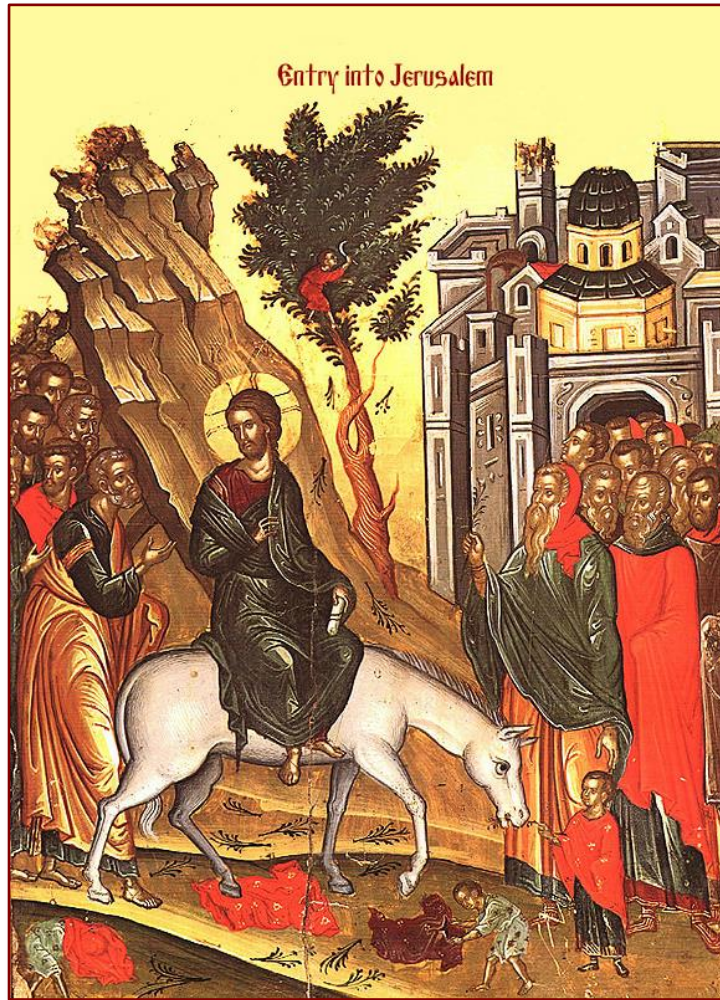


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

**The Great Feast of the Entrance of the Lord Into Jerusalem ~ Palm Sunday**

**Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18**

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

- **Palm Sunday Bake Sale: Today at Coffee Hour.** Church School Families and the Ladies' Guild are joining forces! Purchase Pascha Treats for your baskets! Kulich, Nut Rolls, Cakes, Cookies & more – supporting your Church School!
- **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](mailto: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.

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**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 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 *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – 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 Decorating Our Lord’s Tomb with Flowers – 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 *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – 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*

**EPISTLE Philippians 4:4-9** Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

**GOSPEL John 12:1-18** At that time, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always. Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!’” Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey’s colt.” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

## 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; Walter Donski; 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: Robert Ciamarra (4/1); Vera Bullock (4/5). Asking God's blessing on our efforts to renovate the Education Building and Church basement.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Catherine O'Connor (+3/22); David Jermolovitch (+3/25); Helen Duda (+3/20); Kimberly Salveggi (+3/17); Iolleta Bucci (+3/4); Timothy Conkling (+3/1); Emilita Poling (+2/25); Courtney; Anne; Archil Tatumashvili; Sophie Piwinski (Dasha's mother-in-law, +2/21); Gloria Panciera (Pam Adamovich's mother, +2/20); 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 APRIL:

**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 Cataddo, Christina Sceppaquercia.

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**VIDEO: 2017 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW . *Any questions? See Fr. David.***



## **HTOC Renovation Projects: Good Things Come in Threes!**

There are some big changes coming to Holy Trinity Church, but throughout them all we will have a place on site to enjoy coffee hour (and use the facilities)!

What's happening? The parish has undertaken three large renovation projects so that we can both begin receiving rent from our new tenant and also meet our parish's needs for our own comfort and purposes.

The projects are:

- Renovating the church basement to create a social, educational, and office space for the parish.
- Excavating a path and adding an extension to the church, on the side facing the rectory, to house a wheelchair lift so that everyone who wants to come to our services can do so.
- Renovating the Ed Building to accommodate our new tenants, so that it meets the city's standards for ADA accessibility by adding a wheelchair lift and wheelchair-accessible restroom to the ground floor.

How can we afford all this? These projects are expensive, but we have spent many hours working out how to afford them, with the goal of using our future rent income to help us close our significant operating deficit.

- The renovations to the Ed Building will be paid for out of our operating funds, thanks in large part to the resources still available from the Hyra bequest and its investment proceeds.
- We are working to secure financing from a lending institution to fund the changes to the church basement; we expect the financing to be in place by June.
- The church accessibility project will be financed through a capital campaign that will kick off in May.

Who is making it happen? We have begun forming committees on Building; Investments & Renovation Financing; Renovation Operations & Communications; and the Renovation Capital Campaign. After Pascha, we will publish more details about these committees and ask you to offer your time and talents to serve on them. But if this sparks your interest and you want to join the effort right away, see Fr. David or any other Parish Council member today!

When is all this happening? The wheels are turning already. Plans have been drafted and filed with the City (you may have seen the sign advertising our application for a variance on the fence outside the Ed Building). You won't see much happening until some time in June, when the work on the Ed Building should get under way. In July, we intend to begin work on the church basement. If the church basement work is not finished before the tenant moves into the Ed Building, they are willing to let us access the Ed Building on Sundays. Coffee Hour will continue.

**Please ask the Lord in your daily prayers that He will continue  
to bless our efforts to renovate the property He has so generously entrusted to us –  
for the joy and growth of our parish family, and for the extension of His Kingdom on earth!**