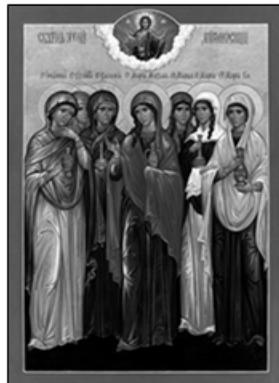


2014 DIOCESAN GIRLS RETREAT

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

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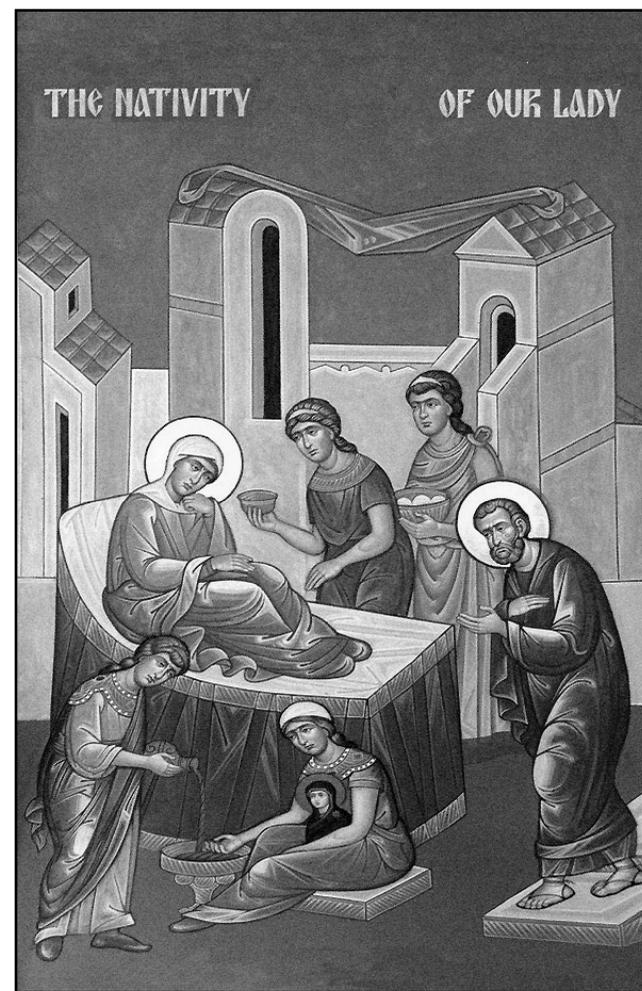


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SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY ?**
Become a ***DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!***

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, September 7, 2014
13th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross
Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos



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Epistles: Galatians 6:11-16, 1 Corinthians 16:13-24;

Gospels: John 3:13-17, Matthew 21:33-42

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida for Derek James Statkevics and the children Sergei Statkevics and Warren Nicholas & Mary Ann Wilkins; and Emil Purdes (40-Day).

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

Tuesday, September 16

6:00 PM Trinity Plaza Community Group Meeting, in the Upstairs Hall, Concerning the Demolition of Longfellow School and Future of the Site

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Sts Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastsdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

St Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. St Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of Our Lord.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: “the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls” (2nd Stikhera on “Lord, I Have Cried”, Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

**Today the gates of barrenness are opened,
and the virgin gate of God comes forth.
Today grace begins to bear its first fruit,
revealing to the world the Mother of God.**

**Through her things on earth are joined with the heavens
for the salvation of our souls.**

-- from Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos

**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 NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY Celebrated Tonight and Tomorrow, September 8



The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since St Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Sts Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Brethren: Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14Let all that you do be done with love. 15I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – 16that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. 17I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. 18For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. 19The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. 20All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. 21The salutation with my own hand – Paul's. 22If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! 23The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-42 The Lord spoke this parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. 37Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' 39So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? 41They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." 42Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

COMING UP AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

•**Today, 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:

Newly baptized Anastasia Statkevics and her family and godparents; Dianna Armentrout & family; Matthew & Malek, traveling in the Middle East; Wilfred Royer; Dorothy Vernak; baby Alexandra Vansuch; Mia & Sadie Olson; Nikolette 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 Kulinic 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: Bogdan Wislocki (9/8); Matushka Valerie Sudick (9/9). Anniversary: James & Tina Reduto (9/13).

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 Derek James Statkevics and children Sergei Statkevics and Warren Nicholas & Mary Ann Wilkins; 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.