

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*

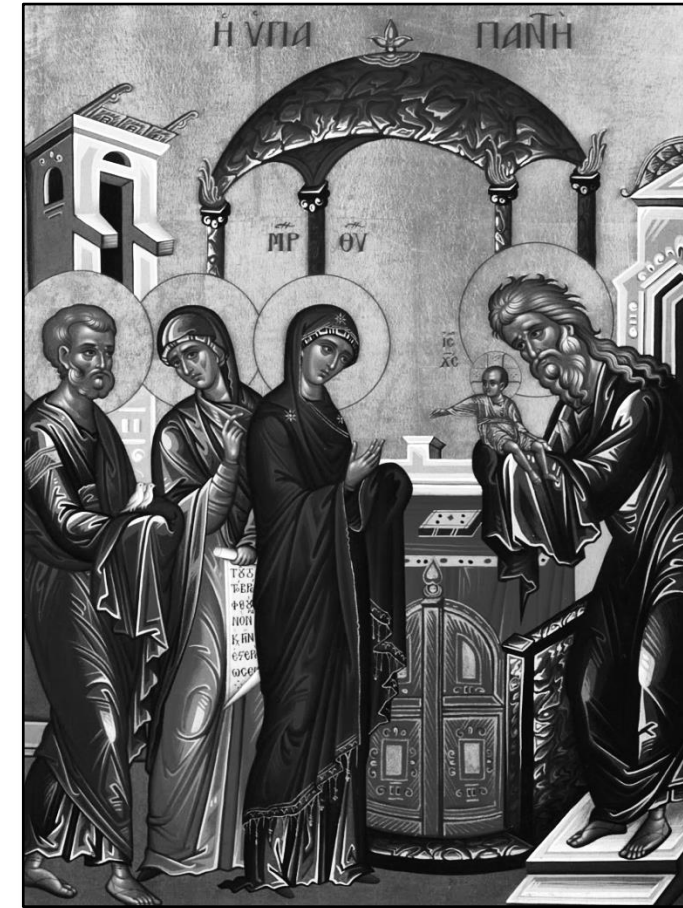
*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
14-65 Clintonville Street
Whitestone, New York 11357*

~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, February 7, 2016
36th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 3
Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

The Yolka has been re-scheduled to **Sunday, February 28.**
That is the date when the greatest number of participants can be here.
Matushka Tamara will contact participants and their families with details.



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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Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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 frdavidcowan@gmail.com

Tuesday, February 9

7:00 PM *Akathist* to the Most-Holy Theotokos, Nurturer of Children

Saturday, February 13

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, February 14 – Zacchaeus Sunday

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for John Kowalczyk (+2/9/14), requested by his wife, Melanie Kowalczyk and Family; and for John & Julia Wislocki, by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Czuchta

Wednesday, February 17

7:00 PM *Akathist of Thanksgiving* – “Glory to God for All Things”

Saturday, February 20

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, February 21 – The Publican and the Pharisee

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

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.

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.

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 1 Timothy 1:15-17 My son Timothy, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.¹⁶However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.¹⁷Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 At that time, Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.²²And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."²³But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."²⁴But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."²⁵Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"²⁶But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."²⁷And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."²⁸Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

THANKS TO OUR "CHILI COOK-OFF CHEFS"!

... and to all who participated in last week's Annual Parish Meeting.

A date to administer the Oath of Office and offer prayers for our newly elected and returning Parish Council Members will be announced shortly.

**On Sunday, March 27: A Special Presentation from OCMC:
the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.**

Please stay for Coffee Hour that day and welcome Fr. Juvenaly, a New York native Orthodox monastic now preparing to resume his missionary journey in South America!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19 AT CARNEGIE HALL:
BENEFIT CONCERT FOR I.O.C.C.**

A very special concert will be given by the renowned Russian-born pianist Natalya Antanova on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. It marks the 205th anniversary of Chopin's birth, but most importantly is dedicated to the memory of the Russian citizens who 6 months ago tragically perished in the October 2015 Sharm el-Sheikh air disaster. Most of the ticket proceeds will be given to the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) to support their refugee relief program.

Ms. Antonova made her debut with the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra at the age of 16, and upon graduation from the Leningrad Conservatory was appointed as the youngest professor in the history of that school.

In 1993, Ms. Antonova joined the faculty at the Eastman School of Music, where she is currently a distinguished Professor of Piano.

Tickets for this recital are priced at \$30 and will go fast, due to the special intimacy of Carnegie's Weill Hall. There is a special discount code for Orthodox church members and a 50% discount rate for students and seniors. The DISCOUNT CODE SVM23232 should be given when purchasing tickets. In a few weeks, a small poster will be sent to you as a follow-up. Contact information for the Carnegie Hall Box Office is noted below.

For Tickets:

1. In person at the Carnegie Hall Box Office, Seventh Avenue and 57th St.
2. Internet: go to www.carnegiehall.org click on "Calendar & Tickets", enter date of the concert
3. by phone: 212-247-7800 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. 7 days a week

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:

Jenifer Calomiris, Elena Herman & Victor Miroshnikov, recovering from surgery; Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosing; Matvey Wulsing; Daniel Paprocki; John & Elizabeth Batson; Mat. Mary & Danielle Geeza; Mat. Kathy Kowalczyk; Adnan Abbasi; baby Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Tekla Ryzyk; Timothy; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szpynda; baby Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Evan; Nicholas; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; Nicholas Washenko; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; newborn John Federoff, his parents Mark & Juliana; expecting parents Victoria & Joel Statkevics, 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, 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; 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. Birthdays: Lidia Ryzyk (today); Madeline Miroshnikov & Martha Wislocki (2/8); Olivia Reduto (2/11).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Archimandrite Athanasy (Mastalski) (+2/5); Archpriest John Udics (+2/3); Eugene Degyansky (+1/22); Julia Wislocki (+1/6); Maria Plakakis (+1/1); Sophie Turko (+12/20); the ever-memorable Valentina & Olga; Leonid; 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.