

Church School Update for the 2016-17 School Year

The fall semester of Church School will see some new and exciting changes. There will be one classroom setting with multiple grades and teachers, using the same curriculum at different learning levels.

The Teen Class (13 and up) will meet with Fr. David once a month in the Teen Room. Those dates are **October 16, November 20 and December 4**. Please make sure your teens attend those Sunday sessions.

The theme for this fall semester is, **“Whose Name’s Day is Next?”** Students will learn about the Liturgical Year through the Feasts and Fasts and the lives of our Patron Saints.

A BIG thank you to our Church School teachers who have already been busy: attending the Diocesan teachers’ conference, meeting to plan the curriculum, and developing lessons and activities to ensure that our children have the opportunity to live a full life of Christian formation! The volunteer teachers are Olga Ptach, Maria Bahanovich, and Matushka Tamara. Teachers’ assistants and guest speakers include Elena Paolercio, Ludmilla Branzow and Nicholas Macagnone. Our new Church School Communications Coordinator is Vera Bullock.

Class starts at 11:30, after students are dismissed from Liturgy and have their snack. Class ends at 12:10.

Parents, Godparents, and families:

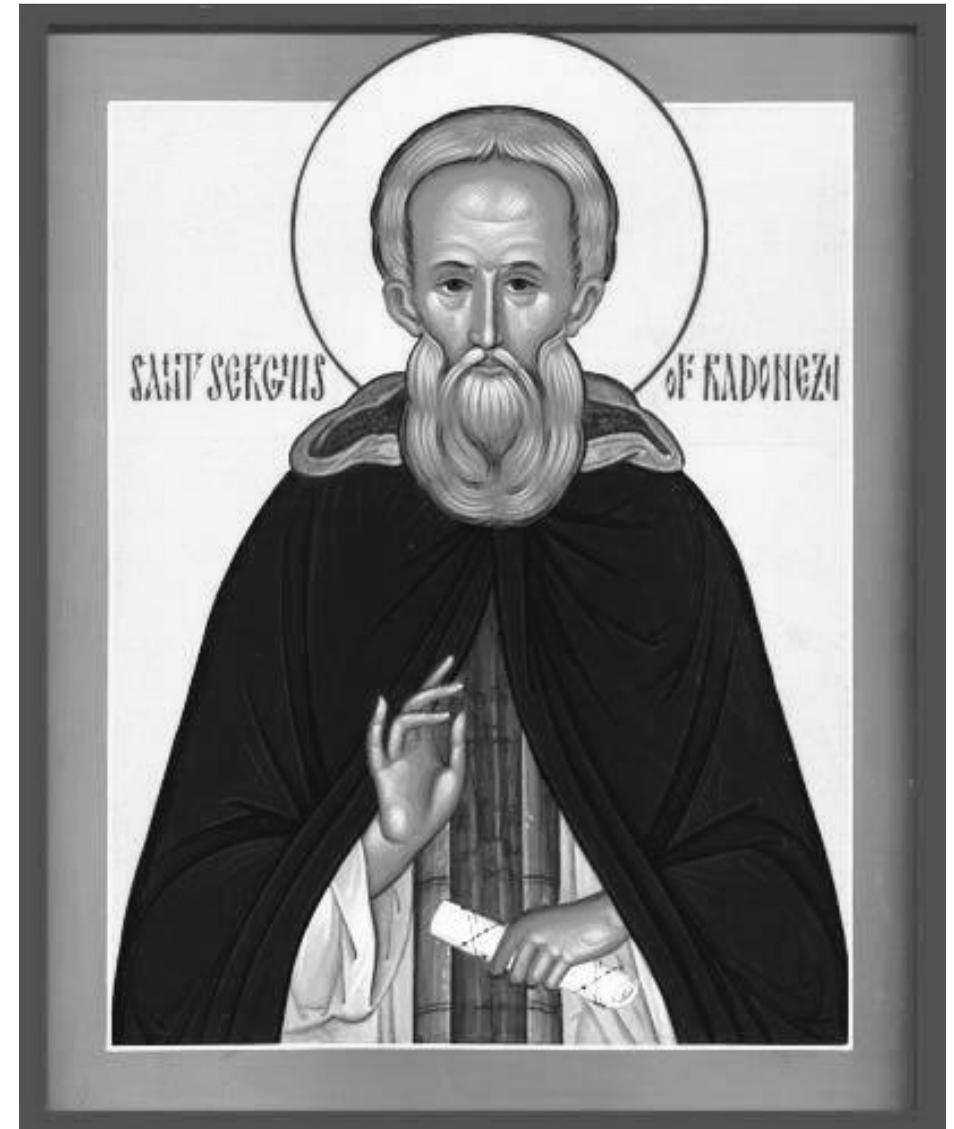
Will you support your children’s formation as Christians by bringing them to the Divine Liturgy, and to Church School, every week?

**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 ... and scroll down to VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS. Questions? See Fr. David.



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



Sunday, September 25, 2016 ~ 14th Sunday After Pentecost
Repose of Saint Sergius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Radonezh



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Rest of Saint Sergius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Radonezh
Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2; Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

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*

12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Education Building

Saturday, October 8

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, October 9

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, October 15

12:00 PM Diocesan Youth Choir Rehearsal, for Concert at Diocesan Assembly

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, October 16

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

At Coffee Hour: Presentation by the Orthodox Youth Mission Team (OYMT)

Saturday, October 22

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, October 23

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

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 is posted on the candle desk. 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 is on top of the bookshelf across from the candle desk.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed for Fall

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

Thank you!

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Presentation Sunday, October 16

Please join the Orthodox Youth Mission Team at coffee hour on Sunday, October 16 as they host a presentation about their trip to Appalachia this past July. They would like to thank everyone who contributed financially and spiritually. By supporting OYMT, our entire parish is doing the mission work of Christ. As fishers of men, we all share in this service; whether casting the net, providing materials for the net, or praying for its bounty. Please come see the fruits of all our labor. *As always, 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	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 Galatians 5:22-6:2 Brethren: the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.²⁴And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.¹Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 6:17-23 At that time, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,¹⁸as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.¹⁹And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.²⁰Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God.²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh.²²Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.”

Sponsor a Local Student's School Supplies

Would someone be able to sponsor a neighborhood child's school supplies? The cost is \$75.00. See Fr David next Sunday.

COMING EVENTS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE...

- **Saturday, October 15, 12:00 PM: Diocesan Youth Choir Rehearsal, Here.**
- **Sunday, October 16: Orthodox Youth Mission Team / ASP Presentation at Coffee Hour**
- **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.

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:

Beverly Juergens (Beth Rzyk's grandmother); newborn Nicholas James Statkevicius; newborn Elizabeth Woodill and her mother Juliana; June Pavlov and Janet VanDuyn, recovering from surgery; John Felenczak; Simeon; Vincent Knarr; Lois & Charles McKenley; 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 Dosin; Elena Herman; John Paluch; Danielle Geeza; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Mat. Anastasia Harris; 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; all those named Sergei, Sergius and Serge. Birthdays: Tina Reduto (today); Christianna Piwinski (9/28).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Matushka Cecelia Burdikoff (9/12); Edward Nassr (+9/4); Kenneth Connors (+8/31); Stephen Paul (+8/31); the infant Sergei Statkevicius and all those departed named Sergei, Sergius and Serge; 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.