

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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Trinity Plaza ✦ 46 Seymour Street ✦ Yonkers, New York 10701
 Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan ✦ Protodeacon John Eby
 Attached: V. Rev. John Tkachuk ✦ Rev. Vitaly Bahanovich
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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, August 5 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya, with Blessing of Fruit – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, August 6 – Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, with Blessing of Fruit

Saturday, August 12

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 13

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 14

6:00 PM Vespereal Divine Liturgy – Great Feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos

FAMILIES – Mark Your Calendars for These Three Events:

- **Saturday, August 12: Church School Conference, “Raising Our Young People As A Generation Of Disciples And Leaders,”** with Fr. Joseph Purpura, at Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, NJ
- **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:

Matushki Shirley Lickwar & Jeanne Plekon; Fr. Sergei & Matushka Gerry Glagolev; Fr. George Hasenecz; Matushka Tamara; Archbishop Nathaniel; Fr. Paul Lazor, Dn. John Holoduek, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Klara Borzova, Dana Talley, and Tamara Muscurell, recovering from surgery; Michael Durkot; Ludmila & Sergey; Krista Adamovich-Rippi & Darina Markyanova and the children to be born to them; Vera Bouteneff; Richard Wisniewski (Suzanne Nolan’s father); Ann Bratic; Peter Kusick; Pyotr, Katiya, Olga; Lois McKinley; Fr. Nicholas Harris; Sophie Kalafus; Bob Drake (Beth Rzyk’s dad); Jessica Bruno; Karen Thompson; 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; Ann Karell; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; 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. Birthdays: Subdeacon Christopher Nolan (8/2); Anastasia Statkevics (8/2). Anniversary: Fr. David & Mat. Tamara (25 years, 8/2).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Roger Alexander Breton (+7/8); Mary Kantor (+7/7); Protodeacon Gregory Hatrak (+7/1); Matushka Stefanie Yazge (+6/29); infant Ivanna Parsells (+6/21); Christine Patz (+5/31); the ever-memorable infant Sergei Statkevics; 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 JULY:

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

PLANNING YOUR SUMMER TRAVELS:

1. **After you plan your flight (or train, or drive)...**
2. **After you book where you are staying...**
3. **Find the Orthodox Church where you'll go while you're there:**

Visit www.orthodoxyinamerica.org



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 Kopczka
Kaydee Kowalczyk

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

Amanda Rzyk
Joshua Rzyk
Stephanie Rzyk
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 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.

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 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Brethren: I plead with you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.¹¹For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. ¹²Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. ¹⁶Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. ¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 14:14-22 At that time, when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” ¹⁶But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” ¹⁷And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸He said, “Bring them here to Me.” ¹⁹Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. ²⁰So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. ²¹Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. ²²Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PARENTS – PLEASE ATTEND:

2017 CHURCH SCHOOL CONFERENCE
NEW YORK CITY AND NEW JERSEY DEANERIES

Raising Our Young People As A Generation of Disciples and Leaders

Conference Leader:

Very Reverend Dr. Joseph Purpura

Chairman, Department of Youth and Parish Ministries
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

**Saturday, August 12
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Christ the Saviour
Orthodox Church
365 Paramus Road
Paramus, New Jersey 07652
www.ChristTheSaviour.org
(Lunch Included)



Diocese of New York and New Jersey
www.nynjoca.org

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