

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, December 31, 2017 ~ CHRIST IS BORN!**

30th Sunday After Pentecost — Tone 5 ~ Leavetaking of the Nativity of Christ

Saints David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Lord's Brother; Saint Melania the Younger

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

**The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018.**

In order to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting,  
take any needed steps to fulfill all the following requirements. Thank you!

- partake in the Sacraments of private Confession, and Holy Communion, at least once a year,
- fulfill all financial obligations, as established by the parish, by the end of the year:  
“The financial obligation [for voting membership in our parish] is the following: To submit a financial pledge for 2017, by means of the Stewardship Commitment Form; and to prayerfully attempt to fulfill that pledge by remitting to the parish the pledged financial contribution no later than December 31, 2017.”  
Voting isn't everything ... Communion with Christ is! Still, your voice is valuable. So please, take action so that you can participate both spiritually and materially in the care of your family in Christ!

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

9:25 AM *Reception as a Catechumen* of Judith Mastronardi

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Peter and Berta Ptach, requested by Olga Ptach; and for Anatoly Branzow and daughters Margarita, Tamara and Evgenia, requested by their wife and mother, Ludmila Branzow; Coffee Hour Follows

7:00 PM *Great Vespers* – Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord; Feast of St. Basil the Great

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

10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

### Thursday, January 4

7:30 PM Spanish / English Bible Study at Kristensen Apts. Across the Street – Contact Fr. David if you're coming

### Friday, January 5 – Eve of Theophany

7:00 PM *Vigil Service*; Blessing of Water with Blessed Water from River Jordan

### Saturday, January 6 – Theophany (Epiphany): The Baptism of Christ

10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*; Blessing of Water with Blessed Water from River Jordan

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

### Sunday, January 7 – Synaxis of St. John the Baptist (Christmas on the Old Calendar)

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* / *Божественная литургия*, with Coffee Hour and Church School

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 1:11-19** Brethren: I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23** At that time, when Jesus and Joseph and Mary had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Home Blessings begin on the Feast of Theophany, Saturday, January 6! Please contact Fr. David to schedule yours.

On Sunday, January 28, a Panikhida will be celebrated for Matushka Juliana Schmemann (+1/29/17) and Justin Solak (+2/14/16). The Tkachuk and Bullock Families will host a memorial luncheon that day at Coffee Hour. Everyone is cordially invited. Please let Matushka Masha Tkachuk know if you plan to attend, at (914) 999-0480.

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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:**

Judith Mastronardi, being received as a Catechumen today; 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, Fr. John Zabinko; Matushka Mary Tkachuk, Susanna Talley & Anthony Ciavaglia; Zoe Chupeck; Honorina Rodriguez; Michael Durkot (Helen Lesko's brother); Angela Fragetti; Matushka Rebekah Markewich; Mary Braig; 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. Feast Day: All those named David, Joseph, James, and Melania.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Julie Voytovich (mother of St. Tikhon's Seminary Dean, Fr. Steven; + 12/16); Fr. Alvian & Matushka Helen Smirensky (+12/10); Ann Dahulich (Abp. Michael's mother, +12/6); Eleanor Wasilko (+11/15); Subdeacon George Gordaoff; all the departed named David, Joseph, James, and Melania; 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.****

