

Please visit the

## LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP

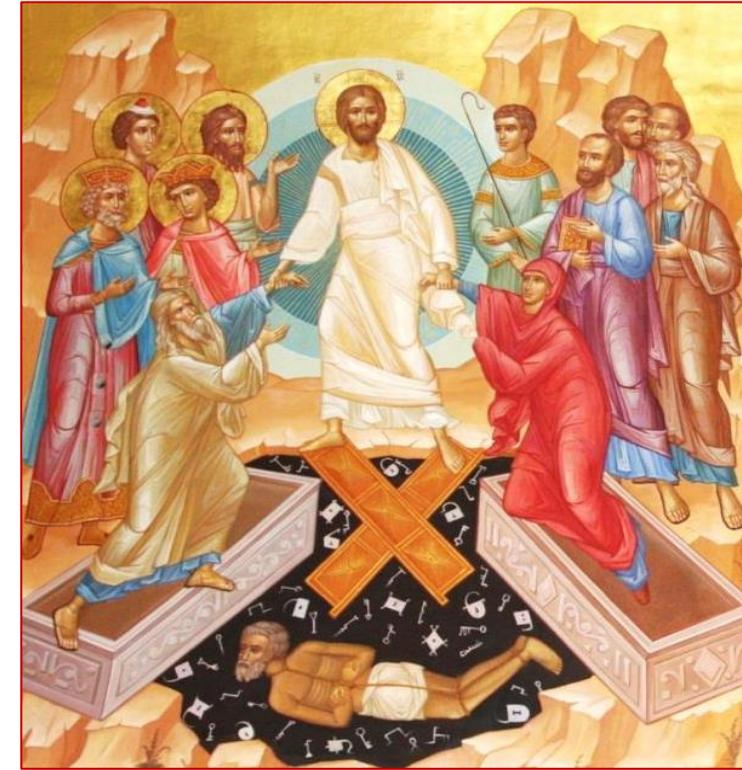
Featuring Icons ... Decorated Eggs ...  
Orthodox Greeting Cards  
Gifts for Pascha and Mother's Day

Open Today During Pascha Agape Breakfast!

Located in the Education Building,  
Ground Floor

Second Room on the Right  
from the Courtyard Entrance

## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



Sunday, May 1, 2016

~ **HOLY PASCHA** ~

The Resurrection of Our  
Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ!  
ВОИСТИНУ ВОСКРЕСЕ!**



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Trinity Plaza ✦ 46 Seymour Street ✦ Yonkers, New York 10701  
 Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan ✦ Protodeacon John Eby  
 Attached: V. Rev. John Tkachuk ✦ Rev. Vitaly Bahanovich  
 Rector Emeritus: V. Rev. Yaroslav Sudick, Ph.D., D.D.  
 Rectory Phone 914-965-6815 ✦ Email: frdavidcowan@gmail.com  
 Web: www.holytrinityyonkers.org  
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/holytrinityorthodox  
 Diocese of New York & New Jersey: www.nynjoca.org

**May 1, 2016: Holy PASCHA ~ The Resurrection of Christ**

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Great and Holy Saturday, April 30

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, MAY 1

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

#### Bright Monday, May 2

10:00 AM *Paschal Divine Liturgy* – His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, Celebrating

#### Bright Friday, May 6

10:00 AM *Paschal Divine Liturgy*

#### Bright Saturday, May 7

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, May 8 ~ Sunday of St. Thomas, the Believing

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

1:00 PM *Blessing of Graves* at Oakland Cemetery

#### Saturday, May 14

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, May 15 ~ Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

#### Saturday, May 21

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, May 22 ~ Sunday of the Paralytic

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

### NEW CHURCH CUSTODIAN NEEDED

If you are interested in assuming the custodial duties for the church building, then please see either Father David or Parish Council President Patricia Bouteneff.

True, for a time death separates those who are joined to each other in marriage. Yes, it harshly and cruelly divides those whom friendship unites. But, Christ is Risen! Death's power is broken! Its heinous yoke has been destroyed by the One who threatened it with the cry of the Prophet Hosea: "O Death, I shall be your death" (Hosea 13:14). And with the words of the Apostle Paul, we too deride it: "O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting?" (I Cor. 15:55).

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! On this joyous day, my beloved, let us truly celebrate! But let us also remember: We do not really belong to ourselves. We belong to the One Who has redeemed us! Our will should always depend upon His! For this reason we say in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done!" Yes, we belong to the Risen Savior ... the One Who has triumphed on Holy Pascha! We belong to the Resurrected Christ ... the One Who promises us: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). We belong to the Lord of Glory ... the God Who loves us more than we love ourselves!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! May the Resurrected Lord bless you and your loved ones on this great Feast of Feasts and always – with all the good things that come from His hands!

With my humble prayers, my Archpastoral blessing and my sincere love,

+ M I C H A E L

Archbishop of New York and the

Diocese of New York and New Jersey

## *With Thanks...*

*Thank you to all who have labored so long to prepare  
 for this radiant Feast of Feasts ...  
 those who have sung, directed, chanted and rehearsed ...  
 those who have cleaned, cooked, changed candles and coverings,  
 cleaned up candle wax, collected trash, and  
 contributed in so many other ways  
 to the beauty of this church and its grounds.*

*Special thanks, also, to those who have made donations in memory of departed loved ones, and with prayers for living loved ones, to provide all the candles, flowers, incense, bread, wine, oil, and beautiful furnishings that surround us today.*

*Donations have continued to come in over Holy Week;  
 and a complete list will appear in an upcoming Bulletin.*

**ARCHPASTORAL LETTER FOR PASCHA 2016  
FROM HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL**

Dearly Beloved Members of our Diocesan Family: *Christ is Risen! – Indeed He is Risen!*

***“This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it”*** (Psalm 117:24).

Christ is Risen! He has burst open the gates of Hades, and freed the dead from captivity! He has renewed the earth through the members of His Church, now born anew in Baptism, and He has made creation blossom afresh with men and women brought back to life! He has unlocked the doors of Heaven, which now stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth!

Because of Christ’s Resurrection, the thief ascends to Paradise, the bodies of the Saints enter the Holy City, and the dead are restored to the company of the living! There is an upward movement in all of creation – each element being raised to something higher! We see Hades releasing its victims to the upper regions, the earth sending its buried dead to Heaven, and Heaven presenting its new arrivals to the Lord! In one and the same movement, Our Savior’s Passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights!

Christ is Risen! His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the Saints! It is no wonder David the Psalmist summons all creation to join in celebrating the Paschal Feast: *“This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

And so, my brothers and sisters, each of us ought truly to rejoice on this Holiest of Days! Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from this glorious celebration. Nor let anyone be kept from the Holy Liturgy because of the burden of his guilt. Sinners we may indeed be, but we must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged. If a thief could receive the grace of Paradise, how could a repentant Christian be refused forgiveness?

Christ is Risen! The Conqueror has redeemed us! He handed Himself over to wicked men so that He could transform the wicked into Saints truly dear to Him! By focusing our attention upon the glory of Our Redeemer, there is sufficient hope for our resurrection. Through faith we know that we are already risen from the dead. Saint Paul tells us, *“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him”* (Romans 6:8).

Even as regards our departed loved ones, the Apostle does not want us to grieve about those who have fallen asleep. Let the hope of the Resurrection encourage us, because we shall see again those whom we have lost here below. Of course, we must continue to firmly believe in the Risen Christ; we must continue to obey His commandments. But we know that His power is so great that it is easier for Him to raise the dead to life than it is for us to arouse those who are sleeping.

As we ponder these things, some feelings may cause us to weep for those we love; some hidden feelings may discourage our minds from trust and hope. Such is the sad human condition – without Christ, all of life is emptiness! But with Him, we share in His victory: The triumph of His light over darkness! The triumph of His goodness over evil! The triumph of His love over hate! The triumph of His healing over suffering! The triumph of His salvation over sin! The triumph of His life over death!

**TODAY’S EPISTLE Acts 1:1-8** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,<sup>2</sup>until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,<sup>3</sup>to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup>And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me;<sup>5</sup>for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.<sup>6</sup>Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”<sup>7</sup>And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.<sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL John 1:1-17** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.<sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.<sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.<sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.<sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.<sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.<sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:<sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.<sup>15</sup>John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’”<sup>16</sup>And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.<sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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

- **Sat., May 14: Youth in your Teens and 20's -- "Exploring Ministry – A Day in NYC to Discover How You Can Serve the Church"**, at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, 59 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NYC. Visit [www.exploringministry.org](http://www.exploringministry.org) or see Fr. David.
- **Sat.-Sun., May 28-29: Archbishop Michael Visits Us**, Details soon.
- **Saturday, June 25, Time TBA (approx. 10AM-4PM), Parish Council Conference**, "Making the Transition to Stewardship As A Diocesan Family", Matushka Mary Breton, CPA, Treasurer of the Diocese – at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, 59 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NYC. All Parish Council members are requested to attend. Thank you!

### 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!

Bassim Abbasi	Andrew Nolan	Matt Skalski
Michael Bouteneff	Kamille Perry	Alexandra Solak
Joe Ciamarra	Schuyler Perry	Justyna Skalski
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Dan Kozak	Amanda Rzyzyk	
Madeline Miroshnikov	Peter Rzyzyk	

*"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.

### 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.**

### **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.



### 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:**

Tanya Balasenowich; Anne Mikitish; Anna Bolinsky; Ghadfa Khoury; Boris Lyzak; Bill Bodack; Michael Speck; Jenifer Calomiris, recovering from surgery; Mat. Joanna Bohush; Elsa, Felicia, Brielis, Karelin & Beatriz; Stephanie Davis; Alexander Kravchenko; Virginia Shanahan; John O'Donnel; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosin; Elena Herman; John Paluch; Danielle Geeza; infant Maria; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Lorna Nelson; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szpynda; baby Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Christina and her child Giovanni; Daniel; Gail; Nicholas; Nicholas Washenko; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; expecting parents Victoria & Joel Statkevics, Nadia & John Constantine, Mat. Anastasia & Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Mat. Viktoria & Fr. Adrian Budica and their unborn children; Stan & Victoria, Kenneth & Christina and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Carmen Fesh; Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk, Joseph Chupeck, Michael Hatrak, Jonathan Ivanoff, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik; John Nightengale, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Stephen Mack, PDn. Peter Skoog; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; 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, Bryan, Mykola & Marin; 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: Vera Bouteneff (turning 90 on May 5!); Suzanne Nolan (today); John and Mark Rzyzyk (5/4); Jim Perry (5/6); Adriana Prusak (5/7).

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Paul Murphy, Bogdan Saleh; Susan Cohen (+4/8); Daniel Paprocki (+3/31); Anne Speck (+3/30); Michael Stanford (+3/26); John Homa (+Pascha 2011); Joseph John Nolan (Chris's uncle); Ivan, Evgeny, Nina; Antonina; 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.**