

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016.

Please read the following excerpt from our Parish By-Laws, and if you wish to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting, take any needed steps to fulfill all the following requirements. Thank you!

**Parish By-laws Section 1: *Voting Membership***

The following requirement *[sic]*  
shall establish the right for full voting membership:

- a) be baptized and chrismated as an Orthodox Christian  
[actually, if you are a chrismated Orthodox Christian  
even if you were baptized in another tradition,  
then you are an Orthodox Christian and meet requirement (a)],
- b) be 18 years of age or older,
- c) be a [sacramentally Orthodox –  
see item (a)] member of the parish for six months,
- d) partake in the Sacraments of private Confession,  
and Holy Communion at least once a year,
- e) fulfill all financial obligations, as established by the parish, by the end of the  
year [currently, this is the \$145/year Diocesan Assessment, which the sooner  
we receive, the more accurately we can submit our Parish Census to the Diocese],
- f) must respect and adhere to the Bylaws of the parish,
- g) shall not be a member of any other parish.

[This doesn't mean you can't worship in another parish, merely that you may only participate as a voting parish member in this parish in a given year.]

Voting isn't everything ... Communion with Christ is! Still, your voice is valuable.  
So please, work on meeting these criteria so that you can participate both  
spiritually and materially in the care and growth of your family in Christ!

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Yonkers, New York



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### HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Trinity Plaza ✦ 46 Seymour Street ✦ Yonkers, New York 10701  
Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan ✦ Protodeacon John Eby  
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Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Gospel: Luke 8:5-15**

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

**Today – The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke**

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Coffee Hour in Honor of Dasha Piwinski, in Gratitude for her many years of selfless service as Director of our Church School!

**Saturday, October 24**

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

**Sunday, October 25**

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 31**

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

**\*\* Remember: Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM Sunday, Nov. 1.**

Set your clocks BACK 1 hour, enjoy the extra sleep ... it'll be easier to get to Church on time!

**Sunday, November 1**

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, November 3**

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, in the Church

**Saturday, November 7**

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Feast of the Archangels, SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and All the Bodiless Powers

**Sunday, Nov. 8 – Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and the Bodiless Powers**

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Panikhida for Fr. Igor Tkachuk, requested and celebrated by his son, Fr. John Tkachuk

### CHOIR MEMBERS

Here is the schedule of Choir Rehearsals for this Fall:

Tuesday, November 3, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 PM

... and a Pre-Christmas Rehearsal,

Sunday, December 20, after the Liturgy

*Thank you, Singers, for every effort you can make  
to participate in rehearsals and in the Divine Services!*

*With love in Christ,  
Fr. David*

### **LAST CHANCE, PRE-FAST, “MEAT LOVERS” CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Let's prepare the church for Advent decorations – and enjoy a last day of carnivorous fun together before the Advent Fast begins on Sunday, Nov. 15.  
Details to come on a schedule and list of the jobs that need doing.



*This Diocesan event for girls in Grades 7-12 will take place at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY, one hour north of here. There is no charge to attend. See Father or Matushka for more information!*

### **PLEASE BRING YOUR 2015 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT “A.S.A.P.!”**

The Diocesan Assessment is again set at \$145.00 per person for 2015. So we may submit our accurate parish census to the Diocesan Office by Nov. 1, please bring your \$145.00 Diocesan Assessment today, or as soon as possible.

# "FREEZER PLEAZERS"

## Charity Auction

Sunday, November 22  
(during Coffee Hour)



On Sunday, Nov. 22, we will auction off **freezer-ready, home-cooked gourmet favorites and family pleaser meals** that are prepared by the best Parish Chefs of Holy Trinity Parish and local restaurants – all to benefit our beloved St. Andrew's Diocesan Summer Camp. Help our Camp to continue the good and worthy work of providing an Orthodox Christian experience for the youth of our Church in New York, who are in such urgent need of wholesome, unmaterialistic, Godly experiences!

Bidders can buy gourmet meals and desserts for your Thanksgiving Feast, for a family dinner, for your Christmas Feast or New Year's Celebration. Cooking for one? Serve it up, again and again from your freezer. Makes a great gift too – for new moms, those who are ill or homebound, or those who just enjoy good food!

### PARISH CHEFS:

What's your best dish or dessert? The one that people request, ask for the recipe, or rave about to others? Are you willing to take that talent and use it for charity? See Matushka Tamara to participate in this fun and worthy cause!



Bidders will be able to review the auction menu before the event, and can place an email bid if unable to be present.

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 1:11-19** Brethren: I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.<sup>12</sup>For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>13</sup>For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.<sup>14</sup>And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.<sup>15</sup>But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,<sup>16</sup>to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,<sup>17</sup>nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.<sup>18</sup>Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.<sup>19</sup>But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 8:5-15** The Lord told this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.<sup>6</sup>Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.<sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.<sup>8</sup>But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"<sup>9</sup>Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"<sup>10</sup>And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'<sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.<sup>12</sup>Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.<sup>13</sup>But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.<sup>14</sup>Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.<sup>15</sup>But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS / HOST FAMILIES NEEDED:**

**October 25 • November 22**

**December 13 • December 20 • December 27**

**Please contact Tina Reduto to participate in this essential ministry of fellowship.**

**Thank you!**

**Please visit the LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP**

Featuring Icons ... Decorated Eggs ...

Orthodox Greeting Cards and Gifts for All Occasions!

Open Today During Coffee Hour,

Located in the Education Building,

Second Room on the Right from the Courtyard Entrance

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED –**

**TOWARD NEW PUMPS FOR OUR HEATING SYSTEM**

**We have raised \$5,450 thus far, and we have \$550 left to raise.**

**Many Thanks to Michael & Pamela Adamovich for their recent donation of \$1,000.00, in loving memory of his father, Michael Adamovich.**

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

**The pumps are working ... your continued donations are most appreciated!**

To contribute, please see Fr. David, Parish Council President Vicky Statkevics, or any other Parish Council member. ***Thank you*** for your generous assistance!

**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.***

**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:**

Susan Cook; Presbyter Irene Ivanoff; Julianna Sannella; Edward Kiss; Newborn Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Tekla Rzyzyk; Timothy; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake (Beth Rzyzyk's sister); Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Elena Herman; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szynda; baby Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Nathan Orsini; Suzanne Gee; Evan; Nicholas; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; expecting parents Juliana & Mark Federoff and baby; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; 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; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne's sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the priests Frs. Michael Koblosh, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk, Joseph Chupeck, George Hasenecz, Alexey Karlgut, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik; Joseph Lickwar, Herman Schick, David Shewczyk, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Stephen Mack, PDn. Peter Skoo; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; 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, Bryan & Mykola; 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 & families, especially John & Brenda Mikitish; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families; and all those named Luke or Lukas, on this feast of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** The newly departed Nellie Berezina (+10/12); Deacon Mark Hoeplinger (+10/8); Julia Petrisko (+10/2); Corey; Edward Kepple; the ever-memorable Alexander Lis, Helen Washenko; all those departed named Luke and Lukas; and all departed 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	Andrew Nolan	Peter Rzyzyk
Joe Ciamarra	Kamille Perry	Matt Skalski
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Schuyler Perry	Alexandra Solak
Dan Kozak	Roman Piwinski	Justyna Skalski
Madeline Miroshnikov	Amanda Rzyzyk	Monika Wislocki

***"Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic." -- Archbishop Michael***  
**Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.**