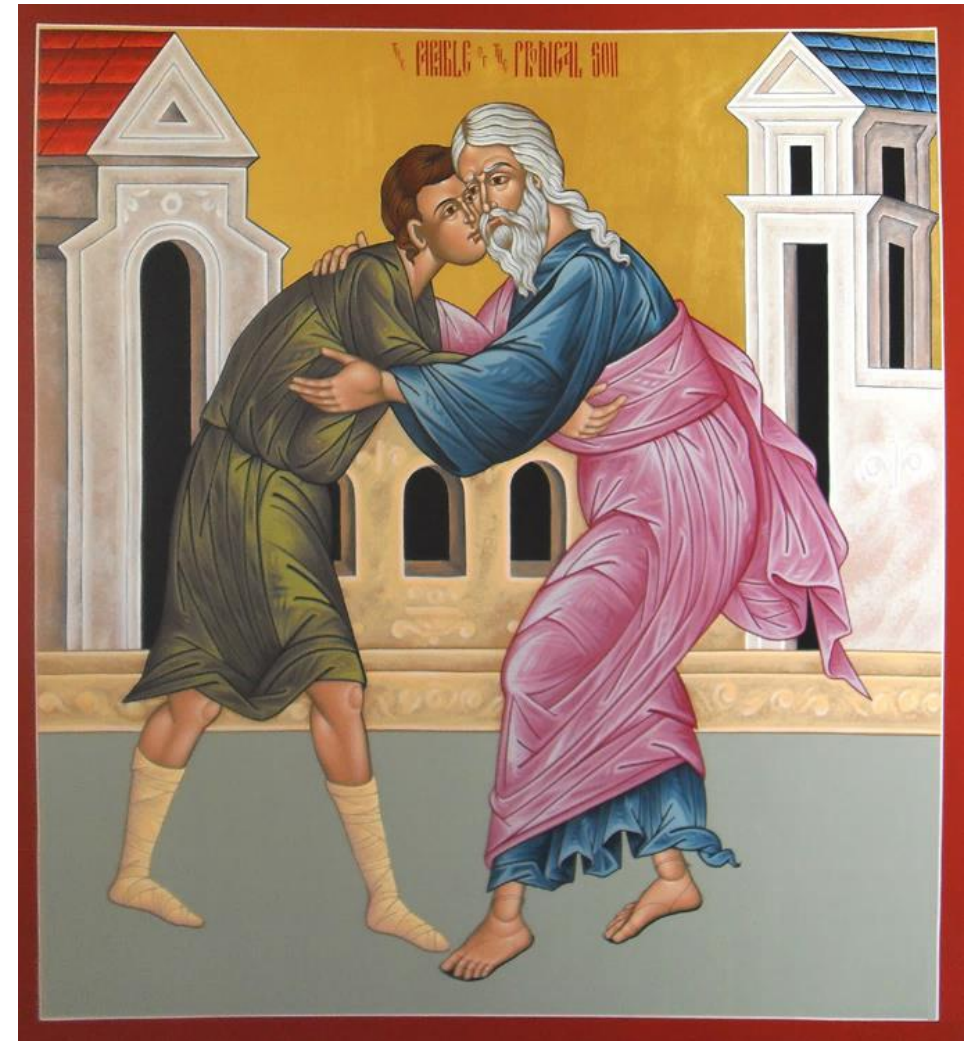
Thank you for your sacrifice of "time and toil"  
as we move together into this next chapter in the life of our parish!

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**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, February 12, 2017**  
**The Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**Second Preparatory Sunday Before Great Lent**  
**St. Alexis, Metropolitan of Moscow**



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 12, 2017 ~ The Prodigal Son ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Sunday Before Lent**  
**Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Gospel: Luke 18:10-14**

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*: Please Welcome Fr. John Jillions, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America; Fr. Alexis Vinogradov; and Fr. Chrysostom Onyekakeyah, from St. Christopher's Orthodox Mission Church in Nigeria; with *Panikhida* for Justin Solak (One Year Anniversary), requested by his mother, Vera Bullock, and Family; and for Vasil Danch (40 Days).  
 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

#### Thursday, February 16

7:00 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 18

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

#### 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. **Teens Meet with Fr. David. Cleaning Session in Ed Bldg.**

#### Saturday, February 25

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

#### Sunday, February 26 – Forgiveness Sunday – Cheesefare Sunday

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* and *Forgiveness Vespers with the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness*  
 Afterward: “Cheese-Cake Sunday” Coffee Hour; Parish Council Meets (Rescheduled from 2/19)

### 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, Fr. Nicholas Harris, Maggie Bautista & Ursula Handley, recovering from surgery; Ioanna; Anna; Vincent Knarr; Theodora Mandel; Adnan Abbasi; Paul Flurschutz; Nicholas Macagnone; Dragan Saric; Olga Vurgina; Eugene & 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, John Malcom, Gabriel Nicholas, Alexis Vinogradov, 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 Rzyzyk; 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: Nina Paolercio (2/8); John Felenczak (2/10). Name Day: St. Alexis of Moscow.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Richard Dosin (+2/6). 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); Vasil Danch; Paul Chernay; Marina Copp; Vasili Work; ever-memorable Justin Solak; all the departed named for St. Alexis of Moscow, 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.

## 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.***

**TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12-20** Brethren: All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.<sup>13</sup>Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.<sup>14</sup>And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.<sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!<sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”<sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.<sup>18</sup>Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?<sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. *(The Gospel is on the next page.)*

After the Liturgy, come visit ...

## The LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP!

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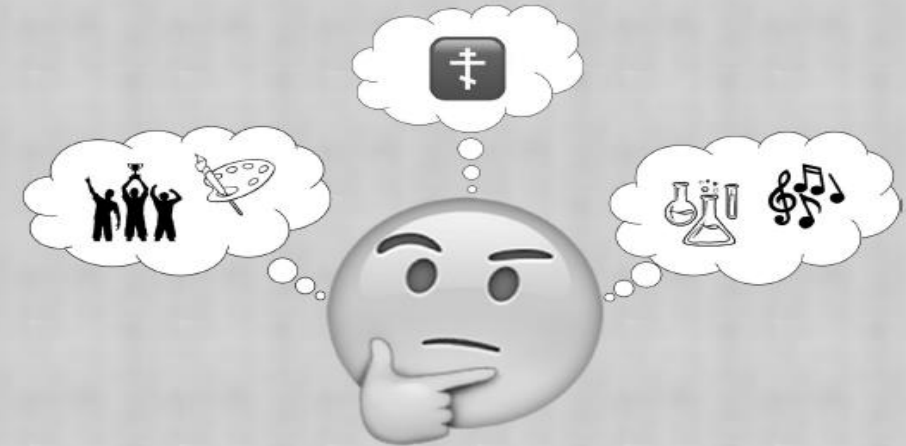
The Gift Shop is going on “hiatus” until there is room to re-open in the Church Basement.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32** The Lord said: "A certain man had two sons.<sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.<sup>13</sup>And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.<sup>14</sup>But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.<sup>15</sup>Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.<sup>16</sup>And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.<sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!<sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,<sup>19</sup>and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."<sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.<sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'<sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.<sup>23</sup>'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;<sup>24</sup>'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.<sup>25</sup>Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.<sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.<sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'<sup>28</sup>But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.<sup>29</sup>So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.<sup>30</sup>'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'<sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.<sup>32</sup>'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

**TEENS AND TEENS' PARENTS:**

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

# The Challenge: Who Are We Called To Be?



## ANNUAL LENTEN TEEN RETREAT

Saint Basil Academy | Garrison, NY

Friday-Sunday, March 10-12, 2017

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**OPEN TO: Teens in Grades 7-12**

**QUESTIONS?**

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Ph.D. Candidate at Cornell University  
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**Registration deadline is March 6<sup>th</sup> ... sign up today!**

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