

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, December 17, 2017 ~ 28th Sunday After Pentecost; Tone 3
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers of Our Lord
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11; Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

SECOND COLLECTIONS on SUNDAYS, DEC. 17 AND 24: We will collect for the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor Fund, which funds Seminary Scholarships, New Mission Parishes, Struggling Parishes, and other ministries of our Diocesan family.

HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR 2018 PARISH 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 followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

Monday, December 18

7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Education Building

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church – Last Rehearsal Before the Concert!

Friday, December 22

8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Forefeast of the Nativity of Our Lord

7:00 PM Christmas Choir Concert & Reception – If you can bring a dessert, please see Ann Bolinsky. Thank you!

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM Holy Supper in the Fellowship Hall! RSVP (914) 965-6815

8:00 PM Vigil ~ With Anointing of All the Faithful by Blessed Oil from the Birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem; And, Take Home Your Red Christmas Candle!

Monday, December 25 – Christmas – CHRIST IS BORN!

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Agape Meal

Tuesday, December 26 – Synaxis of the Theotokos

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Christmas Caroling Visits To Our Homebound Parishioners

Saturday, December 30

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, December 31

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Coffee Hour

7:00 PM Great Vespers

Monday, January 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord; St. Basil the Great ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR!

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

TODAY'S EPISTLE Colossians 3:4-11 Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.⁵Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.⁶Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,⁷in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.⁸But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.⁹Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,¹⁰and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,¹¹where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. **TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 14:16-24** The Lord said: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,¹⁷and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'¹⁸But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'¹⁹And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'²⁰Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'²¹So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'²²And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'²³Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'²⁴For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

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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), Fr. David Garretson, Matushka Mary Tkachuk, Susanna Talley & Anthony Ciavaglia; Zoe Chupeck; Honorina Rodriguez; Michael Durkot (Helen Lesko's brother); Angela Fragetti; Matushka Rebekah Markewich; Bill Bolinsky; Michael & Alexey; Mary Braig; Peter Bulezta; 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; 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. Vitaly Bahanovich, Stephen Hoskins, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, 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: MaryAnn Paprocki (12/23).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Fr. Alvian & Matushka Helen Smirensky (+12/10); Ann Dahulich (+12/6) Eleanor Wasilko (+11/15); Anna Obico (Fr. Chrispin's mother, +11/7); Nicholas Washenko (+11/4); Judy Cobb (+11/4); ever-memorable Mary Smith (+12/19/16); 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:

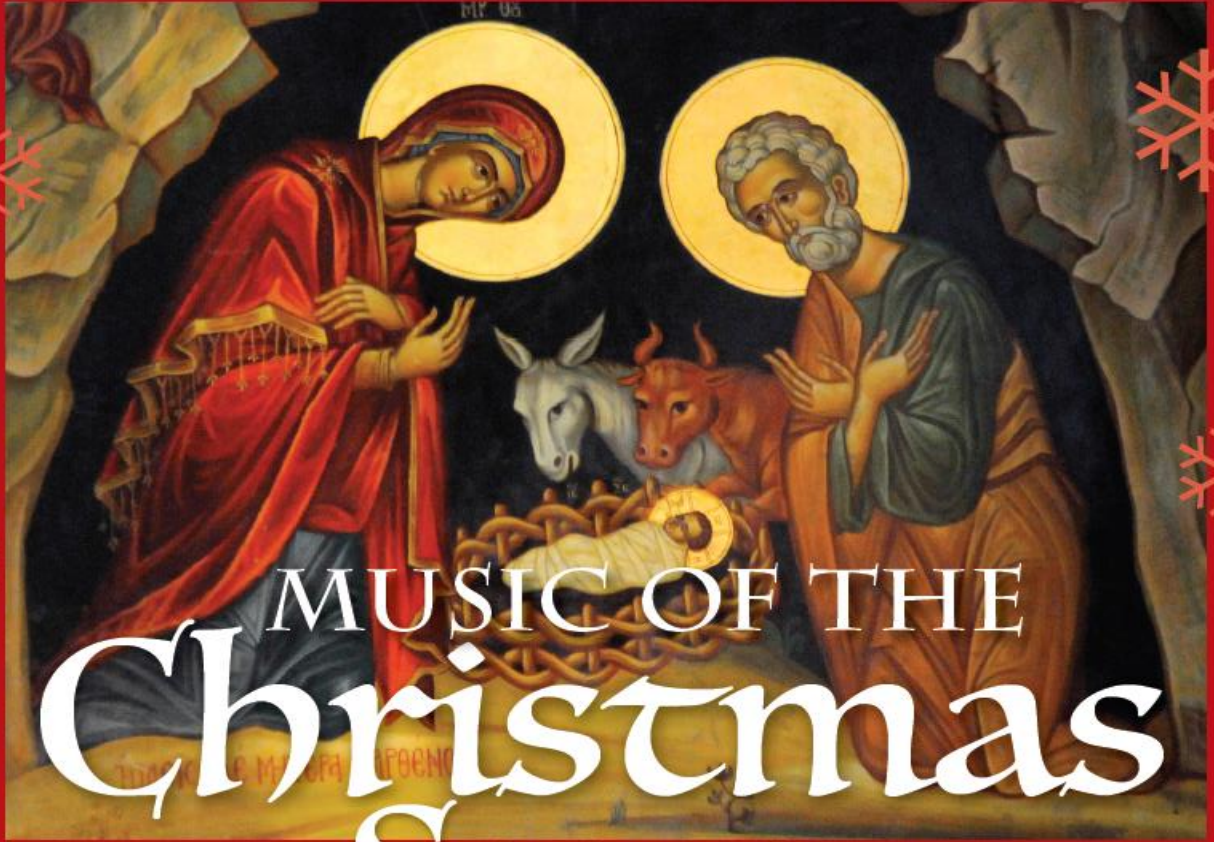
Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia). **Living:** Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.

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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!