

**THE SAINT
NICHOLAS
PROJECT:**

**MAKE A
MERRIER
CHRISTMAS
FOR TWO
SEMINARIAN
FAMILIES!**



Our Parish is participating again this year in the St. Nicholas Project. We will be “adopting” two seminarian families, providing them with gifts in the spirit of generosity and love exemplified by the beloved Bishop of Myra.

Please visit the "St. Nicholas Gift Tree" at Coffee Hour, adorned with \$10 gift card ornaments. Sponsor one, or as many as you like! A gift card will then be purchased and combined with others to be sent to our two "adopted" families from St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's Seminaries for St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6.

The gift cards allow the families to purchase Christmas gifts for their children. To Seminarian families with little income, this gift has a double meaning, bringing great joy to both parents and children!

See Nancy Prusak or Mat. Tamara with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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



**Sunday, November 23, 2014
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Afterfeast ~ Entry of the Theotokos in the Temple
Repose of St. Alexander Nevsky**

Please consider
SITTING CLOSER TO THE FRONT
than usual today...
So that you can hear the choir better!



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Epistles: Ephesians 2:14-22, Galatians 5:22-6:2; Gospels: Luke 12:16-21, Matt.11:27-30

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Reception as a New Catechumen* – Mary Ann Paprocki

Divine Liturgy – St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir Singing

Coffee Hour Luncheon with St. Tikhon's Seminarians and the Dean of the Seminary

Monday, November 24

10:00 AM *Panikhida* for Vera Hetman (40 Days), requested by her niece,
Victoria Stone

Thursday, November 27

10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Thanksgiving Day (“Eucharist” is Greek for
“Thank You”...so, the Liturgy is the **ultimate** Thanksgiving Dinner!)

Saturday, November 29

4:00-5:00 PM *Marriage Class* for all couples who are engaged and preparing for
marriage in our church. See Fr. David for details.

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, November 30

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Fr. David's Ordination Anniversary

Wednesday, December 3

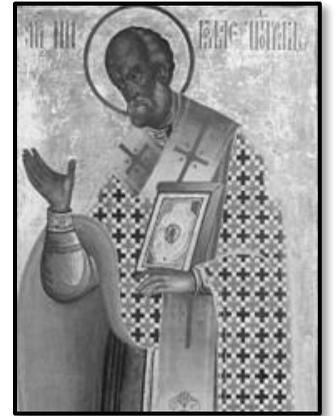
6:30 PM *Memorial Litya* for Wander Francisco Bautista (40 Days) –
the newly departed son of our neighbor across the street.

Thursday, December 4

7:30-8:30 PM “The Nativity of Christ” Bible Study at Mark & Beth Rzyk's Home

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF SAINT NICHOLAS RIGHT HERE IN TRINITY PLAZA...

*Starting Next Sunday 11/23 ~
Join the CLOTHING DRIVE for the
Franciscan Friars' CASA JUAN DIEGO
HOSPITALITY CENTER ~ At the Corner
of WALNUT STREET & YONKERS AVENUE*



We will celebrate St. Nicholas for his Feast Day, with Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, and again on Sunday, Dec. 7, with a special coffee hour meal and a visit by our beloved bishop of Myra, who will have sweets for the children.

We are exemplifying his **GENEROSITY** through The Saint Nicholas Project, making the lives of two seminarian families merrier to thank them for their devotion to serving God's Church. See the back page of the Bulletin for details.

Let us also exemplify St. Nicholas' spirit of **CHARITY** by helping the less fortunate. We will be making a clothing collection of specific, much needed items for **Casa Juan Diego**, the hospitality center run by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, our neighbors on Trinity Street. The center is located around the corner at Yonkers Avenue and Walnut Street and serves mostly a male population of the poor and needy in Yonkers.

The collection will consist of the following clothing items, all of which are continually needed, and some of which are rarely donated:

- New men's warm socks
- New men's underwear, sizes small, medium & large (No X-Large, please!)
- New men's undershirts, sizes small, medium & large (No X-Large, please!)
- Men's t-shirts, new or in good condition (No X-Large, please!)
- Men's sweatpants & hoodie sweatshirts, new or good condition (No X-Large, please!)

A box labeled “CASA JUAN DIEGO” will be placed **on the stage in the Hall, next Sunday 11/23** and will continue through our St. Nicholas celebration on 12/7.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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!

AS SHARED IN OUR TEEN CLASS RECENTLY...

Teenagers whose lives are changed.
Teenagers who change the lives of others.



APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER 2015

The CrossRoad Summer Institute is an engaging 10-day program for high school juniors and seniors at Hellenic College Holy Cross, where students:

Study Orthodox Christianity • Pray as a community •
Form lifelong friendships • Engage in service •
Prepare for their future

CrossRoad offers two sessions:

CrossRoad June: June 20-30, 2015

CrossRoad July: July 7-17, 2015

Application priority deadline is March 2, 2015. Applications may be downloaded at www.crossroadinstitute.org, or call 617-850-1310 for more information.



CROSSROAD
ORTHODOX YOUTH TAKE THE CHALLENGE

TODAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 2:14-22 Brethren: He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 5having 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, 22in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 12:16-21 The Lord spoke this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.' And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ... Vincent & Mary Macagnone (Nick's parents), who were received by Chrismation into the Orthodox Church on Nov. 7; and also to **Mary Ann Paprocki**, received as a Catechumen today. Many Years to all of them!

HELP WANTED: Stuff and Stamp our Parish Christmas Mailing!
Please see Fr. David or Mat. Tamara if you would like to help.

**SIGN UP NOW FOR CROSSROAD 2015 –
Either June 20-30 or July 7-17, 2015**

COMING UP AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

- Thurs 12/4, 7:30-8:30 PM, Bible Study on “The Nativity of Christ”, at the home of Beth & Mark Rzyk.** This is the first in a series of periodic Bible Studies to be held in parishioners’ homes, to allow opportunities for Adult Christian Education in different parts of our parish “map” – which stretches from Manhattan to Connecticut. If Yonkers is too far to drive on a weeknight, then maybe Beth and Mark’s is closer to where you live ... or maybe the next location will be! Come enjoy fellowship and learning in your Faith!
- Sun 12/7 at Coffee Hour: St. Nicholas Celebration.** The Nolan Family will host their annual St. Nicholas Breakfast. There will be a special visit from St. Nicholas and new this year, a Gingerbread Church Contest! Edible building materials will be supplied for classes and families (and anyone else who’d like to participate) to build their "dream" church.
- Fri 12/12, 7:00 PM, Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska,** followed by **SS. Martha & Mary Women’s Group Meeting** at the Rectory.
- Wed 12/24 Evening: Holy Supper** at the Rectory.
- Sun 12/28 After Liturgy: Christmas Caroling Visits** to Homebound Parishioners.
- Sun 1/4/2015 Christmas Yolka!**

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED NOW!

The Diocesan Assessment is again \$145.00 / person for 2014. So we can submit our accurate parish census number to the Diocese, it would be very helpful if parishioners remit their \$145.00 Diocesan Assessments by today. If you are not prepared to bring your Assessment today, kindly do so as soon as possible.

HELP WANTED: BINGO STAFF ON FRIDAYS!

More volunteers are needed to assist with the Bingo games in our Education Building on Friday evenings. Our dedicated crew needs more hands! Please see Ann Bolinsky to sign up or ask questions ... and thanks to those who make this fundraiser possible!

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

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 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 those being cremated.***

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 received Catechumen Mary Ann Paprocki; Adriana Szynda, recovering from surgery; the newly Chrismated Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Paul “PJ” Sulich; the newly baptized Mia (Maria) and Sadie (Sarah) Olson; newborn Elena King, Isabelle Paprocki & Anastasia VanLare; Ludmila Branzow; Katherine & newborn Gabriel Brasowski; Natasha Harris; Mat. Alexandra Kishkovsky; Melissa Littlejohn; Nathan Orsini; Olga Ptach; Suzanne Gee; Peter Tymus, Jr.; Stephen Vagianos; Matthew & Malek, traveling in the Middle East; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; John Loving; Mat. Leanne Parrott and the child to be born to her; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; George Miroshnikov & Madeline Loving, Jason Vitale & Kimberly Ovsag, Paul Stewart & Natalia Maicencko, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; John & Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne’s sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the priests Frs. Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak; Herman Schick, Matthew Searfoorce, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Paul Kucynda, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; Aleksandra Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; 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: Joe Ciamarra (11/24); Sebastian Harris (11/29). Anniversary: Jim & Penny Cowan (11/26).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Constance Tarasar (+11/7); Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich (+10/30); Wander Francisco Bautista (+10/25); Panayiotis Zamarello (+10/25); Mary “Tay” Thomas (+10/17); Vera Hetman (+10/16); the ever-memorable Mikolai Kuzmenko; 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.

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!

Michael Bouteneff	Madeline Loving	Peter Rzyk
Joe Ciamarra	George Miroshnikov	Matt Skalski
Megan Jones	Kamille Perry	Alexandra Solak
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Schuyler Perry	Nick Thanasias
Dan Kozak	Roman Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Peter Kreatsoulas	Amanda Rzyk	

Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.