

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

Today, After the Liturgy;  
“Our Faith Online, Around the World” with Nick Macagnone  
Sunday, December 4, After the Liturgy

### COMING EVENTS – HERE AND ELSEWHERE

- Sunday, Nov. 20, at Coffee Hour: Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Assembly with the Church School Students
- Sunday, Dec. 11, at Coffee Hour: The Church School Students Present “The Life Of St. Nicholas” Play!  
Also: Gingerbread Church Building Contest;  
Visit of St. Nicholas; Parish Pot Luck.  
Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy!

### The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017.

In order to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting, take any needed steps to fulfill all the following requirements. Thank you!

- partake in the Sacraments of private Confession, and Holy Communion, at least once a year,
- fulfill all financial obligations, as established by the parish, by the end of the year [currently, and for the final year, this is the \$145/year Diocesan Assessment]

Voting isn't everything ... Communion with Christ is! Still, your voice is valuable. So please, take action to meet these requirements so that you can participate both spiritually and materially in the care and growth of your family in Christ!

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

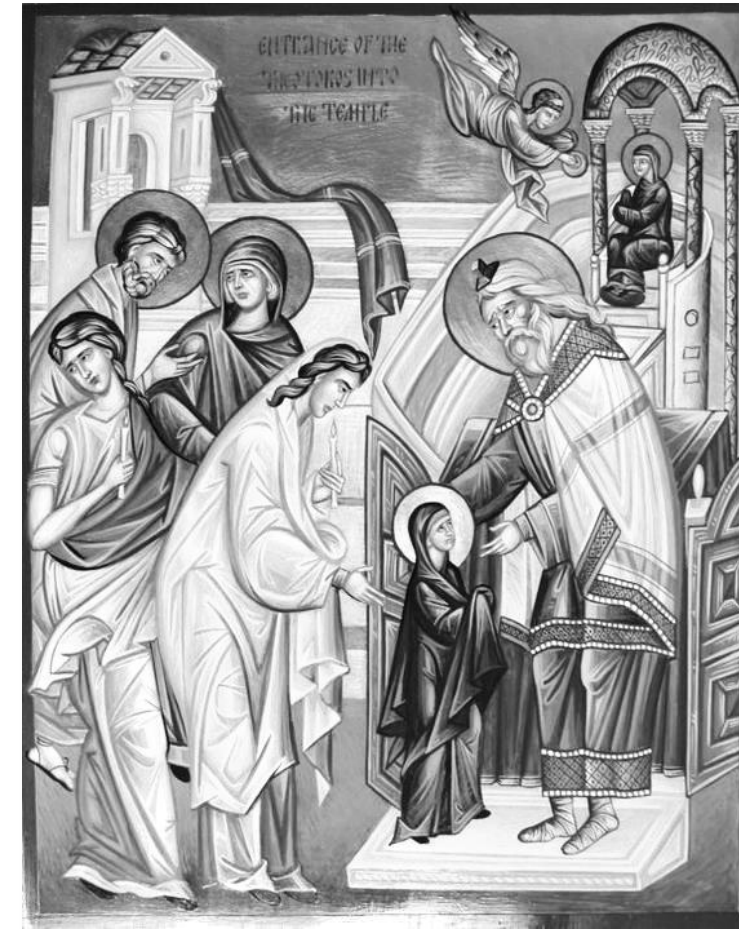
Become a ***DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!***

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



**Sunday, November 20, 2016 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple**

### *NEXT WEEK – A SPECIAL COLLECTION*

...will be taken to aid an Orthodox Christian Mission in Nigeria. The priest from that mission will be here, serving and preaching and sharing his experiences with a talk at Coffee Hour. Please bring something to add to the collection for this ministry!



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sun., Nov. 20, 2016 ~ Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple**

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18; Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Followed by Church School Thanksgiving Basket Assembly and Coffee Hour; Teens Meet with Fr. David and Nick Macagnone: “Our Faith Online Around the World”

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya*, Great Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

#### Monday, November 21

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

#### Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

#### Saturday, November 26

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, November 27

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*: Please Welcome Fr. Chrysostom Onyekakeyah, from St. Christopher’s Orthodox Mission Church in Nigeria. *Panikhida* for Maria Stanczak, requested by the Czuchta Family; for John & Irena Nowak, by John Felenczak; for Maria Skalska, by the Skalski Family; for John Kowalczyk, by Ciolka Awasył; and for John & Julia Wislocki, by Marie Kaczor. Coffee Hour after Liturgy; No Church School today.

At Coffee Hour: Fr. Chrysostom shares his experiences serving as a Mission Priest in Nigeria.

#### Friday, December 2

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, on Fr. David’s 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood

#### Saturday, December 3

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, December 4

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Church School & Coffee Hour. Teens Meet with Fr. David. At Coffee Hour: Presentation by Jim Reduto, Esq., on “Planning for Your Financial Future.”

#### Monday, December 5

6:00 PM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – Saint Nicholas the Wonder Worker of Myra in Lycia

### 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:**

Helen Dempsey, who is in the hospital; newly baptized Nicholas James Statkevicius and Mason Gregory Van Lare; newly married Kenneth & Cristina; newborn Lukas Freeman (to Mat. Robin & Dn. Evan); Vladimir Constantine; Vladimir, Svetlana & Klavdia; Eunice Bullock; Walter Donski; John Felenczak; Simeon; Vincent Knarr; Adnan Abbasi; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; Svetlana Wineski and the child to be born to her; the child Nadia Wineski; Ann Dahulich; Anna Bolinsky; Boris Lyzak; Stephanie Davis, Susan Hansen, Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosing; catechumen Norman & Elena Herman; Danielle Geeza; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Eleanor Wasilko; child Alena King; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; 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 Reeves, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Anastasia Harris, Juliana Schmemann, Masha Tkachuk and Laryssa Hutnyan; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; 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 the Middle East and in 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. Birthday: Joseph Ciamarra (11/24).

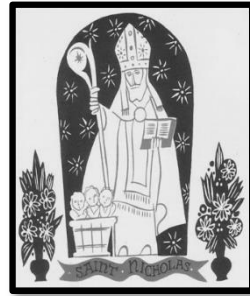
**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Nina Kirsanoff (+11/14); Maria Stanczak (Joanna Czuchta’s mother, +10/30); Michael Nystoriak (+10/11); the victims of Hurricane Matthew; and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

**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 NOVEMBER:

**Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ**, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family. Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson, and Carlucci Families. **Two Tall Altar Candles**, Branzow Family. Departed: Anatoly, Margaret, Eugenia, Tamara, Michael, Valentina. Living: William, Alexander, Veka, Christopher, John, Virginia, Ludmilla

**THE SAINT NICHOLAS  
PROJECT:  
SHARE THE SPIRIT OF  
ST. NICHOLAS WITH  
A SEMINARIAN FAMILY!**



This year we are sponsoring St. Vladimir's Seminarian Herman Fields and his wife, Anna, and children, Julia (9 yrs.) & Jacob (6 yrs.) You & your family can give in two ways...

Purchase one of the Children's Wishes:

For Both Kids to Share: Giant Butterfly Garden from [www.EAIEducation.com](http://www.EAIEducation.com)

For Julia (9 yrs.) Rollerblades size 4M, fluffy house slippers, camera, dress (size 12)

For Jacob (6 yrs.) Rollerblades size 2Y and knee/elbow pads, backpack (big enough for school binder), binoculars

Visit the Giving Tree in our Parish Hall:

Give a \$10 donation toward an Amazon Gift Card on the Giving Tree.

**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
Jaroslav Kopeza	Christianna Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	
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 6:11-18** Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!12As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.13For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.14But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.15For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.16And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.17From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.18Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 12:16-21** The Lord spoke this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ 18So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’” 20But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ 21So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

**PLEASE BRING YOUR 2016 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT  
BY SUNDAY, 12/11**

For the last time before we transition to Proportional Giving in 2017, the Diocesan Assessment for 2016 is \$145.00 per person.

So that the parish may recoup the assessment payments which we have forwarded to the Diocese to date,

**please bring your \$145.00 Diocesan Assessment here, or you may mail it in, by Sunday, December 11. Thank you very much!**

## A Letter to You, from Archbishop Michael --



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Dear Father David, Matushka Tamara, and Beloved Faithful:  
Christ is in our midst! – He is and ever shall be!

With deepest gratitude, I wish to express my sincere appreciation, and that of our entire Diocese, for your hosting this year's Diocesan Assembly at your parish complex this past week. I cannot thank all of you enough for all your preparation and hard work, your warm hospitality and gracious kindness, and your sincere love.

The church was immaculate, and the services were beautiful. Your preparation of the church for the assembly itself and the clergy continuing education sessions, and the parish hall for the workshops for the laypeople and for all the meals; your providing the delicious food and the courteous serving of it; and your incredible efficiency in providing all the necessary equipment and ensuring that everything ran according to schedule were remarkable; and the beautiful musical performances by the children were absolutely incredible! It was not only a "team effort" of remarkable magnitude, but it was genuinely offered with zealous commitment to Christ and in the true spirit of Christian fellowship. For all that I am grateful to God and thankful to all of you.

Your act of charity is, in a very real sense, a gift to Christ the High Priest. This is, in fact, what St. John Chrysostom says so beautifully in one of his famous sermons: **"Almsgiving is giving to Christ Himself, at an altar more holy than that in the sanctuary"** (*Homily 20 on II Corinthians*).

I cannot thank you enough for your most gracious kindness. Please know that wherever I serve the Divine Liturgy, you will be in my thoughts and my prayers. I and our entire Diocese are truly blessed to be the beneficiary of your kindness and generosity, which are expressions of your faith and love.

May Christ the High Priest reward you for your "love in action" with His choicest blessings. Indeed, in the words of the Psalmist David, "may you see the good things of Jerusalem all the days of your life."

Please be assured of my daily prayers for all of you. May God grant you peace, good health, much happiness, salvation and good hastening in all things, and may He bless and keep you in His loving care for many, blessed years. *"Mnogaya Lyeta!"*

With love and prayers,

*+ Archbishop Michael*

## THE CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN GOT YOUR HELP!

\*\*\* We have ten baskets donated! **THANK YOU!** \*\*\*

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 assemble the baskets today, then the baskets will be available at the rectory for families in need.



(Some of the Thanksgiving Basket supplies you have sponsored)



## ANNOUNCING: A CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY OUR CHOIR!



Thursday Evening, December 22, Here –  
Time To Be Announced

We are very excited to be offering this showcase of our choir's gifts ... the richness of Orthodox music for the Advent and Nativity season ... and the unmatched beauty of our church when it is decorated in joyous preparation for Our Lord's Nativity!

**NEXT CHOIR REHEARSAL: Tomorrow, November 21, 7:30 PM.**