



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY OUR CHOIR!



Thursday Evening, December 22, 7:00 PM

Concert in the Church; Reception Follows in the Fellowship Hall

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 lavishly decorated in joyous preparation for Our Lord's Nativity!

**NEXT CHOIR REHEARSAL: Monday, November 28, 7:30 PM.**

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 ... please bring yours by Dec. 11]

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?**

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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 27, 2016 ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Greatmartyr St. James the Persian**

### *NATIVITY FAST (ADVENT) CONTINUES*

We strive to abstain from meat, to abstain from or limit our use  
of dairy products, and avoid spiritually unproductive entertainment and  
Internet activity. The fast ends with the Liturgy of Christmas, December 25.



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10; Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

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 Awasy; 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.

#### Monday, November 28

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

#### 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.

#### Monday, December 5

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

#### Wednesday, December 7

7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting, in the Education Building

#### Saturday, December 10

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, December 11

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*. Followed by St. Nicholas Youth Celebration: Visit of St. Nicholas; Church School Play "The Life Of St. Nicholas;" Gingerbread Church Building Contest; Orthodox Youth Mission Team Cookie & Soup Fundraiser

### 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 Statkevics 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; Boris Lyzak; Stephanie Davis, Susan Hansen, Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Richard Dosin; 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. Ken James Stavrevsky (surgery 12/2), John Reeves, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Katherine White (surgery 12/1), 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. Birthdays: Nicholas Washenko (11/30).

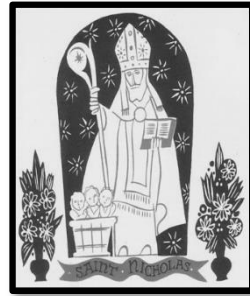
**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Nina Kirsanoff (+11/14); Clara & Nikolai Patutin (+11/11, +11/12); Maria Stanczak (Joanna Czuchta's mother, +10/30); Michael Nystoriak (+10/11); the victims of Hurricane Matthew; and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

**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 Ephesians 2:4-10** Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.


**TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17** At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

***Families Encouraged to Come Together for Confession in Preparation for Christmas, on Sat. 12/17, starting 5:30 PM ... particularly if some family members wish to confess in the Slavic languages:  
CONFESSIO AVAILABLE IN RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, and POLISH –  
Saturday, December 17, 5:30 PM***


**В субботу, 17 Декабря в 5:30 вечера, во время службы великой вечерни, о. Вячеслав Кравчук будет слышать исповеди прихожан нашего храма говорящих на Русском, Украинском и Польском языках.**

**Please bring, or mail in, your completed 2017 Pledge Response Form by Sunday, December 4. Thank you!**

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**Program Dates**

**Session 1:**  
June 17-27, 2017

**Session 2:**  
July 5-15, 2017

**Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM:  
Holy Supper at the Rectory**  
*Let Mat. Tamara know  
you would like to come!*



A traditional lenten Christmas Eve meal, it is the last meal of the Advent fast. Fasting foods served can include barley, honey, stewed prunes, pierogi, sauerkraut, potatoes, lima beans, garlic, Lenten bread, or mushroom soup.

A lit candle symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. The bread broken and shared symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. Foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ's birth and its sweetness after He came. After supper, all attend the Christmas Eve vigil. Hay under the tablecloth recalls the manger where Jesus' Mother placed Him. An extra place is always set -- for Jesus, either in Spirit, or in the form of a traveler or stranger, for none are turned away on this day without a warm invitation to partake!

Talk to Mardi Perry to get in touch with August and Kamille, both CrossRoad alumni.