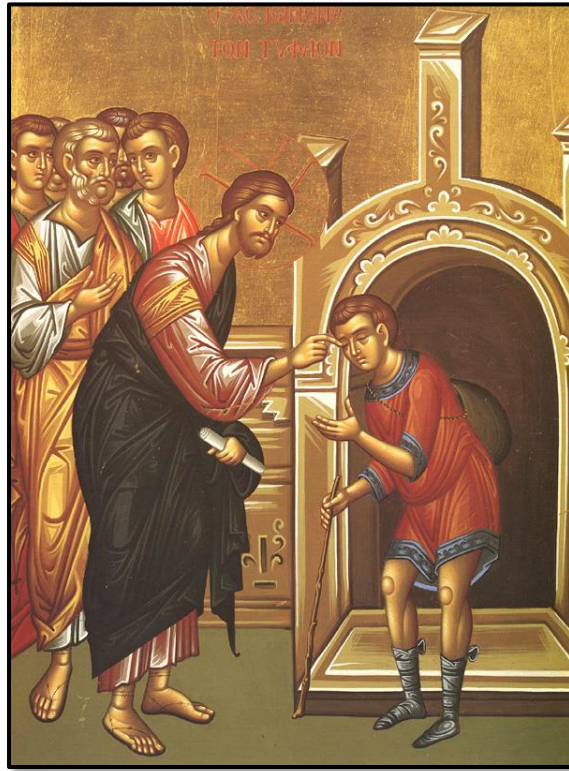


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, May 13, 2018 ~ Sixth Sunday of Pascha ~ The Blind Man
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors, Diocese of New York & New Jersey

Please consider offering a contribution toward the ministries made possible in our Diocese. We would like to present Archbishop Michael with a generous donation when he comes to celebrate the Divine Liturgy next Sunday. **Thank you!**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION AT COFFEE HOUR: The parish is giving a Gold Cross to our Father Vitaly Bahanovich, who will be awarded the privilege to wear the Gold Cross by Archbishop Michael next Sunday. If you would like to contribute toward this milestone event for Fr. Vitaly, please see Pat Bouteneff or Masha Tkachuk at Coffee Hour.

COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE...

- **Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 PM, Informational Meeting on Organizing the Capital Campaign for Church Renovations**, in the Education Building, with Fr. David Fox, Director of Mission Advancement at St. Tikhon's Seminary and Director of Development at Bonnie Brae Residential School for Boys. Interested parishioners are welcome to attend.
- **Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 PM, Next Choir Rehearsal**, in the Church.
- **Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, Visitation of Our Archbishop Michael** for Saturday Vespers and Sunday Liturgy. Entrees will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share as we enjoy fellowship with our Archbishop at Coffee Hour. Contact Matushka Tamara and let her know what you are going to bring!
- **Sunday, June 3: Dr. Peter Bouteneff Speaks on his new book, *How to Be A Sinner***, at Coffee Hour.
- **Sunday, June 3: Church School Year-End Party**, at Interlaken Beach and Picnic Area in Eastchester. See Olga Ptach for details and if you are able to come! Grandparents welcome too! Kids can swim, kayak, play basketball, and learn how to fish!
- **Sunday, June 10: Graduate Sunday!** Those completing junior high, high school, college, graduate and professional programs will be honored. Please see Fr. David or Mat. Tamara to make sure your graduate is included!
- **Sunday, June 24 (Rescheduled from June 10): Informational Meeting for the Parish on Renovation Progress and Plans.** Come and see the plans, and hear what has been accomplished so far and what is coming next, for the improvements being done to the Church and the Education Building.

Today – Sunday of the Blind Man

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

Tuesday, May 15

7:00 PM Capital Campaign Informational Meeting with Fr. David Fox – in the Education Building

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 PM Vespers, Great Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Saturday, May 19

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers – His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL Presiding

Sunday, May 20 – Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:00 AM Greeting of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Archbishop Michael, Celebrant; Followed by Coffee Hour, Church School, and Lunch with Archbishop Michael, Upstairs in the Education Building

TODAY’S EPISTLE Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle) In those days, it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.¹⁷This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.”¹⁸And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.¹⁹But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.²⁰And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; ²¹and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.²²Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.²³And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.²⁴Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.²⁵But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.²⁷And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.²⁸But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”²⁹Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”³¹So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.³³And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them, and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

TODAY’S GOSPEL John 9:1-38 (Gospel) At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.²And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.⁴I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.⁶When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.⁸Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged? ⁹Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.”

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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:

The child Giselle Esposito; Ted Chaiko; Nina Dimas; Marie-Thérèse (Metropolitan Tikhon's aunt); Nancy Watson; Jamie Arrango; Fr. John Bohush; Sharon Naughton; Connie Holroyd; Rocco Mastronardi; Nancy Prusak; Lina Eckoff, Paulette Drake; Honorina Rodriguez; Christina Sceppaquercia & Regina Cataldo; Michael Durkot (Helen Lesko's brother); Mary Braig; Victoria Statkevicius, Lindsay Miller & Darina Markyanova and the children to be born to them; Vera Bouteneff; 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; 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 Eugen Balasenowich, Sr.; Maria Chouplat; Helen Delandri; Olga Donski; Walter Donski; Irene Homa; Anatole Honczarenko; Olga Juck; Ann Karell; 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: Monika Wislocki (5/13), Peter Bullock (5/18). All our mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers. Asking God's blessing on our efforts to renovate the Education Building and Church basement.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Luciana Hernandez; Zenovia Pecuch (Joel Statkevicius' grandmother, + 5/3); Ann Genter (+5/2); Marie Mastronardi (Judy's sister, +4/28); William Morris (+4/21); John King (Melania's father-in-law, +4/11); Mitred Archpriest John Nehrebecki (+4/7); Lillian Stavrevsky (+4/3); all our departed mothers, grandmothers & Godmothers; 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
Samantha Fricke
Kaydee Kowalczyk
Daniel Kozak

Luke Kusick
Andrew Nolan
Peter Nolan
August Perry
Kamille Perry
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 MAY:

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 Cataldo, Christina Sceppaquercia.

RENOVATION UPDATES

The City Planning Board has approved our plans – for both the Church and Ed Building Renovations! This means that in the next few weeks we will be meeting with prospective contractors and negotiating contracts to begin our renovations!

(Gospel Reading, Continued) 10Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” 11He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”12Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”13They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.14Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.15Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”16Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.17They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” 18But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.19And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” 22His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.23Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”24So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”25He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”26Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”27He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?” 28Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples.29We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.30The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!31Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.32Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.33If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.34They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.35Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”36He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”37And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”38Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at (914) 965-6815, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick, however severe. It doesn't mean “Last Rites!”

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details.

The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.

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