

**\*\*\* Today is the last Sunday to donate! \*\*\***

**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.

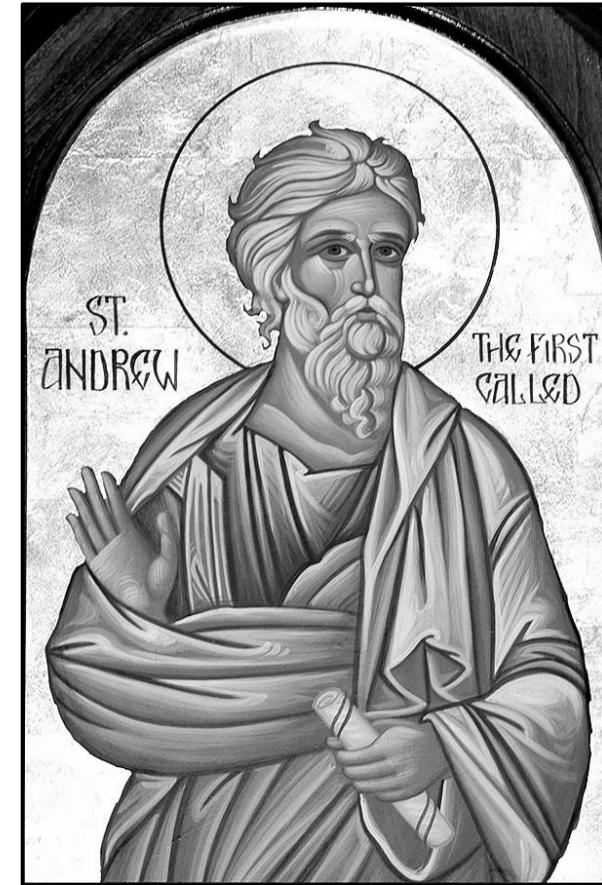
The gift cards allow the families to purchase Christmas gifts for their children. To Seminarian families with little income, this gift has a double meaning, bringing great joy to both parents and children!

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 30, 2014  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle**

*Again this week, please consider  
**SITTING CLOSER TO THE FRONT**  
So that you can hear the choir better,  
and we can share in the Liturgy as a parish family!*



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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St. Andrew, the First-Called Apostle

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16, Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospels: John 1:35-51, Luke 13:10-17

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – No Church School Today... Thanksgiving Break

#### Tuesday, December 2

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Prophet Habakkuk; St. Porphyrios the Athonite (+1991);  
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.

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

#### Thursday, December 4

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

#### Friday, December 5

7:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker

#### Saturday, December 6

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker,  
Bishop of Myra in Lycia (**Please note Liturgy is at 10:00**)

6:00 PM Great Vespers – Fr. Kyle Parrott serving; Fr. David will be attending  
the Enthronement Service for Metropolitan JOSEPH of the  
Antiochian Archdiocese.

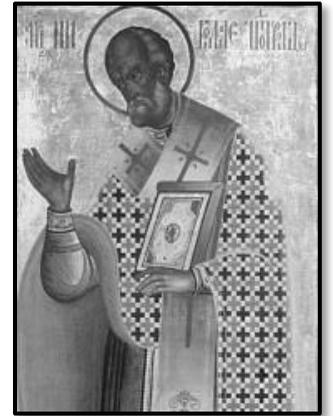
#### Sunday, December 7

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

After the Liturgy, in the Parish Hall: Annual St. Nicholas Breakfast, with 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.

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

*From Now Through Sunday, Dec. 7 --  
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.

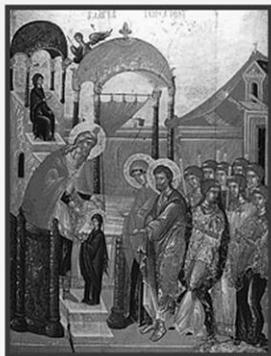
Let us also exemplify St. Nicholas' spirit of **CHARITY** by helping the less fortunate. We will be making a clothing collection of specific, much needed items for **Casa Juan Diego**, the hospitality center run by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, our neighbors on Trinity Street. The center is 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!)

Boxes labeled "CASA JUAN DIEGO" will be placed **in the church entry way and on the stage in the Hall**, from now through our St. Nicholas celebration on 12/7.

***Thank you in advance for your generosity!***



# The Pre-Nativity Season

*“O angelic hosts of the Lord, do ye hasten to the village of Bethlehem in Judea to prepare a noble place for Him who cannot be contained, the Author of creation...”*

## **EVENTS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY ...**

• **Thurs 12/4, 7:30-8:30 PM, Bible Study on “The Nativity of Christ”, at the home of Beth & Mark Rzyk.** This begins a series of Bible Studies to be held in parishioners’ homes. Our parish “map” stretches from Manhattan to Connecticut ... it can be hard to come to church for fellowship and study outside of Sundays. Maybe Beth and Mark’s is closer to where you live ... Come enjoy one another’s company, and learn your Faith! To volunteer to host in the future, see Fr. David.

• **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.

• **Sat 12/13, 6:00 PM: Confessions in Russian, Polish, Ukrainian:** Fr. Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk will hear Confessions here in those languages, during Vespers. Please share this with your family and friends in the parish who will benefit!

• **Wed 12/24 Evening: Holy Supper** at the Rectory.

• **Thu 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY After the Liturgy – The Children’s Choir of Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church in Brooklyn** will sing a brief concert for us before we enjoy our Christmas Coffee Hour together.

• **Sun 12/28 After Liturgy: Christmas Caroling Visits** to Homebound Parishioners.

• **Sun 1/4/2015 Christmas Yolka!**

**TODAY’S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 4:9-16** Brethren: I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.<sup>10</sup>We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!<sup>11</sup>To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.<sup>12</sup>And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;<sup>13</sup>being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.<sup>14</sup>I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.<sup>15</sup>For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.<sup>16</sup>Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL John 1:35-51** At that time, John stood with two of his disciples.<sup>36</sup>And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?”<sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ).<sup>42</sup>And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone).<sup>43</sup>The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”<sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”<sup>46</sup>And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”<sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”<sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”<sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”<sup>50</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”<sup>51</sup>And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

**SPANISH SPEAKING PARISHIONERS:**

**This Wednesday 12/3, 6:30 PM: Memorial Litya Service for Wander Francisco Bautista.** The newly departed Wander Francisco (+10/25/14) was the 46-year-old son of one of our neighbors in the apartments across the street. On Wednesday, we are welcoming his mother and family members here. The service will be in Spanish and English. Any parishioners who speak Spanish or would like to join in this outreach in our neighborhood, are encouraged to come!

**A BIG “THANK YOU” ...**

to everyone who cooked, cleaned, hosted, took pictures, and contributed your time, talent, and treasure to make the St. Tikhon’s Mission Choir visit last weekend so beautiful! No one who experienced it will forget it!!

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

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT, SUNDAY 12/14, 3:00 PM  
AT MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH – OUR NEIGHBORS**

The choir and orchestra concert is followed by a reception at their Parish Hall. A free will donation of \$10 for the concert is appreciated; tickets for the Dinner are \$35. Dinner Reservations: Call 963-0720 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 10 AM – 12 noon. As you may know, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church is among those slated to be closed next summer. Whether by attending this concert or in some other way, please show your opposition to this decision to close the parish ... a pillar of our neighborhood!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sat., March 21: Lenten Retreat with Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery.** Details to come after the New Year.

**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; Christina McDonald; the newly baptized Mia (Maria) and Sadie (Sarah) Olson; newborn Elena King, Luke Kraus, Isabelle Paprocki & Anastasia VanLare; Ludmila Branzow; Katherine & newborn Gabriel Brasowski; Natasha Harris; Mat. Alexandra Kishkovsky; 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 Maicenko, 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 Searforce, 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 Rzyzyk; 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; and all those named Andrew, Andrei, Andrea, and whose name’s day is today. Birthdays: Nancy Prusak (11/20); Patricia and Michael Bouteneff (11/29).

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Melinda Butler; Constance Tarasar (+11/7); Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich (+10/30); Wander Francisco Bautista (+10/25); Panayiotis Zamarello (+10/25); all the departed named for St. Andrew the Apostle; 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.**

**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!**

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| Michael Bouteneff | Madeline Loving    | Peter Rzyzyk    |
| 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 Rzyzyk      |                 |

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