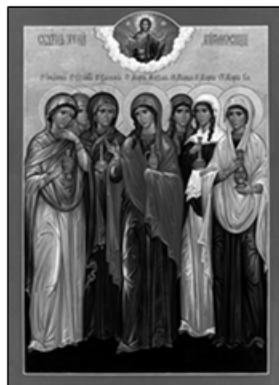


2014 DIOCESAN GIRLS RETREAT

November 14-16, 2014

Sponsored and hosted by the
Diocese of New York & New Jersey
For the girls in our parishes,
between Grades 7 and 12



The Holy Myrrh Bearing Women

WHEN: Friday-Sunday, November 14-16, 2014
WHERE: St. Basil's Academy, 79 Saint Basil Road, Garrison, NY
COST: There is no charge for this Diocesan sponsored event.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- Basketball and Games in the Gym; Swimming in the Indoor Pool
- Worship, Fellowship and "Q & A" Time with His Grace, Bishop Michael
- Lessons on Singing and Chanting in Church with Christine Nass, Director of Villanova Voices, Villanova University, Philadelphia

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Nov. 3, 2014
Registration Forms are Available from Your Priest



Saint Basil's Academy

For More Information,
Go to www.nynjoca.org

Contact: Fr. Jason Vansuch
Chair, Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry
St. George Orthodox Church, Buffalo, NY
(716) 875-4222 ♦ Email jvansuch@hotmail.com



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, August 31, 2014
12th Sunday After Pentecost
The Placing of the Sash of the
Most-Holy Theotokos in Constantinople



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Trinity Plaza + 46 Seymour Street + Yonkers, New York 10701

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**August 31, 2014: 12th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Placing of the Sash
of the Most-Holy Theotokos; St. Cyprian of Carthage, the Hieromartyr**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 PM Church School Teachers & Aides Meeting, at the Rectory

Saturday, September 6

11:00 AM *Baptism* of Anastasia Statkevicius

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, September 7

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

2:00 PM Choir Party at Mark & Beth Rzyk's Home

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

Monday, September 8

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

Wednesday, September 10

6:30 PM *Daily Vespers* followed by Pot Luck Dinner (Meatless Dishes) and

Presentation:

“Mission Team: Guatemala: Growing A New Orthodox Community”

by Fr. David & Matushka Rozanne Rucker, OCMC Mission Specialists

Saturday, September 13

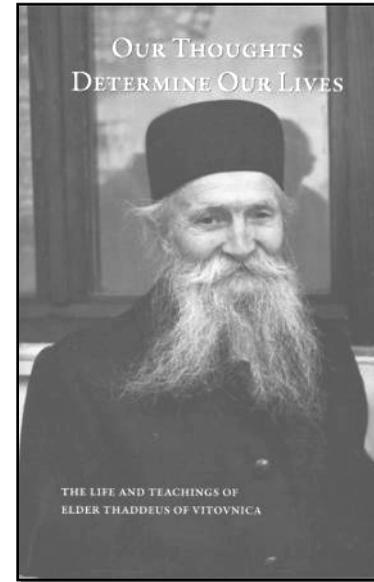
5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers with Litya* – Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Sunday, September 14

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious
and Life-Giving Cross

During Coffee Hour: Church School Parents Meeting



THOUGHTS FOR LABOR DAY FROM AN ELDER OF OUR OWN TIME

From the book *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica (Serbia), 1914 - 2002*

Available from St. Tikhon's Bookstore,
www.stspress.com – or for Kindle, at
www.amazon.com

Up until now we have led a life of resistance and opposition. Take, for example, a family man who has a home and a family and who knows how to do his job well but is doing this job against his will. That is how inner resistance builds up. If we do not learn to rid ourselves of this inner resistance, we will not be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and dwell among the angels and the saints.

For we have acquired the habit of always opposing one thing or another, as there is always something that is against our will. We have not learned to be obedient to the will of God but always want our will to be done. Well, in that case there will be no place for us in heaven.

We should always remember that whatever task we perform here in this life is for Him.

**WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS: It is our joy to have you here today!
Please introduce yourself to Fr. David when everyone comes up to
venerate the Cross at the end of Liturgy. Then, join us for Coffee Hour next door!**

THE PLACING OF THE SASH OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS AND EVER- VIRGIN MARY



The Belt of the Mother of God visited Russia in 2011.

The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos in a church of Constantinople's Chalcostrateia district took place during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger (ruled the Eastern Roman Empire, 408-450 AD). Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God Herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after Her Dormition.

During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her. The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The emperor asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos then replaced her Belt in the coffer and resealed it.

In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Vatopedi monastery on Mt. Athos, in Trier monastery, and in Georgia.

TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. 3For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. 9For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 19:16-26 Now behold, one came and said to Jesus, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" 17So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" 21Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. 25When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" 26But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

A BIG "THANK YOU"...

Nick Washenko has very generously donated and arranged for the recent re-painting of all of the iron fencing, railings, and gates around the church and property – as well as the re-painting of the exterior doors of the church! May God richly reward His servant Nicholas for his generosity and grant him many more blessed years!

"Mnogaya Lyeta!"

COMING UP AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

- Tue 9/2, 7 PM: Church School Teacher & Aide Meeting**, at the Rectory.
- Sat 9/6, 11 AM: Baptism of Anastasia Statkevics**: We rejoice with Joel, Vicky, and their family in anticipation of this great celebration!
- Sun 9/7, 2 PM: Choir Party at Mark & Beth Rzyk’s Home!** See Matushka Tamara if you’d like more details. And, thank you, Choir, for your continuing contribution of prayerful and beautiful sung worship!
- Wed 9/10, 6:30 PM: “Mission Team: Guatemala” – Fr. David & Matushka Rozanne Rucker.** The Ruckers spend half the year training clergy and choirs, and helping educate the faithful, within a movement of **over 40,000 newly chrismated Orthodox Christians and more than 100 churches in Guatemala and southern Mexico.** The evening will begin with **Daily Vespers at 6:30** and continue with a **Pot Luck Dinner (no meat; it is a Wednesday)** and the Ruckers’ talk in our Parish Hall. **If you can’t get here by 6:30, then come late!** Come meet the Ruckers, and see and hear their story ... And consider making a monetary donation to support their ministry. For more, visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RuckerOCMCMissionSpecialists
- Sun 9/14, During Coffee Hour: Church School Parents Meeting** I invite all parents, godparents, and those responsible for bringing children to Church and to Church School, to attend this meeting. “Helping Our Children See Life through the Eyes of Faith” is our vision for Church School. Come meet your teachers and assistants, and learn about this year’s class groupings, calendar, and plans. Thank you! – Fr. David
- Tue 9/16, 6:00 PM: Trinity Plaza Community Group Meeting.** The Mayor has publicly said that the deserted Longfellow School is coming down this fall. Please attend this meeting with City leadership, ask your questions, and voice your hopes for the future of the property ... and with it, our neighborhood!
- Sun 9/21, After Liturgy: Church School Blessing and Classes Begin. ALSO: ASP Thank-You Luncheon and Slide Presentation** by our Mission Team!
- Sun 9/28, During Coffee Hour: “What Is The Diocese, and What Does It Do?”** – Video Presentation and Talk by Fr. David

A NOTE ABOUT THE 2014 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

The Diocesan Assessment is again \$145.00 / person for 2014. So we can submit our accurate parish census number to the Diocesan Office by Nov. 1, it would be very helpful if parishioners remit their \$145.00 Diocesan Assessments by Sunday, October 5. To help everyone understand what is funded with the Assessment, Father David will give a talk at Coffee Hour on Sunday, 9/28, on “What Is The Diocese, and What Does It Do?” Thank you for your cooperation... and please see Father if you have any questions.

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 Anastasia Statkevics and her parents; Dianna Armentrout & family; Matthew & Malek, traveling in the Middle East; baby Alexandra Vansuch; Mia & Sadie; Nicolette Katechis; Matushka Juliana Schmemann; Matushka Dorothy Sulich; Mary Kalakuka; John Loving; Adriana Szpynda; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; Leda Dzwonczyk; Joan Giannelli; John; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; George Miroshnikov & Madeline Loving and Jason Vitale & Kimberly Ovsag, preparing for marriage; Melania King and the child to be born to her; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; John & Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Kulinicz Morin; Kelly Ray; Rose; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne’s sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nina Kirsanoff; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the children Yelena, Hope and Lucca; the priests Frs. Leonid Kishkovsky, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Paul Kucynda, Stephen Mack; PDn. Peter Skoog; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; Aleksandra Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Olga Pavelchak; Martha Scigliano; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge; 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 and their families; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Schuyler Perry (9/1); August Perry (9/3).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Sandra Damick (+8/24); Matushka Vera Yuschak (+8/20); Helen Rakotz (+8/20); Reader John Dauenhauer (+8/19); Protodn. Edward Reta (+8/14); Nilda Reveron (+8/14); Fr. Stephen Jula (+8/13); Samuel Garretson (+8/12); Fr. Yakov Steven (+8/10); infant Mary Rose Armentrout (+8/8); Emil Purdes (+7/29); the ever-memorable Vladimir & Vira; and all 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.

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David’s cell phone, 1-(570) 878-5074, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Anointing is available in Church, in the hospital, or in your home, for anyone who is sick, no matter how 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 setting dates and reserving reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details. **The Orthodox Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate a funeral service for persons being cremated.**