

### TEENS TO MEET WITH FR. DAVID MONTHLY:

Today, After Mission Team / ASP Presentation  
Sunday, November 20, After the Liturgy  
Sunday, December 4, After the Liturgy

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

- Today: Orthodox Youth Mission Team / ASP Presentation at Coffee Hour
- Saturday, October 22:
  - 10:00 AM: Panikhida for the Departed Benefactors of our Holy Trinity Legacy Society
  - 3:00 PM: Wedding of Cristina Ungureanu and Kenneth O'Connor
- Sunday, October 23, 3:00-7:00 PM: Annual Lemko Kermesh Celebration, Fairways Restaurant at Dunwoodie Golf Club, 1 Grace Avenue, Yonkers. For ticket prices and details, see John Felenczak.
- 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 we are hosting the upcoming Diocesan Assembly on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 1-2, it will soon be time to make hospitality preparations.

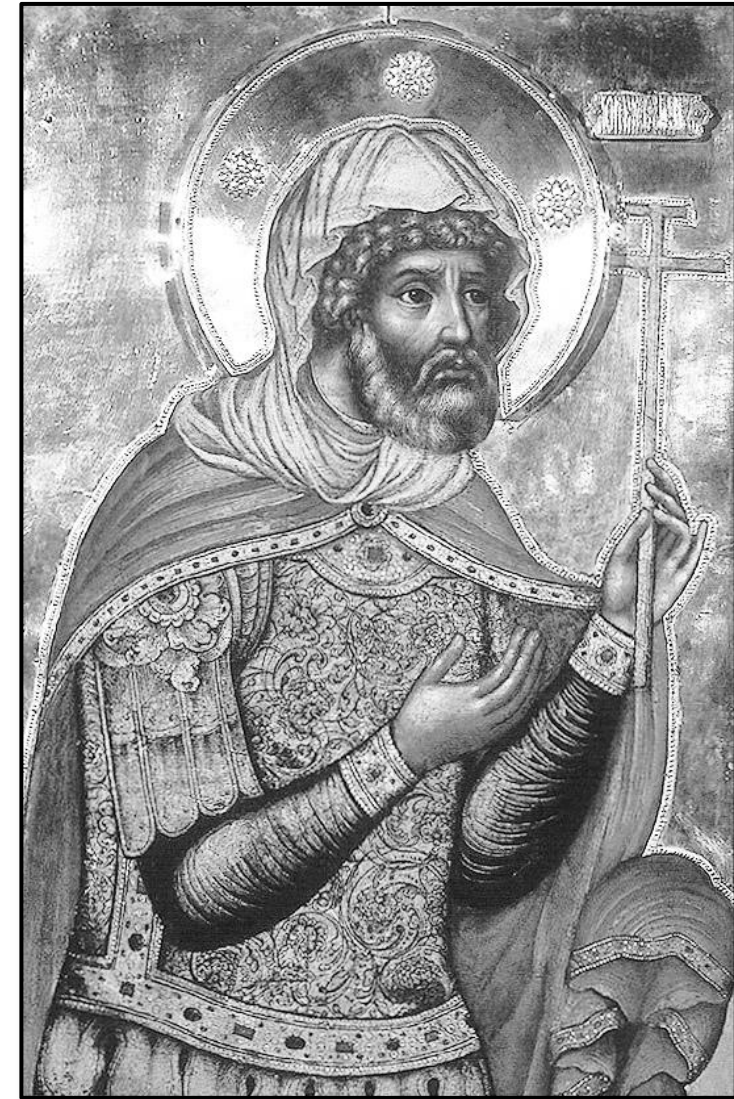
**WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY?  
Become a DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!**

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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Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord  
Commemoration of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council



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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour and Church School  
At Coffee Hour: Presentation by the Orthodox Youth Mission Team (OYMT),  
Father David's Monthly Meeting with the Teens

#### Friday, October 21

5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

#### Saturday, October 22

10:00 AM Panikhida for the Departed Benefactors of Our Holy Trinity Legacy Society  
3:00 PM Wedding of Kenneth O'Connor and Cristina Ungureanu  
5:30 PM Private Confession Available  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, October 23

9:30 AM Reception into the Catechumenate of Norman Herman  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Panikhida for Teodor Felenczak, requested by the Felenczak  
and Medwid families; followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

#### Saturday, October 29

5:30 PM Private Confession Available  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, October 30

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour and Church School Hike

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#### Tuesday, November 1 – Diocesan Assembly, Day 1

9:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, Celebrant  
After Liturgy: Brunch for Assembly Participants, in the Fellowship Hall  
1:00 PM Call to Order of the Diocesan Assembly

#### Wednesday, November 2 – Diocesan Assembly, Day 2

9:00 AM Molieben (Service of Thanksgiving), Archbishop Michael, Celebrant  
9:45 AM Breakfast for Assembly Day 2 Participants  
10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Educational Sessions for Clergy and Lay Delegates  
1:00 PM Lunch  
2:00 PM – 4:30 PM Educational Sessions Continue and Conclude

#### Saturday, November 5

10:30 AM Baptism of Nicholas James Statkevicius  
4:00 PM Baptism of Mason VanLare  
5:30 PM Private Confession Available  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, November 6

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP!

The Church School students will be doing an outreach project to benefit our local community. Every year, families in need call on the church for help providing Thanksgiving dinner. In 2015 six families approached us for help at Thanksgiving.

The Church School will buy ingredients and put baskets together on Sunday, Nov. 20, and then the baskets will be available at the rectory for families in need.

Can you either sponsor a family's basket, for \$25.00, or give some amount toward a basket?

To help, please see one of the Church School teachers: Olga Ptach, Maria Bahanovich, Matushka Tamara, or Elena Paolercio. Thank you!



## Stewardship at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

This year we are blessed to have the opportunity to think in depth about stewardship, our humble response to God's great love for us.

Stewardship is not just about money. It is about taking care of the magnificent blessings God has given us – number one being His Holy House; His Church. Stewardship is about leading our lives in such a way that we are constantly expressing our gratitude to God for all the amazing ways He has blessed our lives. Stewardship, done well, lets us express that our entire life is God's gift. In our heart of hearts, we know: **We really own nothing; everything is on loan to us from God.** When we are loaned something of value, don't we try to take care of it in order to return it back to its rightful owner in at least as good condition as it was given to us?

Throughout the Scriptures, God is extravagant in His grace and goodness to the grateful and the ungrateful alike – to those striving for sainthood, and even to "those who are hardened in sin". He is never miserly! Over and over again, the Scriptures teach us to always be generous toward the Lord and other people. Nowhere in the Scriptures are we instructed to wait until we have everything we want before we are generous to others. No one ever became a saint because of how **little** he or she did on behalf of Christ and His Church.

So if stewardship is a reflection not only of this Christian attitude, but also of our faith in and gratitude to the God Whom we say we love and serve, how then can we not RUN towards this opportunity to return, as best we can, all God's generosity and love to us? Let us seize the moment and grow in thankfulness to God as we pledge our "thanks" through our giving to Holy Trinity Church.

**Pledge commitment cards will be distributed in November. Please return your pledge card by mail or in person to Fr. David by December 1.**

**TODAY'S EPISTLE** **Corinthians 6:16-7:1** Brethren: What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."<sup>17</sup>Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."<sup>18</sup>I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."<sup>19</sup>Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** **Luke 8:5-15** The Lord told this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.<sup>6</sup>Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.<sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.<sup>8</sup>But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"<sup>9</sup>Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"<sup>10</sup>And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'<sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.<sup>12</sup>Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.<sup>13</sup>But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.<sup>14</sup>Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.<sup>15</sup>But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

## Orthodox Youth Mission Team Presentation Today

Please join the Orthodox Youth Mission Team at coffee hour today 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.***

### 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:**

Those affected by Hurricane Matthew; newborn Nicholas James Statkevicius and Mason Van Lare; Eunice Bullock; John Felenczak; Simeon; Vincent Knarr; Lois & Charles McKenley; Vladimir & Klavdia; Adnan Abbasi; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; Nadia Constantine and her unborn child; Ann Dahulich; Anna Bolinsky; Boris Lyzak; Stephanie Davis, Susan Hansen, Alexander Kravchenko, Virginia Shanahan, John O'Donnel; Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosing; Elena Herman; Danielle Geeza; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Eleanor Wasilko; child Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; 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; Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. John Parsells, John Reeves, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Anastasia Harris, Juliana Schmemann, Masha Tkachuk and Laryssa Hutnyan; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Martha Slivka; Nicholas Washenko; 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 monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Cris Saraceno (10/12); Natalia Miroshnikova (10/13).

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Michael Nystoriak (+10/11); Fr. Alexander Pihach (10/8); the victims of Hurricane Matthew; Fr. Alexander Mayba (+10/5); Beverly Juergens (Beth Rzyk's grandmother, +9/20); Matushka Cecelia Burdikoff (9/12); 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.**

### CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR OCTOBER:

**Altar 7-Branch Candles,** Ptach/Roshak Family. Departed: Peter, Berta, Robert Michael, Dorothy, Helen, Fred, Diana, Sergeius. Living: Michael, Deirdre, Michael, Peter, Laura, Mark, Eric, Julianna & unborn child, Ayden. **Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ,** Departed Members, Wirchansky Family. Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson, and Carlucci Families.