

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York

SUPPORT OUR TEENS' O.Y.M.T. 2017 MISSION TRIP

ALASKAN VILLAGE YOUTH OUTREACH:

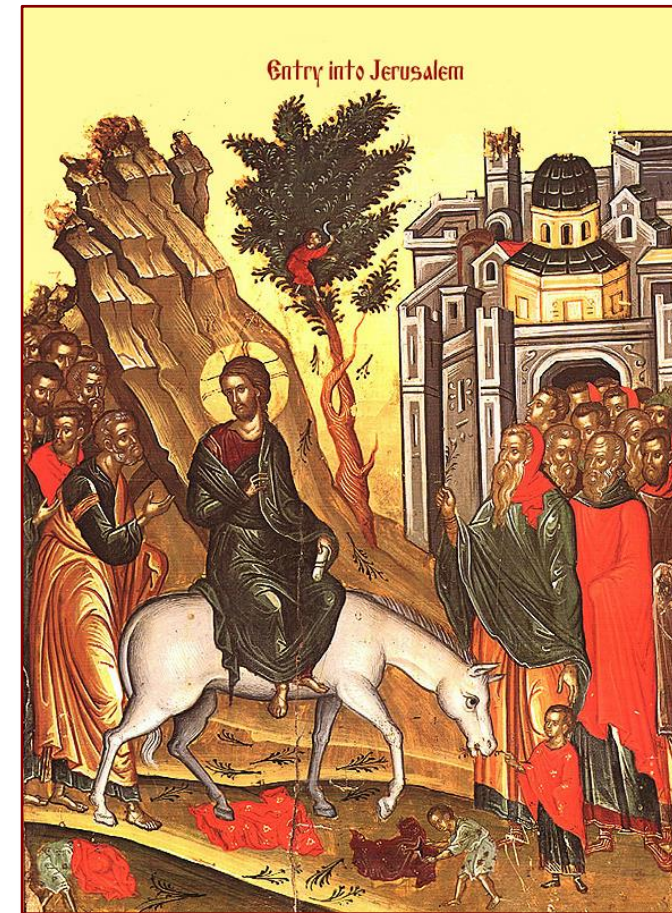
After 6 years of serving in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) the Orthodox Youth Mission Team (OYMT) will be participating in an Orthodox Christian Mission Center short-term mission trip to Alaska . Youth and leaders from our parish and 5 others will be serving Orthodox brothers and sisters in the small village of Napaskiak, running youth camp programs and helping with construction projects. This is the first time a high school team will be volunteering through OCMC. It is a wonderful and unprecedented opportunity for our youth and we are very excited to go and do Christ's work! As in the past, OYMT is selling stock for \$10 a share to fund our trip .

We ask that you please be as generous as you can in your support and pray for us as we prepare for our mission trip.

Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Holy Pascha Sunday, April 16, 1:00-4:00 PM – Pascha Party, at the home of Nigel & Vera Bullock. All Are Welcome! RSVP to 347-624-1409 or vbullock@law.fordham.edu
- Friday, April 28, 7:00 PM – The “M&M”s (Saints Mary & Martha Women’s Group) will meet, at Tina Reduto’s home. Ask Tina or Matushka Tamara for details.



Sunday, April 9, 2017

Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem ~ Palm Sunday

TODAY AT COFFEE HOUR:

Ladies' Guild Bake Sale!

Come to Coffee Hour ready to fill your freezer – and soon, your Pascha basket! – with freshly baked wonderful-ness from our Bakers Extraordinaires!



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Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

Palm Sunday, April 9

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour Afterward – At Coffee Hour: Ladies' Guild Bake Sale!

6:00 PM Private Confession Available

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday

Private Confession is available Palm Sunday – Holy Thursday, 6:00-7:00 PM.

Great and Holy Monday, April 10

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Tuesday

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 11

9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday

Great and Holy Wednesday, April 12

7:00 PM Holy Unction and Anointing with Blessed Oil

Great and Holy Thursday, April 13

9:30 AM Vespers of Holy Thursday – The Last Supper

7:00 PM Matins of Great and Holy Friday – The Passion Gospels

Great and Holy Friday, April 14

8:30 AM Royal Hours

10:30 AM Decorating Our Lord's Tomb – See Matushka Tamara to Volunteer Your Help!

4:00 PM Vespers of Holy Friday – Burial of Our Lord, then Light Supper in our Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Matins of Holy Saturday: Lamentations & Procession, with the Burial Shroud of Christ

Great and Holy Saturday, April 15

10:00 AM Vespers of Holy Saturday – The Descent Into Hades

11:30 PM Nocturns; Procession; Matins of PASCHA and The Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy PASCHA
 followed by Basket Blessing and Agape Meal

HOLY PASCHA (EASTER), SUNDAY, APRIL 16

11:30 AM The Vespers of PASCHA; Basket Blessing; and Easter Egg Hunt!

(Note the time change for Paschal Vespers from previous years.)

Bright Monday, April 17

10:00 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy

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:

Sophie Kalafus; Bob Drake (Beth Rzyk's dad); Reader Peter Bouteneff; Jessica Bruno; Nana Tchitchinadze; Klavdia, Vladimir & Svitlana; Matushka Christine Hoeplinger; newborn Veronica Wineski & mother Svetlana; Marian Harris; Veronika; Vincent Knarr; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Ann Dahulich; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Christopher Olsen; Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; catechumen Norman & Elena Herman; Courtney Lyzak; Anatole Honczarenko; Eleanor Wasilko; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Vitaliy Khutko; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Stephen Hoskins, John Reeves, John Malcom, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Anastasia Harris, Kathryn Malcom and Masha Tkachuk; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Irene Homa; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Ann Karell; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Martha Slivka; Nicholas Washenko; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Mykola; 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: Margaret Wislocki (today); Amanda Rzyk (4/10), Peter Nolan (4/11). First Confession: Julia Kowalczyk.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Jack Gronwoldt (+3/31); George Grega (+3/22); Michael Maybo (Helen's son, +3/5); Elena Bereziouk Sherman (+3/17); Roberto Sanchez Moreno (+3/13); Sophie Wan (+3/6); Seman Jacewicz (Melanie Kowalczyk's brother, +3/6). Millie Macagnone (Nick & Gail's aunt, +3/3); ever-memorable Susan Cohen; 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 APRIL:

Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia). Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.

**Congratulations --
to *Julia Kowalczyk*, recently offering her First Confession.
May God grant Julia many, many years!**

**A Very Big Thank You
to everyone who came and helped at the Parish Clean-Up Day
yesterday ... and to Dasha Piwinski,
for hosting the annual Lazarus Saturday Pancake Breakfast!**

COME HELP PREPARE FOR PASCHA!

- Holy Friday, April 14 at 10:30 AM, Come Help Decorate Our Lord's Tomb! See Mat. Tamara to sign up or ask questions.
- If you'd like to provide some Red Eggs – then Bring A Dozen Hard Boiled Red Eggs on Holy Friday to Vespers or Matins; and give them to Vicky Statkevics.
- Help keep Vigil before the Tomb of Christ on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday: Sign up on the *Watch Before the Tomb* sheet on the Candle Desk.

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 Kopcza	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.

EPISTLE Phil. 4:4-9 Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.⁹The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL John 12:1-18 At that time, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.²There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.³Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.⁴But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,⁵Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?⁶This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.⁷But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.⁸For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.⁹Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.¹⁰But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,¹¹because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.¹²The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,¹³took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"¹⁴Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:¹⁵Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.¹⁷Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.¹⁸For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I COME TO CONFESSION AND COMMUNION?

From Archbishop Michael's Address to the 2016 Diocesan Assembly

When I was a child, we went to Communion this way: One Confession, one Communion, once a year. I was terrified of it – of committing a sin between the two Sacraments, of swallowing water if I brushed my teeth – but I took it seriously. Today, I fear, we are too cavalier with Communion. We just get into line with everybody else, and receive the Holy Eucharist.

Sacramental reception is a good thing indeed; BUT are we properly prepared to receive the Very Body and Blood of Our Lord? Have we gone to Vespers? Have we read the Canon of Preparation or at least said the prayers of preparation for Holy Communion in the Liturgy book? Have we made a daily confession in our icon corner at home, come to General Confession if it is offered, and given our private Confession in the church at least once each fasting season? Have we fasted properly? I visit some parishes outside of the fasting seasons, and I hardly ever see anyone going to Confession that weekend. Is that the norm? Has it become Casual Communion?

I hope and pray that this is not the case. St. Paul warns us sternly in I Cor. 11:27-29: "Therefore whoever eats this Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body."

The Church wants all of us to receive Holy Communion frequently, regularly. That's why She recommends Confession every month to six weeks, and always [at least] during each of the fasts. (The idea of going to confession once a year is from the Roman Council of Trent; it is not an Orthodox teaching.) ... Let us renew our Sacramental way of life, by receiving the Sacraments with proper preparation and greater enthusiasm!

See the Parish Lenten Calendar for opportunities to come to Confession.

Mark your calendar to come for Confession, and please plan to stay for the Liturgy or Vespers service that follows Confession.



RAFFLE

WIN A TRIP FOR 2 to Florida At Disney's Vero Beach Resort & Spa!

What's included?

Roundtrip Airline tickets and 11 days & nights at the exclusive Disney Vero Beach Resort & Spa in Vero Beach, FL in a 1bedroom condo with full kitchen & balcony ocean view!
Trip Value: \$4,900

Leave Westchester on Monday, May 8 on a direct Jetblue flight to Orlando, and return to Westchester on Friday, May 19.

Relax on warm sand and play in the sparkling blue waters of Disney's Vero Beach Resort.



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\$25 per ticket to win!

As this trip has been generously donated by Holy Trinity parishioners, ALL proceeds will directly benefit St. Andrew's Orthodox Camp – funding scholarships & needed renovations.

Drawing to be held on St. Thomas Sunday, April 23. Winner will be notified by phone or email. To buy a ticket and for more details see Matushka Tamara at Coffee Hour, or email her: tamarancowan@hotmail.com