

## The Church School Year Begins Today

Today, at the End of Liturgy:  
Blessing of Church School Students and Teachers

Then ... 1 to 4 PM: Church School Kickoff  
Pool Party and Barbecue  
at Mark and Beth Rzyk's Home.  
At the party we will register Church School students  
and distribute the schedule  
of classes and activities for the Fall Semester.

We have a new format for Church School,  
some new teachers, and exciting things planned!

Class will begin Sunday, September 18  
after students are dismissed from the Divine Liturgy.

Please tell Matushka Tamara if you are coming; AND  
let her know if you can bring side dishes or desserts.

*Thank you!*

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

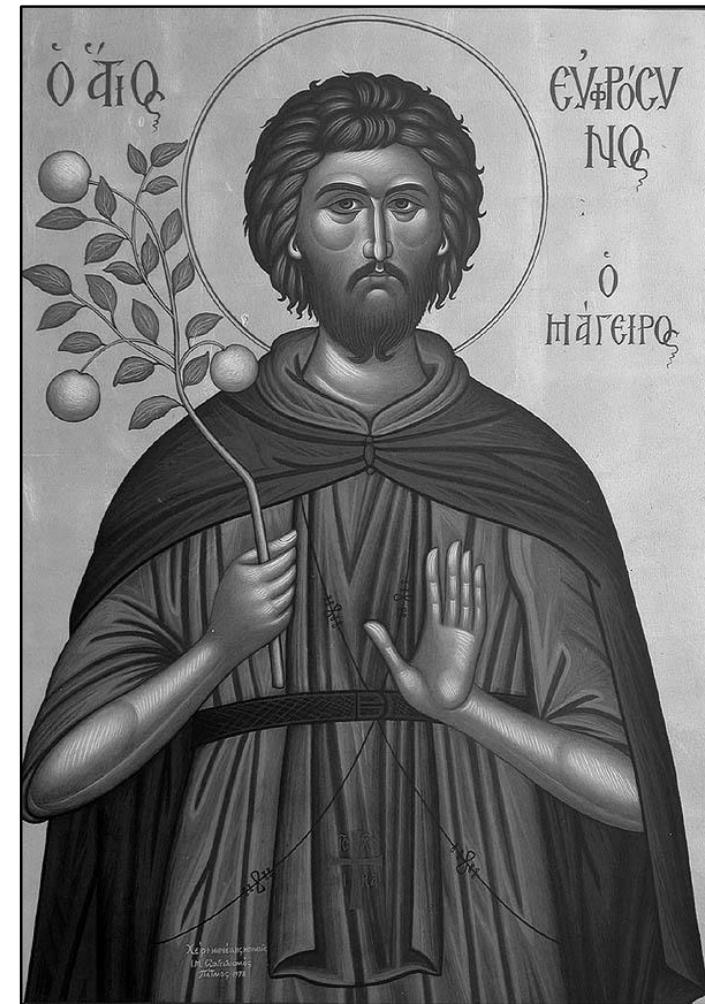
Become a ***DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!***

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



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Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross

The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks on New York and Washington, DC



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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Memorial Prayers* for the Victims of the 9/11/2001 Attacks and *Blessing of Church School Students and Teachers*

1-4 PM Church School Kickoff Pool Party at Mark and Beth Rzyzyk's Home

#### Tuesday, September 13

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross

#### Wednesday, September 14 – Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

#### Saturday, September 17

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers* – Please Welcome Father David Mezynski

#### Sunday, September 18

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Please Welcome Father David Mezynski

#### Saturday, September 24

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers* – Please Welcome Father David Mezynski

#### Sunday, September 25

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Please Welcome Father David Mezynski

#### Saturday, October 1

10:00 AM *Akathist* for the Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos – “*Pokrov*”

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, October 2

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

#### **Birthday Coming Up? Give Father A Note!**

If you, or a loved one, has a birthday coming up that you would like included in our prayers, please give Father a note in church or send an email to [frdavidcowan@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidcowan@gmail.com), so it can go in the Bulletin and we can sing for you in church!

### **Parents of College Students:**

We are sending out College Student Care packages this week, in honor of the Feast of the Cross September 14!  
If you haven't done so yet, please give Patricia Bouteneff your student's mailing address on campus!

### **Some News About Candle Sales and Sponsorships**

At the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council was asked to take a close look at the parish spends on candles. We came to realize that the prices we currently charge for candles do not cover our costs. As a result, the prices of most candles will increase. An updated price list will be available shortly. Price changes will take effect October 1 to allow time for those who buy candles to be informed.

Also starting in October, the opportunity will be offered throughout the year for anyone to sponsor certain candles in particular places in the church, like we do for Pascha and Christmas but now also on a monthly basis – in prayerful remembrance of your departed and living relatives and loved ones, who will also be included in the prayers during services and listed in our weekly bulletin. A Monthly Memorial Candle Sponsorship Form will be available at the candle stand soon.

### **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for September**

Any family who can host Coffee Hour on any Sunday during the Fall Season – please speak with Tina Reduto.

*Thank you!*

## GODSPELL

will be presented by our OCA Youth and Friends  
on Friday, Sept. 23rd and Saturday, Sept. 24th at 7PM  
at Holy Assumption Church, 35 Orange Ave, Clifton NJ.

Tickets are \$10.00. Proceeds will go to benefit  
the youth of our Diocese.

Come and see the Gospel of St. Matthew  
brought to life with teachings, song and dance!

For tickets or more information  
please contact Matushka Barbara Baz by calling (973)473-0076.

### **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	Joshua Rzyk
Elizabeth Bouteneff	August Perry	Peter Rzyk
Michael Bouteneff	Kamille Perry	Stephanie Rzyk
Joe Ciamarra	Schuyler Perry	Justyna Skalski
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Dan Kozak	Amanda Rzyk	

*“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.***

**TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11** Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,<sup>2</sup>by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,<sup>5</sup>and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.<sup>6</sup>After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.<sup>7</sup>After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.<sup>8</sup>Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.<sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.<sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.<sup>11</sup>Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 19:16-26** At that time, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”<sup>17</sup>So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”<sup>18</sup>He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’<sup>19</sup>‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”<sup>20</sup>The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”<sup>22</sup>But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.<sup>24</sup>And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.<sup>25</sup>When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”<sup>26</sup>But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

## COMING EVENTS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE...

- **Today, September 11, 1-4 PM: Church School Pool Party, at Mark and Beth Rzyk's Home**  
(See Back Page for Details)
- **Saturday, October 15, 12:00 PM: Diocesan Youth Choir Rehearsal, Here.**
- **Saturday, November 5:**
  - **10:30 AM: Baptism of Nicholas James Statkevicius**
  - **4:00 PM: Baptism of Mason VanLare**

## COMING SOON – HOSTING THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY, NOV. 1-2, 2016

As HTOC Yonkers is the site of the upcoming Diocesan Assembly on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 1-2, it will soon be time to make hospitality preparations.

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**NEW:** The **DIOCESAN YOUTH CHOIR** has been formed to sing a concert for the Assembly participants, in our Fellowship Hall, at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 1. All of our young singers – those who sing in church already and those who have not sung in church but are interested – are welcome to be in this concert! The rehearsal with Matushka Tamara will be held here Saturday, Oct. 15, at 12:00 PM.

## 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:**

Newborn Nicholas James Statkevicius; newborn Elizabeth Woodill and her mother Juliana; June Pavlov and Janet VanDuyn, recovering from surgery; John Felenczak; Simeon; Mat. Mary Perez; Mat. Masha Tkachuk; Michael, Elena and Nina Paolercio; Vladimir & Klavdia; Therese Dominick; Adnan Abbasi; Nicholas Macagnone; Cris Saraceno; Matushka Juliana Schmemann; Tanya Balasenowich; Nadia Constantine and her unborn child; James Cowan; Ann Dahulich; Anna Bolinsky; Boris Lyzak; Abraham Behrend; Mary Zizik; Stephanie Davis, Susan Hansen, Alexander Kravchenko, Virginia Shanahan, John O'Donnel; Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosing; Elena Herman; John Paluch; Danielle Geeza; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake; Mat. Olga Meerson; Eleanor Wasilko; child Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Nicholas Washenko; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Kenneth & Cristina and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Carmen Fesh; Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. John Parsells, John Reeves, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk, Igor Burdikoff, John Chupeck, Joseph Chupeck, Jonathan Ivanoff, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik, John Nightingale, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Stephen Mack, PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Dn. John Holoduek; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Martha Slivka; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially 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; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Edward Nasser; Kenneth Connors (+8/31); Stephen Paul (+8/31); Cathryn Tatusko (+8/2); Susan (+7/28); ever-memorable Thomas Michaels; 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.**