

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York

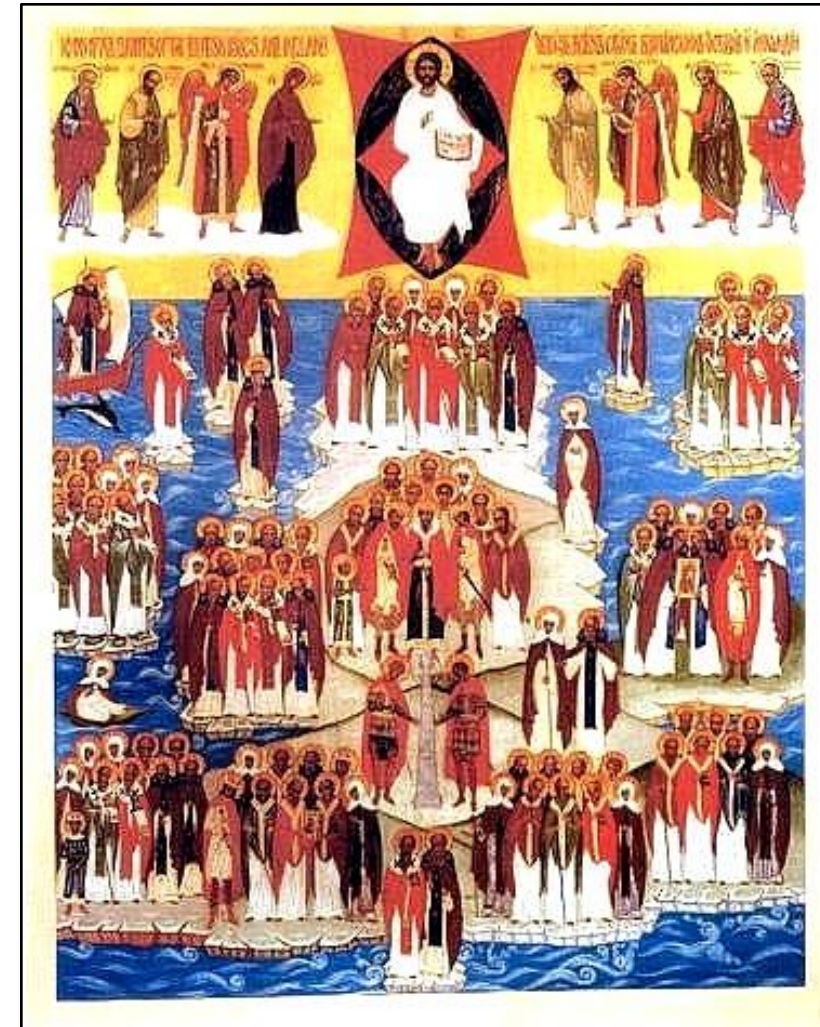
ANNOUNCING THE *HOLY TRINITY FALL FESTIVAL!* Saturday, October 21, 2017 – Here at the Church and on the Grounds

We are putting on this event, to share our beautiful, beloved church with the rest of Yonkers ... and anyone else who wants to come and enjoy a day of fun and food!

Activities and attractions will include...

- new crafts for sale
- ethnic foods
- baked goods
- rummage sale / “white elephant” gifts
- Church tours with our clergy and choir
- Ladies' Guild Gift Shop
- Face painting for kids

Expect to hear more details, and requests for your help, in the next few weeks. Please pray that God will bless our efforts to make this an exciting and successful event!



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Sunday of All Saints of Britain and Ireland



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

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Epistle: Romans 5:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy: Summertime “Self-Service Coffee Hour Station” Begins (See Page 6)

2:00-6:00 PM Diocesan Parish Council Conference, at Saints Peter and Paul Church,
76 Whitehead Avenue, South River, NJ.

***The Apostles’ Fast continues. It ends with
the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Apostles Saints Peter and Paul.***

Wednesday, June 28

6:00 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Holy Apostles Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday, July 1

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 2

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 8

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 9

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

FAMILIES – Mark Your Calendars for These Two Events:

- **Thursday, August 24: Diocesan Orthodox Youth Day,**
at Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ
- **Friday – Sunday, November 10-12: Diocesan Annual Girls’ Retreat,**
at Saint Basil’s Academy, Garrison, NY
- ***More information coming soon ...***
but see Fr. David if you’d like more information sooner!

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:

Klara Borzova, Dana Talley, and Tamara Muscurell, recovering from surgery; Reader Alexander (Scott) Anderson, to be ordained a Deacon today (in Syracuse, NY); Vera Bouteneff; Richard Wisniewski (Suzanne Nolan’s father); Peter Kusick; Pyotr, Katiya, Olga; Lois McKinley; Fr. Nicholas Harris; Sophie Kalafus; Bob Drake (Beth Rzyzyk’s dad); Jessica Bruno; Karen Thompson; Linda Mucyn; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Elena Herman; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Ann Dahulich; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Christopher Olsen; Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Courtney Lyzak; 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. Ilya Gotlinsky, Leonid Kishkovsky, Stephen Hoskins, John Reeves, John Malcom, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Charlene Garklavs & unborn child, Anastasia Harris and Masha Tkachuk; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness, including Helen Delandri; Irene Homa; Anatole Honczarenko; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Ann Karell; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyzyk; Martha Slivka; Nicholas Washenko; 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.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed infant Ivanna Parsells (+6/21); Christine Patz; Ann Belchyk (+5/19); ever-memorable Nina Kirsanoff; 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 JUNE:

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

Attention Coffee Lovers!

Summertime Self-Serve Coffee Station starts today, after the Divine Liturgy...

Help yourself to a cup of coffee from our Self-serve Coffee Station in the fellowship hall, which has been graciously provided by the HTOC Ladies Guild.

Regular Coffee Hour will resume in September.

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!

Elizabeth Bouteneff
Michael Bouteneff
Joe Ciamarra
Jaroslaw Kopcza
Kaydee Kowalczyk

Andrew Nolan
August Perry
Kamille Perry
Schuyler Perry
Christianna Piwinski
Roman Piwinski

Amanda Rzyzyk
Joshua Rzyzyk
Stephanie Rzyzyk
Justyna Skalski

“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 Sicknes: 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.

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/2016_diocesan_assembly.html ... scroll down to: **VIDEO: 2016 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW . Any questions? See Fr. David.**



TODAY'S EPISTLE Romans 5:1-10 Brethren: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 6:22-33 The Lord said to His disciples: “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!²⁴ No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.²⁵ Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?²⁸ So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;²⁹ and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.³⁰ Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As you know, Holy Trinity Church has discontinued the old Diocesan Assessment and “dues” methods of gathering financial support of the Church’s work from our parishioners. Instead we have moved to a Pledging system, where every parishioner household is asked to pledge, or commit, a certain amount that you will contribute over the year 2017 – whether weekly, monthly, or in an annual lump sum.

Here is an update on what has been pledged by parishioners for 2017, thus far:

- Total Funds Pledged \$61,581
- Total Pledge Forms Received 37
(17 pledges were made by individuals, 20 by couples)
- Average Amount Pledged Per Form \$1,759
- Average Amount Pledged Per Person \$1,080
- Average Per *Orthodox Christian* Person \$1,184
(Some couples where one spouse is not Orthodox pledged on behalf of *both!*
This is an extra blessing for which we are grateful, and beyond what we could ask or expect. Thank you!)

Our parish expenses in 2016 were \$250,000. If all 162 *Orthodox Christian persons* who were mailed pledge forms (either as individuals or as part of a household) were to pledge on average \$1,544 *per person* for the year, we would meet that budget without having to draw upon our investments. If each of the 121 *households* that were mailed a pledge form were to pledge on average \$2,066 *per household* for the year, we’d also meet that budget.

We anticipate spending less than \$250,000 on operating expenses for 2017; if you’ve read your three issues (so far) of the Parish Council Newsletter, you’ve seen how existing expenses for maintenance and utilities are being trimmed significantly. So if we could meet the targets described above, we could end up with a *surplus!* Wouldn’t that be great?

So – if you have not yet completed a Pledge Form, please pick up the “Stewardship Commitment for 2017” brochure on the glass table in the back of the church, fill it out, and place it in the box there.

Thank you ! With love in Christ, Fr. David

ATTENTION, COLLEGE FRESHMEN-TO-BE AND THEIR PARENTS:

THE FIRST 40 DAYS

Help OCF connect with students!

Submit *your* incoming freshmen’s information by July 15th, and help us ensure that *your* students will receive information, materials and personal contact from local contacts to help them navigate their freshman year of college as Orthodox college student!

Let us join together as a Church and in true Orthodox fashion make the first forty days of college a time of spiritual preparation and growth for our college students!

TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT [WWW.OCF.NET/
FIRSTFORTYDAYS](http://WWW.OCF.NET/FIRSTFORTYDAYS) AND CONTACT US AT
FIRSTFORTYDAYS@OCF.NET



AND FOR THOSE YOUNGER ...

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR ST. ANDREW’S CAMP!

- July 2-8: Music Week
(led by Fr. David and Mat. Tamara)
- July 9-15: Ecology Week
- July 16-22: Horse Week
- July 23-29: Art Week
- July 30-August 5: Teen Week

Tuition is \$300 / week;
scholarships are available.

See Fr. David for details;
more info at www.saintandrewscamp.org

