

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Yonkers, New York



Sunday, December 3, 2017 ~ 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost; Tone 1  
The Holy Prophet, Saint Zephaniah  
Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19; Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

*THANK YOU to everyone who helped in every way  
to make the church so beautiful for the Advent season!  
Now, invite your friends to come and see!*

**HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PLEDGE FORM YET?**  
Please do, as soon as possible. Put it in the box by the Candle Desk;  
hand it to Father David; or mail it to the rectory address. *Thank you!*

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

~ The Nativity Fast, or Advent, continues. It ends with the Divine Liturgy of Christmas Day, the Nativity of Our Lord, on Monday, December 25. We strive to abstain from meat, to abstain from or limit our use of dairy products, and avoid spiritually unproductive entertainment and Internet activity. ~

### Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Panikhida for Petro, Eugenia, Andyj, Wasynl, Krystyna and Paolo, requested by the Kopcza Family; followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

### Tuesday, December 5

6:00 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy – Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra and Lycia

### Saturday, December 9

4:30 PM “Orthodoxy 101” Adult Education Class

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

### Sunday, December 10

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Panikhida for the Departed of the Dempsey and Cymbrowsky Families, requested by Kenneth and Dennis Dempsey & Families; Followed by St. Nicholas Youth Celebration: St. Nicholas Visits Us, and Kids Build Gingerbread Churches!

5:00 PM Akathist to St. Tikhon of Moscow, Former Archbishop of New York (who consecrated our church), at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, 59 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Manhattan

**TODAY’S EPISTLE Ephesians 5:9-19** Brethren: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL Luke 18:18-27** At that time, a certain ruler asked Jesus, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

**Families Encouraged to Come Together for Confession in Preparation for Christmas: on Sat. 12/16, starting 5:30 PM ... particularly if some family members wish to confess in the Slavic languages:**

**CONFESSION AVAILABLE IN RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, and POLISH – Sat., December 16, 5:30 PM**

**В субботу, 16 Декабря в 5:30 вечера, во время службы великой вечерни,**

**о. Вячеслав Кравчук будет слышать исповеди**

**прихожан нашего храма говорящих на Русском, Украинском и Польском языках.**

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## 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:**

Newborn Gracelyn Skye Rippi (granddaughter of Mike & Pam Adamovich); recovering Dan Saraceno (Cris' brother), Nancy Prusak, Lina Eckoff, Paulette Drake (Beth Rzyk's mother); Matushka Mary Tkachuk, Susanna Talley & Anthony Ciavaglia; Fr. Josef Petranin; Zoe Chupeck; Honorina Rodriguez; Michael Durkot (Helen Lesko's brother); Angela Fragetti; Matushka Rebekah Markewich; Bill Bolinsky; Michael & Alexey; Mary Braig; Peter Buletza; Thomas Anderson; Judith Mastronardi; Matushka Tamara; Darina Markyanova and the child to be born to her; Vera Bouteneff; Fr. Nicholas Harris; Roman Vinogradov; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Daria Krawchuk; 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; 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, Stephen Hoskins, John Reeves, John Malcom, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushka Anastasia Harris; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness, including Maria Chouplat; Helen Delandri; Olga Donski; Irene Homa; Anatole Honczarenko; Olga Juck; Ann Karell; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; for all soldiers, especially Mykola; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence and natural disasters, and refugees, especially in the Middle East and 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: Pam Adamovich (11/26), Helen Saraceno (Cris' mom, 12/3), Protodeacon John Eby (12/8).

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Eleanor Wasilko (+11/15); Anna Obico (Fr. Chrispin's mother, +11/7); Nicholas Washenko (+11/4; birthday 11/30); Judy Cobb (+11/4); Mary Kalakuka (+10/23); Fr. Stephen Mack (+10/22); the victims of the recent fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and violent incidents; 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.**

**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  
Brandon Ferguson  
Kaydee Kowalczyk  
Daniel Kozak  
Andrew Nolan

Peter Nolan  
August Perry  
Kamille Perry  
Christianna Piwinski  
Roman Piwinski  
Amanda Rzyk  
Joshua Rzyk

Stephanie Rzyk  
Matthew Skalski  
Justyna Skalski  
Adriana Szpynda  
Emily Szpynda  
Catherine Wislocki

*"Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic." -- Abp. Michael*  
**Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.**

## CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR DECEMBER:

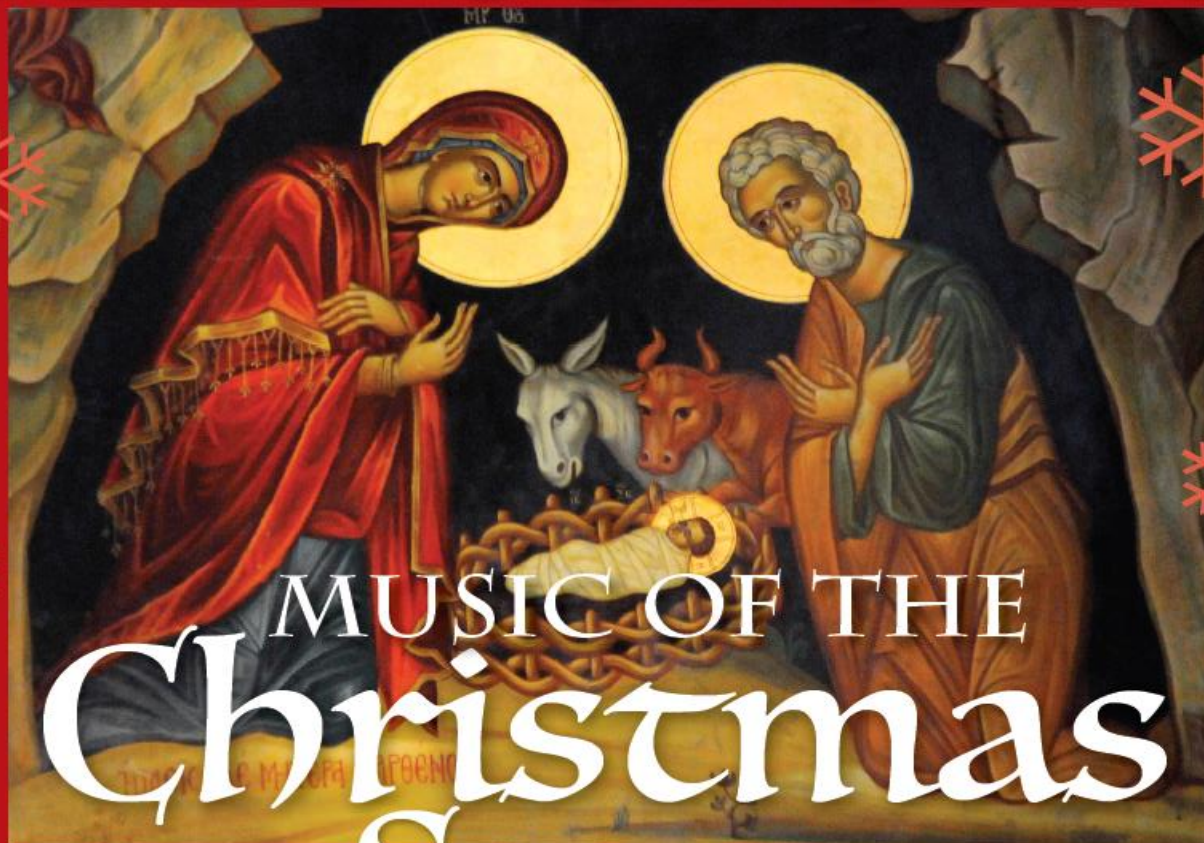
**Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family:** Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia). **Living:** Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.

**WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY?  
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**VIDEO: 2016 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW . Any questions? See Fr. David.****



# FREE CONCERT



## MUSIC OF THE Christmas Season

- \* Including Western and Slavic Christmas Carols
- \* Featuring the Holy Trinity Choir
- \* Reception in our Fellowship Hall follows

Friday Evening  
December 22, 7:00 p.m.

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***The Christmas Concert will feature a Special Presentation by the Church School! Do not miss it!***