

### COMING EVENTS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE...

- We need **volunteers to Watch Before the Tomb** on Holy Friday night and Holy Saturday. Simply sit in the church, reading the Psalms or in silent prayer, keeping vigil over the Tomb of our Savior, to be near Him as we await His Resurrection. Sign up at the candle desk.
- Can you bring **Red Eggs** for Pascha? See Vicky Statkevics to volunteer.
- Holy Friday, April 10 at 10:30 AM, **Come Help Decorate Our Lord's Tomb!** See Mat. Tamara to sign up or ask questions.
- **Holy Friday After Vespers: A light supper will be served**, upstairs in the Ed Building, between Vespers and the evening Matins service. All are welcome!
- Holy Saturday, April 11: Anyone Available to **Help Set Up the Pascha Agape Meal**, please see Helen Maybo. ~ Potato Salads Are Needed Also! ~
- **Sat., May 2, Here: Diocesan Music Conference for Choir Directors & Singers; AND Diocesan Youth Music Workshop**, led by our own Matushka Tamara. See Father or Matushka for details.
- **Sat-Sun, May 2-3: Archbishop Michael Visits Us**, Vespers & Liturgy. Details soon.
- **Sunday, June 7, 2:00 PM: Parish Council Conference**, "Sound Financial Practices in the Parish", Matushka Mary Breton, CPA, Treasurer of the Diocese – at Transfiguration Cathedral, 228 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn NY

### DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED – TOWARD NEW PUMPS FOR OUR HEATING SYSTEM

As you can tell, our heating system has much improved the last couple of months. However, the technicians have notified us that of the two pumps which enable warm air to be sent up into the church, one no longer works, and the other is "on borrowed time."

**The cost to install new pumps is approximately \$6,000.00.**

**So far, \$2,705 has been raised:**

**\$1,635 In Memory Of John Wislocki; \$1,070 from an Anonymous Donor.**

**That leaves \$3,295 left to raise.**

Anyone wishing to contribute toward this project, please see Fr. David, Council President Vicky Statkevics, or any other Parish Council member. Thank you!

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

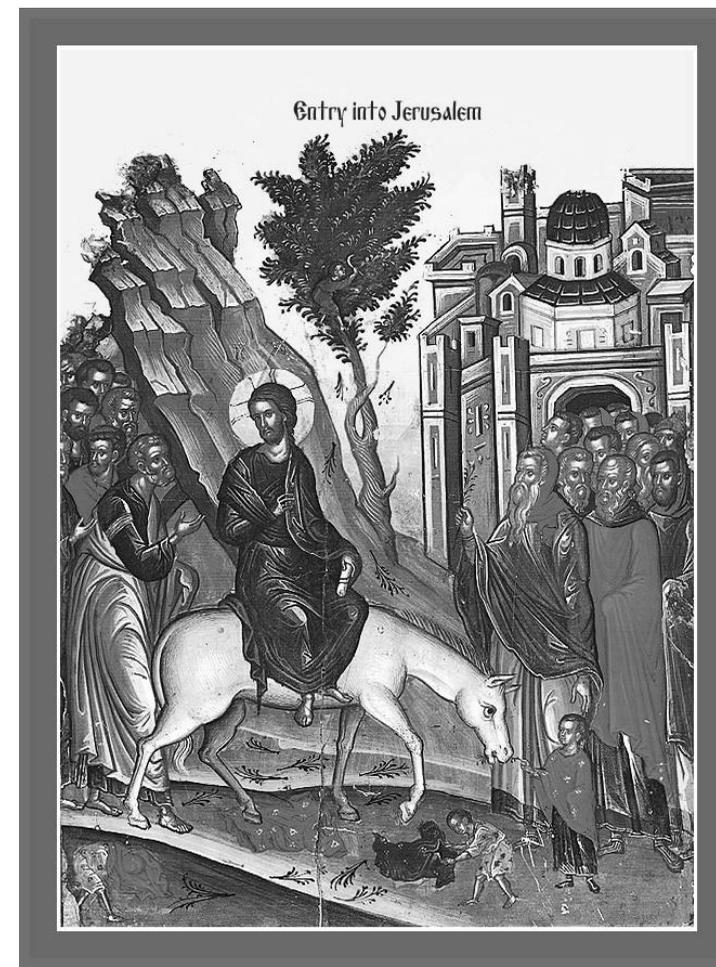
Become a **DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!**

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.



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, April 5, 2015**

**Palm Sunday – Entry of Our Lord Into Jerusalem**

**THANK YOU...**

To all who prepared our Lazarus Saturday Breakfast, worked in the church and on the grounds, and participated in the "Aging is Everybody's Business" Workshop. yesterday!



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**April 5, 2015: Palm Sunday – The Entry of Our Lord Into Jerusalem**

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9, Gospel: John 12:1-18

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today – The Entry of Our Lord Into Jerusalem

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with the Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows

After Liturgy: Choir Rehearsal

Private Confession is available each evening from today through Holy Thursday, 6:00-7:00 PM.

7:00 PM *Bridegroom Matins* of Holy Monday

#### Great and Holy Monday, April 6

9:00 AM *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*

7:00 PM *Bridegroom Matins* of Holy Tuesday

#### Great and Holy Tuesday, April 7

7:00 PM *Bridegroom Matins* of Holy Wednesday

#### Great and Holy Wednesday, April 8

7:00 PM *Holy Unction* and Anointing with Blessed Oil

#### Great and Holy Thursday, April 9

9:00 AM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – The Last Supper

7:00 PM *Matins of Great and Holy Friday* – The Passion Gospels

#### Great and Holy Friday, April 10

8:30 AM *Royal Hours*

4:00 PM *Vespers of Holy Friday* – The Burial of Our Lord,  
followed by Light Supper in the Hall

7:00 PM *Matins of Holy Saturday* – Lamentations & Procession  
with the Burial Shroud of Our Lord

#### Great and Holy Saturday, April 11

10:00 AM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – The Descent Into Hades

11:30 PM *Nocturns; Procession; Matins of PASCHA* and

**The Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy PASCHA**  
followed by Basket Blessing and Agape Meal

#### HOLY PASCHA (EASTER), SUNDAY, APRIL 12

11:00 AM *The Vespers of PASCHA*: Basket Blessing; and Easter Egg Hunt!

#### Bright Monday, April 13

10:00 AM *Paschal Divine Liturgy*

#### Bright Friday, April 17

10:00 AM *Paschal Divine Liturgy*

### **INVEST IN OUR 2015 ASP TEEN MISSION TEAM!**

Buy ASP stock sales at coffee hour TODAY thru 5/3, except Pascha. Shares \$10 each.

Our 2015 Orthodox Youth Mission Team

consists of 23 teens and 14 adults from 7 parishes in CT, NY and NJ.

Our Yonkers team is Andrew, Peter and Chris Nolan,

Adriana, Emily and Chris Szpynda, and Beth Rzyk.

We will be going to Kentucky in July to make homes warmer, after and drier!

### **PUT CONFESSION ON YOUR CALENDAR ...**

Not only is Confession a requirement, at least once a year, for voting membership

in the parish according to our bylaws ... more importantly, Confession is

a staple of the spiritual life! Along with doctor's appointments, sports events,

SAT prep, and all your other commitments, see the Confession times

offered in the Bulletin and **put Confession on the calendar for you and your family!**

### **THE FAST CONTINUES ONE MORE WEEK...**

The Fast continues through Holy Week until Holy PASCHA (Easter), Sunday, April 12,

with the Paschal Divine Liturgy. During Holy Week as our thoughts are

focused on our Savior's accomplishments for us, we still strive to abstain

from meat and dairy products and from spiritually unproductive entertainment.

### **PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Emergency Sick Calls** can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at (914) 965-6815, 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.***

## **FROM A SERMON FOR PALM SUNDAY by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom**

The beginning of Christ's Passion is today's triumphal procession; the people expected a king, a leader – and they found the Saviour of their souls. Nothing embitters a person so much as a lost, a disappointed hope; and that explains why people who could receive Him like that, who witnessed the raising of Lazarus, who saw Christ's miracles and heard His teaching, admired every word, who were ready to become His disciples as long as He brought victory, broke away from Him, turned their backs on Him and a few days later shouted, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." And Christ spent all those days in loneliness, knowing what was in store for Him, abandoned by every one except the Mother of God, who stood silently by, as she had done throughout her life, participating in His tragic ascent to the Cross; she who had accepted the Annunciation, the Good Tidings, but who also accepted in silence Simeon's prophecy that a sword would pierce her heart.

During the coming days we shall be present – not just remember, but be present – at Christ's Passion. We shall be part of the crowd surrounding Christ and the disciples and the Mother of God; as we hear the Gospel readings, as we listen to the prayers of the Church, as one image after another of these days of the Passion passes before our eyes, let each one of us ask himself the question, "Where do I stand, who am I in this crowd? A Pharisee? A Scribe? A traitor, a coward? Who? Or do I stand among the Apostles?" But they too were overcome by fear. Peter denied Him thrice, Judas betrayed Him, John, James and Peter went to sleep just when Christ most needed human love and support; the other disciples fled; no one remained except John and the Mother of God.

Once more let us ask ourselves who we are and where we stand, what our position in this crowd is. Do we stand with hope or despair, or what? And if we stand with indifference, we too are part of that terrifying crowd that surrounded Christ, shuffling, listening, and then going away; as we shall go away from church. The Crucifix will be standing here on Thursday and we shall be reading the Gospel about the Cross, the Crucifixion and death – and then what will happen? The Cross will remain standing, but we shall go away for a rest, go home to have supper, to sleep, to prepare for the fatigues of the next day. And during this time Christ is on the Cross, Christ is in the tomb. How awful it is that, like the disciples in their day, we are not able to spend one night, one hour with Him. Let us think about this, and if we are incapable of doing anything, let us at least realise who we are and where we stand, and at the final hour turn to Christ with the cry, the appeal of the thief, Remember me, Lord, in Thy Kingdom. Amen.

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Philippians 4:4-9** Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!<sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.<sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;<sup>7</sup>and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup>Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.<sup>9</sup>The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL John 12:1-18** At that time, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.<sup>2</sup>There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.<sup>3</sup>Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.<sup>4</sup>But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,<sup>5</sup>Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?<sup>6</sup>This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.<sup>7</sup>But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.<sup>8</sup>For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.<sup>9</sup>Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.<sup>10</sup>But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,<sup>11</sup>because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.<sup>12</sup>The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,<sup>13</sup>took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:<sup>15</sup>Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.<sup>17</sup>Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.<sup>18</sup>For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Announcing the opening  
of the

# LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP

Featuring Icons ... Decorated Eggs ...  
Orthodox Greeting Cards  
Gifts for Pascha and Mother's Day

Open Today During Coffee Hour

Located in the Education Building,  
Ground Floor

Second Room on the Right  
from the Courtyard Entrance

## 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 Chrismated Mary Ann Paprocki; Boris Lyzak (Dasha's uncle); David Barret; Warren; Melissa; Erik; Anthony; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Michael Mellin; Paula West; Danielle; recovering Fr. John Tkachuk, Paul Holowach;, Tamara, Elena & Alexandra; Eleanor Wasilko; Carol; Richard; Adriana Szynda; Paul "PJ" Sulich; Stephen Wartella; newborn Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Natasha Harris; Nathan Orsini; Suzanne Gee; Matthew & Malek; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; John Loving; expecting couples Sherry & Nathaniel, Sara & Eros and the children to be born to them; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; Jason & Kimberly, Paul & Natalia, Stan & Victoria, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; 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, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Ann Belchuk; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyzyk; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Martha Slivka; 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: Vera Bullock, David De Simone & Christina Soucek (today); Margaret Wislocki (4/9); Peter Nolan (4/11).. .

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Fr. Thomas Hopko (3/18); Fr. Matthew Baker (+3/1); the ever-memorable Mekolai Kuzmenko; Gennadi, Olesia, 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 Miroschnikov	Matt Skalski
Joe Ciamarra	Kamille Perry	Alexandra Solak
Megan Jones	Schuyler Perry	Nick Thanasias
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Dan Kozak	Amanda Rzyzyk	
Peter Kreatsoulas	Peter Rzyzyk	

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