

# **GRADUATE SUNDAY AT HTOC IS SUNDAY, JUNE 4 (Pentecost)**



We will honor graduates from junior high; high school; and college; as well as post-graduate degree and professional certification recipients.

If you are a 2017 graduate or have a 2017 graduate in your family, then please see Fr. David or Matushka Tamara immediately ... so we can include your graduate in the honors!

## **HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York**



**Sunday, May 21, 2017 ~ Sixth Sunday of Pascha  
Sunday of the Blind Man;  
Saints Constantine and His Mother, Helen  
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**MEMORY ETERNAL ~ ANNE BELCHYK**

Anne fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, May 19. A viewing will be held tomorrow, 9:00-10:00 AM at Whalen & Ball Funeral Home, Yonkers; and her Funeral will be at 10:30 AM tomorrow, here in the church, with interment at Oakland Cemetery.  
*May Anne's memory be eternal! "Vechnaya Pamyat!"*



## HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Trinity Plaza ♦ 46 Seymour Street ♦ Yonkers, New York 10701

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Epistle: Acts 16:16-34; Gospel: John 9:1-38

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour, Church School, and Moms' Group.  
Last Day of Church School Classes – End-of-Year Celebration In Class!

#### Monday, May 22

9 – 10 AM Viewing for + Anne Belchyk, Whalen & Ball Funeral Home, 168 Park Ave.  
10:30 AM Funeral for + Anne Belchyk, Here in the Church

#### Tuesday, May 23

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

#### Wednesday, May 24

6:00 PM Vespers Divine Liturgy – Great Feast of the Ascension of the Lord  
(Fast as best you can from 12 noon onward, if receiving Holy Communion.)

#### Thursday, May 25

7:00 PM English / Spanish Bible Study, at Kristensen Apartments across the street;  
All are welcome – call Fr. David beforehand to be let into the building.

#### Saturday, May 27

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

#### Sunday, May 28

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

#### Saturday, June 3

12:00-4:00 PM Parish Picnic, at Mark & Beth Rzyk's Home  
5:30 PM Private Confession Available  
6:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Great Feast of Pentecost, Our Parish Feast Day

#### Sunday, June 4

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Pentecost Kneeling Vespers and Honoring of our Graduates –  
Great Feast of Pentecost, Our Parish Feast Day

After Church: Teens Clean-Up in the Church Basement – **Thank You, Teens!**

### 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; Marie DeNaples; Alexis Lukianov; Robert Davis; Linda Mucyn; Kevin Kohler; Rose Boykas; 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. Leonid Kishkovsky, Gregory White, 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: Beth Rzyk (5/23), Nigel Bullock (5/27). Name Day: All those named Constantine, Helen, Elena.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Anne Belchyk (+5/19); Walter Kiss (Edward's brother, +5/6); Fr. William George (+5/6), Fr. Ronald Hazuda (+5/5); Fr. Anthony Spengler (+5/5); Olga Vurgina (+5/3); Sara Lee Pindar (+4/27); all the departed named Constantine, Helen, Elena; 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 MAY:

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

## **HELP BUILD A NEW CHURCH IN SLOVAKIA!**

To donate toward the ongoing Diocesan fund-raiser for the building of a new church for Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in Bodružal, Slovakia, please see Father David. Thank you!



Drawing of the planned new church, shared by the parish priest with Archbishop Michael

### **STUDENTS / TEACHERS / ANYONE ON A SUMMER BREAK...**

If you have a few days to spare and would enjoy volunteering at St. Andrew's Orthodox Youth Camp up at peaceful Lake Oneida, NY ... the campers could use your smiles and talents! Matushka Tamara will be working there much of the summer; see her for details.

### **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 16:16-34 (Epistle)**

16Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.17This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.”18And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.19But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.20And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.22Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.23And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.24Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.25But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.26Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.27And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.28But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”29Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.30And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”31So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”32Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.33And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.34Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

### **TODAY'S GOSPEL John 9:1-38 (Gospel)**

1Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.2And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”3Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.4I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.5As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.6When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

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*(Gospel Reading, Continued)*

7And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. 8Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" 9Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." 10Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" 11He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." 12Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." 13They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. 14Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." 18But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. 19And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 22His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. 23Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." 25He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." 26Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" 27He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" 28Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. 29We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from. 30The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 32Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing. 34They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. 35Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" 36He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" 37And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." 38Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.



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*and Pool Party*

**JUNE 3, 2017 12-4 PM**

**AT THE RYZYK'S HOUSE**  
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Bring a side dish, dessert or drinks to share

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