

HAVE DINNER WITH THE ARCHBISHOP ON FEB. 28!
As a parish, we contributed to the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor program.
Come to dinner that night at St. Nicholas Church in Whitestone,
and see what the Diocese does with your support!



*"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus
and your love for all the saints, do not cease
to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers ... "*
(Ephesians 1:15-16)

*You are cordially invited to attend
the New York City Deanery Appreciation Dinner
for the 2015 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors
of the Diocese of New York & New Jersey*

*hosted with gratitude by
His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL*

*Sunday, February 28, 2016
at five o'clock in the evening*

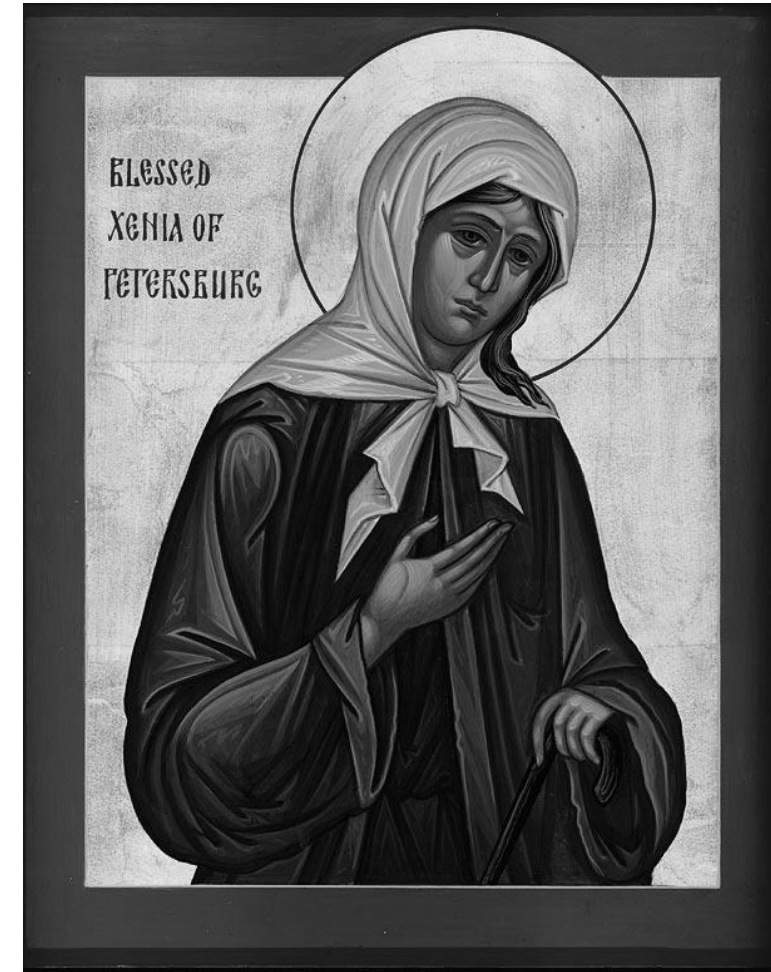
*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
14-65 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, New York 11357*

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

*RSVP by Sunday, February 21 with the number attending
to Fr. David at 914-965-6815 or email: frdavidcowan@gmail.com*

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, January 24, 2016
34th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 1
Saint Xenia of St. Petersburg
Martyr St. Xenia of Rome

The Yolka has been re-scheduled again, due to the blizzard.
When a new date is set, it will be announced.



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: Colossians 3:4-11; Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Blessing of Homes Continues – Contact Fr. David if you would like him to visit and bless your home, (914) 965-6815 or email frdavidcowan@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 26

6:00 PM Trinity Plaza Community Group Meeting – Upstairs, Education Building

Friday, January 29

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs: Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Saturday, January 30

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, January 31

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for loved ones Vladimir, Joseph, Ella, Mary, John, Anna & Steve, requested by Zofia Kowalczyk; for John Kowalczyk, by Mr. & Mrs. Szymon Gebuza; and for John & Julia Wislocki, by Julia Bojko.

After the Liturgy: *Annual Parish Meeting* (Rescheduled from January 24)

Monday, February 1

7:00 PM *Great Vespers* with *Blessing of Candles* – Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

Tuesday, February 2

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Blessing of Candles* – Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

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 present in the house should come together and stand at the table. If kids are present, an icon for each child to carry (who is big enough to carry one) should also be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

Thanks again to the small but mighty crew who set up and took down the Christmas decorations. Thank you for another glorious Nativity Season!

THE ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT

The Annual Diocesan Altar Servers retreat is scheduled for **February 12-14, 2016 at Saint Basil's Academy, 79 St. Basil's Road, Garrison NY**. Saint Basil's Academy has beautiful grounds offering dormitory style rooms, an indoor basketball court and an Olympic-size indoor swimming pool which will be available for use.

Saint Basil's Academy dormitory space has been reserved for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. The arrival of the altar servers will be on Friday evening, February 12. The retreat will conclude on Sunday, February 14, following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Last year we had over 50 participants attending the retreat where they enjoyed fellowship, education, and spiritual enrichment under the guidance of His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL. We look forward to another successful retreat where we learn the basics and fundamentals of serving the Divine Services. A special feature at this year's retreat will be learning how to serve a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy along with how to read and chant in church. Those servers who are interested in attending the retreat should contact their parish priest for information and registration forms. Clergy of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey should report the number of altar servers that will attend the retreat to Priest Jason Vansuch (as soon as possible). Adult supervision will also be sought to accompany the servers.



See Father David to sign up!

TODAY'S EPISTLE Colossians 3:4-11 Brethren: Colossians 3:4-11 (*Epistle*)

4When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.5Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.6Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,7in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.8But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.9Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,10and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,11where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 18:35-43 At that time, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.36And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.37So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.38And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"39Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"40So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,41saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."42Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."43And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

NEXT MEETING OF THE TRINITY PLAZA COMMUNITY GROUP:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:00 PM – Here, in the Education Building

Hear updates and ask questions about the future of the "Longfellow Field" ... the difficulties with lighting and pavement quality in the Hollow ... and other issues.

Please come, and be a part of the re-vitalizing of this historic neighborhood!

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.***

FATHER ALEXANDER SCHMEMANN LECTURE



TOWARD THE
GREAT AND HOLY
COUNCIL:
RETRIEVING A
CULTURE OF
CONCILIARITY
AND CONSENSUS

THE REVEREND DR. JOHN CHRYSAVGIS
Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Father John currently serves as theological advisor to the Ecumenical Patriarch on environmental issues. He studied theology and philosophy at Athens and Oxford, and taught patristics and church history in Sydney and Boston. Father John is the author of over twenty books and numerous articles on the Church Fathers and Orthodox spirituality.



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
7:00 PM
METROPOLITAN PHILIP
AUDITORIUM
JOHN G. RANGOS FAMILY
BUILDING**

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:

His Eminence Archbishop Nikon; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosing; Victor Miroshnikov; children Anthony & Adriana Prusak, John King, and Matvey Wulsing; Daniel Paprocki; John & Elizabeth Batson; Mat. Mary & Danielle Geeza; Mat. Kathy Kowalczyk; the survivors of the terrorist attack in California; Adnan Abbasi; newborn Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Tekla Rzyk; Timothy; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Elena Herman; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szpynda; baby Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Evan; Nicholas; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; Nicholas Washenko; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; expecting parents Victoria & Joel Statkevics, Juliana & Mark Federoff, Mat. Anastasia & Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Mat. Viktoria & Fr. Adrian Budica and their unborn children; Stan & Victoria, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker; Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk, John Udics; Joseph Chupeck, Jonathan Ivanoff, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik; John Nehrebecki, Herman Schick, David Shewczyk, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Stephen Mack, PDn. Peter Skoog; 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 and nuns, and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families; all those named Xenia on this feast day. Birthdays: Helen Maybo (today); Mardi Perry (1/29). Anniversary: George & Madeline Miroshnikov's first (1/18/15).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Eugene Degyansky (+1/22); Julia Wislocki (+1/6); Maria Plakakis (+1/1); Sophie Turko (12/20); the ever-memorable James Dempsey (birthday 1/28); Valentina & Olga; Leonid; all those departed named Xenia; and all those 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.