

## RE-CLAIMING OUR HOMES FOR CHRIST: A NOTE ON HOUSE BLESSINGS

When our homes are blessed, we reclaim our homes, and everyone and everything in them, for Christ: our wives, our husbands, our marriages... our children... our working and studying... our worrying and our struggling... our decisions and our dilemmas... our successes and our rejoicing: we reclaim all of our lives for Christ, by inviting Him into our inner sanctum.

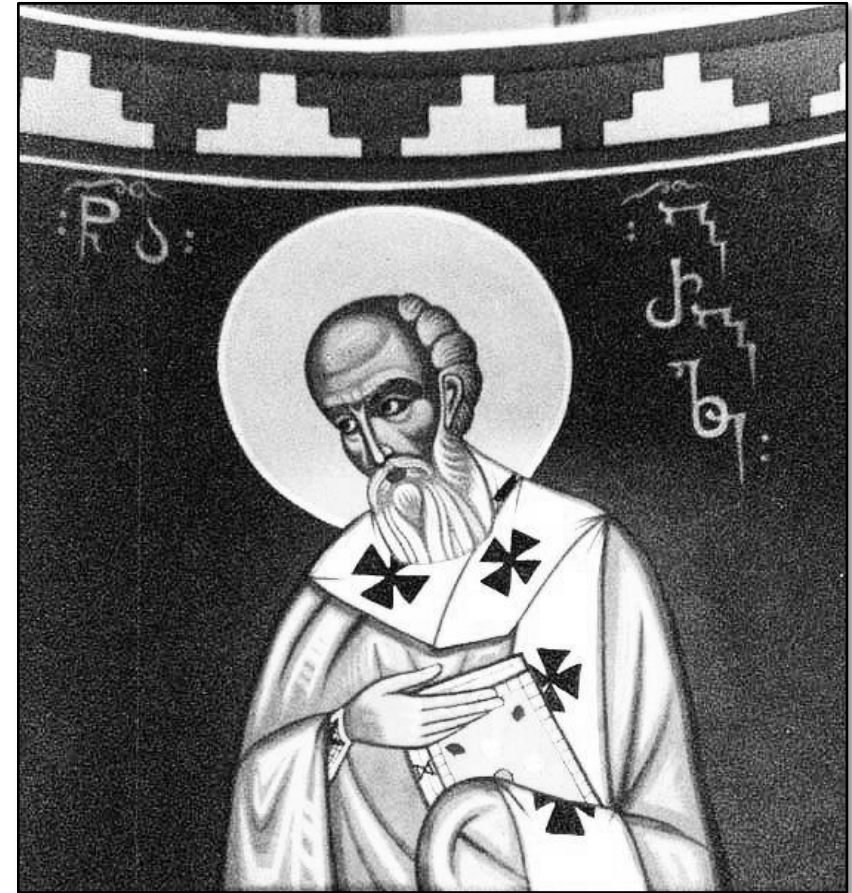


The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. We show the Lord – and the devil – that we wish for God to physically expel every trace of sin, anger, bitterness, and worry that has invaded our homes and our families over the past year!

When Father comes to bless the family and house, these things should be prepared:

- A lit candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for Holy Water should be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- All present in the house should come together and stand at the table.
- Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, January 25, 2015**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**The Sunday of Zacchaeus;**  
**Saint Gregory the Theologian**

**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!



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sun., Jan. 25, 2015 ~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost ~ Zacchaeus Sunday

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

**Today – Zacchaeus Sunday; Saint Gregory the Theologian**

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Following the Liturgy: Annual Parish Meeting and Third Annual Chili Cook-Off!

**Thursday, January 29**

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – The Three Holy Hierarchs

**Friday, January 30 – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Saints Gregory the Theologian, Basil the Great, and John Chrysostom**

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – The Three Holy Hierarchs

**Saturday, January 31**

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

**Sunday, February 1 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Donna Boss, requested by her father, Charles Pochari, and family; and for John Kowalczyk, by Anna, John & Lydia Jacewicz.

**4:00 PM** *Great Vespers & Litya* – The Meeting of Our Lord – **Note Time Change**

**Monday, February 2 – Great Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple**

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

**Saturday, February 7**

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Fr. David will be returning from the Altar Server Retreat shortly before Vespers. Private Confession may be available afterward.

**Sunday, February 8 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Education Building



*“How can we thank God enough for you  
 in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?”  
 (1 Thessalonians 3:9)*

*You are cordially invited to attend  
 the New York City Deanery Appreciation Dinner  
 for the 2014 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors  
 of the Diocese of New York & New Jersey*

*hosted with gratitude by  
 His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL*

*Sunday, February 15, 2015  
 at five o'clock in the evening*

*Holy Trinity Orthodox Church  
 46 Seymour Street  
 Yonkers, NY 10701*

*~You are encouraged to bring family members and parish guests~*

*RSVP by Sunday, February 8 with the number attending  
 to Fr. David Cowan 914.965.6815 or email: frdavidcowan@gmail.com*

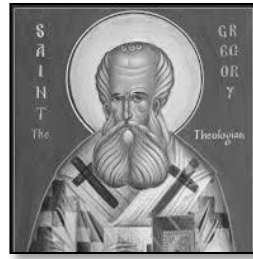
**WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY?**

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](http://www.nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html) ... and scroll down to VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS. Questions? See Fr. David.



**SOUL-STIRRING TRUTHS  
FROM THE TEACHING OF ST.  
GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN...  
whose feast we celebrate today**



**“All who have lived according to God still live unto God, though they have departed this life. For this reason, God is called the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, since He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living (Matthew 22:32).”**

**“Human beings have accumulated in their coffers gold and silver, clothes more sumptuous than useful, diamonds and other objects that are evidence of war and tyranny; then a foolish arrogance hardens their hearts; for their brothers in distress, no pity. What utter blindness! ... Seek to distinguish yourself from others only in your generosity. Be like gods to the poor, imitating God’s mercy. Humanity has nothing so much in common with God as the ability to do good.”**

***“As a fish cannot swim without water, and a bird cannot fly without air, so a Christian cannot advance a single step without Christ.”***

**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 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 Timothy 9:4-15** My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.<sup>10</sup>For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.<sup>11</sup>These things command and teach.<sup>12</sup>Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.<sup>13</sup>Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.<sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.<sup>15</sup>Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10** At that time, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.<sup>2</sup>Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.<sup>3</sup>And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.<sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.<sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”<sup>6</sup>So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.<sup>7</sup>But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”<sup>8</sup>Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”<sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;<sup>10</sup>for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

**THANK YOU...**

**To everyone who helped put our “chapel” together in the Hall two weeks ago – what a beautiful Liturgy we had there! -- and to ALL the young people who participated in the Christmas Yolka and the HTO Youth Coffee Cafe!! GREAT JOB!!!**

**GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED: Donation of \$40 for altar candles, in memory of Joanna Kurylo from Luba Ardan.**

**ALTAR SERVERS ~YOUNG and YOUNG-AT-HEART!**

The 2015 Diocesan **ALTAR SERVER RETREAT** is coming up – **Friday-Sunday, Feb. 6-8, at St. Basil’s Academy, Garrison, NY.** Some of our boys are signed up ... join us! Please see Fr. David for details.

**SCHOLARSHIPS SOUGHT FOR ST. ANDREW’S CAMP:**

His Grace, Bishop Michael, is appealing to individuals across our Diocese, who realize that they have been blessed by God and are in a position to share in those blessings, to provide a Christmas “gift of Camp for a week” for our young people to attend St. Andrew’s Camp, in Jewell, NY, this coming summer.

Your gift would bless a camper who otherwise could not attend St. Andrew’s because of financial constraints. The cost of Camp is \$300 per week per individual – that includes room and board, meals, and all activities, including at least one special excursion each week.

Checks may be made payable to St. Andrew’s Camp Scholarship, and mailed to: Diocesan Chancery, 33 Hewitt Ave., Bronxville, NY 10708.

Visit [www.saintandrewscamp.org](http://www.saintandrewscamp.org) for more information on the Camp.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

•**Sun., Feb. 15, 5:00 PM: Bishop Michael Hosts the Annual Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Appreciation Dinner, Here!** All parishioners are invited ... and anyone who could **help serve this dinner (which will be catered), or bring desserts,** would be greatly appreciated! See Matushka Tamara to offer your assistance.

•**Sat., March 21: Lenten Retreat with Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery.** Details coming soon!

**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 married George & Madeline Miroshnikov; Becka; Tatiana Mordovina; Anatole Honczarenko; Matushka Patricia Mason; Catechumen Mary Ann Paprocki; Adriana Szpynda; Paul “PJ” Sulich; Gloria Panciera; Elias & Jonah Kachur; Christina McDonald; Mary Smith; Fr. John Tkachuk; newborn Eva Schmidt, Luke Kraus, Micah Needham, Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Natasha Harris; Nathan Orsini; Olga Ptach; Suzanne Gee; Matthew & Malek; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; John Loving; Mat. Leanne Parrott, Sherry Safchuk, and the children to be born to them; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; Jason & Kimberly, Paul & Natalia, Joshua & Jacqueline, Norm & Elena, Stan & Victoria, 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. Joseph Chupeck, Thomas Hopko, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; 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; all those named for St. Gregory the Theologian. Birthdays: Helen Maybo (1/24); Mardi Perry (1/29).

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Petr Teplov (+1/19); Tatyana Archangelskaya (+12/8); Helen Waryha (+12/14); Melinda Butler; the ever-memorable Meggi Kvizikadze; Vladimir & Vira; those named for St. Gregory the Theologian; 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 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.**