

# 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! OYMT will hold a "Breakfast, Bakery, and Baskets" fundraiser on Mother's Day, May 14. They will host a coffee hour breakfast, bake sale, and basket raffle. ***Thank you!***

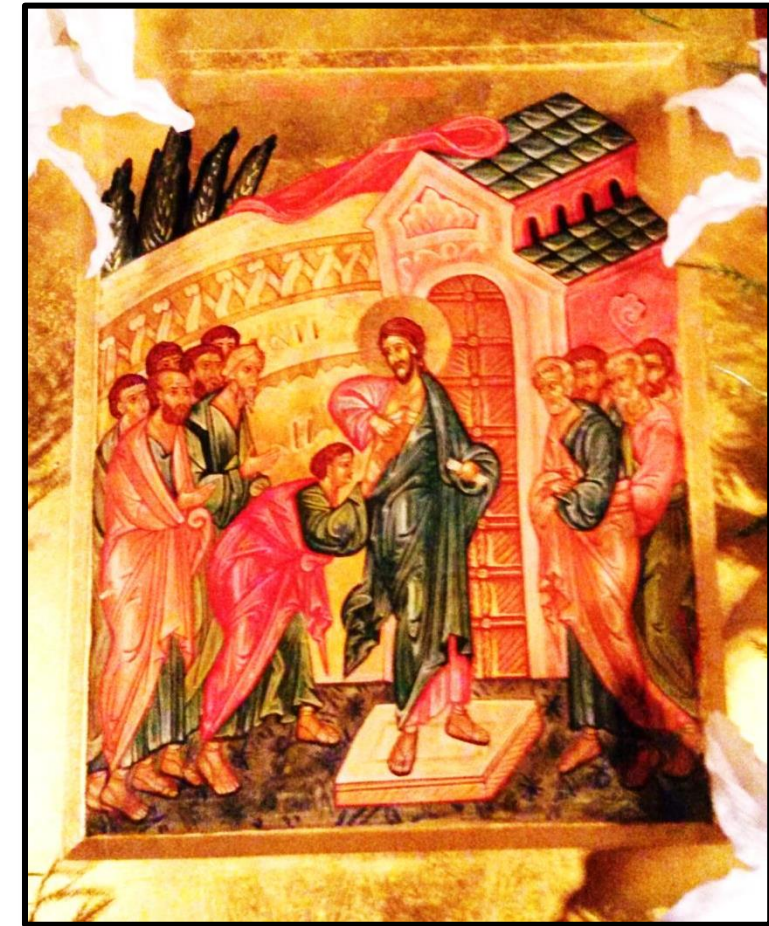
#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

- 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, May 14, at Coffee Hour: "Breakfast, Bakery, and Baskets" fundraiser hosted by Orthodox Youth Mission Team

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**Sunday, April 23, 2017 ~ Saint Thomas Sunday**  
**Feast of St. George, the Great Martyr**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**  
***ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ!***  
***ВОИСТИНУ ВОСКРЕСЕ!***



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### Sunday, April 23, 2017: Saint Thomas Sunday

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; Gospel: John 20:19-31

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

- 9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, with *Panikhida* for Seman, John and Emil, requested by Melanie Kowalczyk; for Roberto Moreno, by Ioannis Sanchez and family; and for John & Julia Wislocki, by Marijka and Orest Kozicky. After Liturgy: Coffee Hour & Church School.
- 1:00 PM *Blessing of Graves* at Oakland Cemetery

#### Friday, April 28

- 7:00 PM “M&M”s (Saints Mary & Martha Women’s Group) Meet, Tina Reduto’s home. Ask Tina or Matushka Tamara for details.

#### Saturday, April 29

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

#### Sunday, April 30

- 9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Sophie Wan, requested by her children and family
- 12:30 PM Parish Council Meets – in the Education Building

#### Tuesday, May 2

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

#### Saturday, May 6

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

### 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:**

Newly Chrismated Luka (Norman) Herman; his father, Marty; Fr. Nicholas Harris; Sophie Kalafus; Bob Drake (Beth Rzyk’s dad); Reader Peter Bouteneff; Jessica Bruno; 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; 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 Rebekah Markewich, Charlene Garklavs & unborn child, 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: Peter Rzyk (4/26), Mattie Ferguson (4/28). Name Day: All those named Thomas and George.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Theodore Kaufman (+4/1); Theresa Skerritt (+4/11); Jack Gronwoldt (+3/31); George Grega (+3/22); Elena Bereziouk Sherman (+3/17); Roberto Sanchez Moreno (+3/13); all those departed named Thomas and George; 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.

**THE HOLY FATHERS ON THE BELIEF OF THOMAS ...**

“Now the disciples all feared the attacks of the Jews, but Thomas above the rest ... but after seeing the Risen Lord, he became stronger than all, and invincible. For the wonderful thing is this; that we see one who was so weak before the Crucifixion, who became, after the Crucifixion and after having believed in the Resurrection, more zealous than any. So great was the power of Christ. The very man who dared not go in company with Christ to Bethany, the same while not seeing Christ ran through the inhabited world, and dwelt in the midst of nations that were full of murder, and desirous to kill him.” – St. John Chrysostom

**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.***

**TODAY’S EPISTLE Acts 5:12-20** In those days, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon’s Porch.<sup>13</sup> Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.<sup>14</sup> And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,<sup>15</sup> so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.<sup>16</sup> Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.<sup>17</sup> Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,<sup>18</sup> and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.<sup>19</sup> But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,<sup>20</sup> Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL John 20:19-31** At that time, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."20When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.21So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."22And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.24Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.25The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."26And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"27Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."28And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"29Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."30And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;31but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

## LAST CHANCE – DRAWING TODAY AT COFFEE HOUR!

To buy tickets, see Fr. David at Coffee Hour after the Panikhida ...  
you can still get your name into the drawing and win this great trip!



### RAFFLE

WIN A TRIP FOR 2 to Florida  
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What's included?

Roundtrip Airline tickets and 11 days & nights at the exclusive Disney Vero Beach Resort & Spa in Vero Beach, FL in a 1 bedroom condo with full kitchen & balcony ocean view!  
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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](mailto:tamarancowan@hotmail.com)