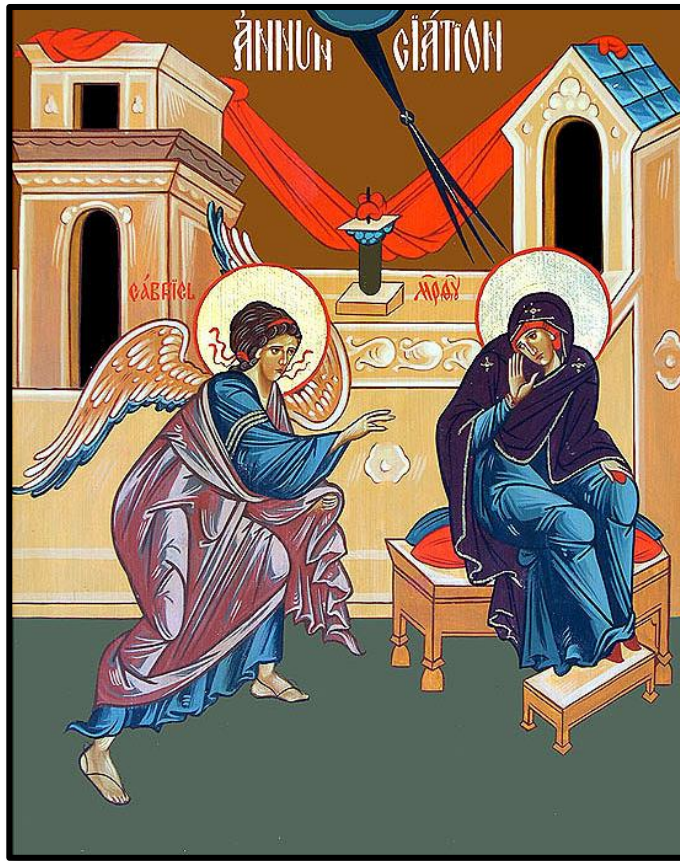


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, March 25, 2018

The Great Feast of the Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to the Most-Holy Theotokos
Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Saint Mary of Egypt; Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18; Gospel: Luke 1:24-38

Welcome: His Grace, Bishop SERAPHIM, Former Bishop of Sendai, Japan. "Eis Polla Eti, Despota!"

MEMORY ETERNAL ~ HELEN DUDA

Helen fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, March 20. Her services were yesterday, March 24.

May + Helen's memory be eternal! "Vechnaya Pamyat!"

CONFESSIONS IN RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, POLISH – Wednesday, March 28, 5:00 PM: до и во время Литургии Преждеосвященных Даров, о. Вячеслав Кравчук будет слышать исповеди прихожан нашего храма говорящих на русском, украинском и польском языках.

Coming Up in the Parish and in the Diocese ...

- "Orthodoxy 101" will take a break until after Pascha. The next session will be announced in advance.
- **Palm Sunday Bake Sale: Palm Sunday, April 1 at Coffee Hour.** Church School Families and the Ladies' Guild are joining forces and baking Pascha Treats for your baskets! Kulich, Nut Rolls, Cakes, Cookies and more! Please support this Church School fundraiser!
- **Pascha Open House, Pascha Sunday, April 8, 1-4 PM,** at the home of Vera and Nigel Bullock in Scarsdale. Please let Vera know by email vbullock@law.fordham.edu or phone 347-624-1409 if you can attend and how many guests you plan to bring so they can plan accordingly. The more the merrier!
- **Rescheduled: Saints Martha & Mary Women's Group: Friday, April 20, 7 PM,** at Tina Reduto's home.
- **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Appreciation Dinner: Sunday, April 29, 5 PM,** at Holy Trinity Church in East Meadow, Long Island. All are invited – please contact Fr. David to RSVP or ask for details!
- **"Bible Bowl" Diocesan Scripture Study Competition, Saturday, November 3, Here!** More details to come.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ~ During this Lenten fasting season of “spiritual spring cleaning”, we strive to abstain from meat and dairy products – as well as unnecessary conversation, entertainment, and Internet activity. The Fast ends with the Divine Liturgy on Holy PASCHA, Sunday, April 8. Today – Great Feast of the Annunciation of the Most-Holy Theotokos ~

Please Welcome His Grace, Bishop SERAPHIM, Former Bishop of Sendai, Japan

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Followed By a Talk by Bishop Seraphim at Coffee Hour on his new book, *Tapestry*; Copies of the book will be available for sale, and His Grace will sign copies on request.

5:00 PM NYC Deanery Lenten Vespers & Supper, at Transfiguration Cathedral, 228 North 12th St., Brooklyn, NY

Monday, March 26

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Education Building

Tuesday, March 27

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

Wednesday, March 28

5:00 PM Private Confession Available, in English with Fr. David, and in Russian, Polish, Ukrainian with Wiaczeslaw Krawczuk

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Pot Luck and Teaching Talk by Brenden Link, “Temple Imagery and Our Worship”

Thursday, March 29

7:30 PM Presentation by John Della Monica, President, Orthodox Church Capital Improvement Fund (OCCIF), Upstairs in the Ed Building

Friday, March 30

9:30 AM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 31 – Lazarus Saturday

9:00 AM Confession for Children & Families; Others Welcome Also

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, Followed by Pancake Breakfast and Church Clean-Up Day

5:00 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya, with Blessing of Palms – Great Feast of the Lord’s Entry in Jerusalem ~ Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 1 ~ Great Feast of the Lord’s Entry into Jerusalem ~ Palm Sunday

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; followed by Coffee Hour, featuring the Church School / Ladies Guild Bake Sale!

Private Confession is available Palm Sunday – Holy Thursday, 6:00-7:00 PM.

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday

Great and Holy Monday, April 2 and Great and Holy Tuesday, April 3

7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins of Holy Tuesday and Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday

Great and Holy Wednesday, April 4

7:00 PM Holy Unction and Anointing with Blessed Oil

Great and Holy Thursday, April 5

9:30 AM Vespers of Holy Thursday – The Last Supper

7:00 PM Matins of Great and Holy Friday – The Passion Gospels

Great and Holy Friday, April 6

8:30 AM Royal Hours

10:00 AM Assembling Flowers and Decorations – Contact Matushka Tamara to offer your help; Thank You!

4:00 PM Vespers of Holy Friday – The Burial of Our Lord, followed by Light Supper in our Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Matins of Holy Saturday: Lamentations & Procession with the Burial Shroud of Our Lord

Great and Holy Saturday, April 7

10:00 AM Vespers of Holy Saturday – The Descent Into Hades

11:30 PM Nocturns; Procession; Matins of PASCHA and The Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy PASCHA followed by Basket Blessing and Agape Meal

HOLY PASCHA (EASTER), SUNDAY, APRIL 8

11:30 AM The Vespers of PASCHA; Basket Blessing; and Easter Egg Hunt!

Bright Monday, April 9

10:00 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy

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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:

Ludmila Branzow; Daria York; Eugen Balasenowich, Sr. (Eugene's dad); Gregory; Edward; Gregory Barbash; Rocco & Marie Mastronardi; Nancy Prusak; Lina Eckoff, Paulette Drake; Michael Champion; Honorina Rodriguez; Christina Sceppaquercia & Regina Cataldo; Fr. Joseph Lickwar; Fr. Paul and Timothy Kucynda; Matushka Lorisa Gregory; Michael Durkot (Helen Lesko's brother); Mary Braig; Victoria Statkevics & Darina Markyanova and the children to be born to them; Vera Bouteneff; Igor; Susan; Alexandra; Fr. Nicholas Harris; Roman Vinogradov; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Elena Herman; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Christopher Olsen; Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Courtney Lyzak; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Vitaliy Khutko; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Vitaly Bahanovich, Maryan Chaykivsky, Stephen Hoskins, Leonid Kishkovsky, Joseph Kreshik, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, Basil Summer, John Tkachuk, John Zabinko; Matushki Ellen Chupeck, Anastasia Harris, Rebekah Markewich, Priscilla Shipley, Katherine White; 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 Karel; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; for all soldiers, especially Mykola; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence and natural disasters, and refugees; 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: Sohee Sophia Talley (3/25); Jim Reduto (3/29). Asking God's blessing on our efforts to lease the Education Building and renovate the church basement.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Helen Duda (+3/20); Kimberly Salveggi (+3/17); Iolleta Bucci (+3/4); Timothy Conkling (+3/1); Emilita Poling (+2/25); Courtney; Anne; Archil Tatunashvili; Sophie Piwinski (Dasha's mother-in-law, +2/21); Gloria Panciera (Pam Adamovich's mother, +2/20); Matushka Barbara Kucynda (+2/16); Matushka Mary Perez (+2/12); Paul Poswinski (+2/11); Alexander Yedynak; 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.

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 Szynda
Emily Szynda
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 MARCH:

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

**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 https://nynjoca.org/diocesan_assembly.html ... scroll down to:
VIDEO: 2017 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW . *Any questions? See Fr. David.***



EPISTLE Hebrews 2:11-18 Brethren: Both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

GOSPEL Luke 1:24-38 At that time, after those days wife Elizabeth (the wife of the high priest Zachariah) conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, "Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people." Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

A VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT... *WE HAVE RENTED THE ED BUILDING!*

Yes – we have signed a lease with a tenant we are very excited about ...
the Westchester School for Special Children.

The lease will take full effect (that is, the School will begin occupying the building)
on the condition that we complete improvements to the Ed Building that will bring it
into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

We have hired a registered architect who has developed plans for ADA compliance,
and we are now in the process of applying for the necessary
permissions from the City of Yonkers to allow work to begin.

It will take some months to finish, but we are on the way!

Many, many thanks to the members of our Parish Council,
to Michael Paolercio for his invaluable insight in project management and property development,
to our real-estate broker, Stephen Kaufman of Friedland Commercial Real Estate Services,
and to Jim Reduto, Margo Sterling, and their colleagues for their legal assistance.

Stay tuned for more exciting news, and keep these efforts in your prayers,
as we continue to try to faithfully steward the property with which the Lord has so generously entrusted us.