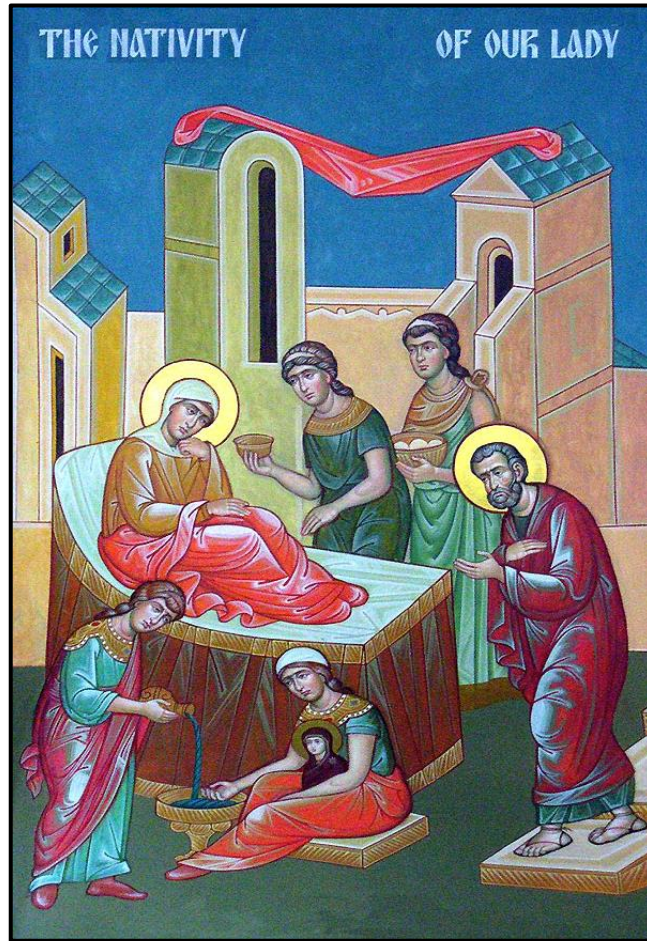


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, September 9, 2018 ~ 15th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 6

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Mother of God

Feast of the Ancestors of God, Joachim & Anna, Parents of the Theotokos

Sunday Before the Feast of the Cross

COMING UP IN THE PARISH, THE DIOCESE, AND ELSEWHERE ...

- **Today, After Liturgy: 20th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Service for James & Tina Reduto.** The service will immediately follow the Liturgy. All are invited to stay and join Jim, Tina, Olivia and Eva in this celebration!
- **Saturday, Sep. 15, 12-4 PM, Church School New Year & Parish Picnic, at Mark & Beth Rzyk's Home.** All parishioners and guests are welcome; it'll be pot luck.
- **Saturday, September 15, at Holy Trinity Church in Rahway NJ: "Choir 101 / 102: Symposium for Directors & Singers".** Professor David Drillock, Chair of the OCA Dept. of Liturgical Music, will present tools for developing singers and conductors. Please see Mat. Tamara for details.
- **Sunday, September 16: Church School Begins; and "Orthodoxy 102" for Catechumens**
- **Sunday, September 16, at Coffee Hour: Guest Speaker Maryl Turchi from *Life Options*,** Yonkers' only Pro-Life women's support and advocacy organization. More details coming soon.
- **Sunday, September 23, Chrismation of Frederick and Richard Miller.** The Chrismation will take place before the Divine Liturgy. The time will be published next Sunday.
- **Sunday, October 21, at Coffee Hour: OYMT Stockholder Appreciation Day.** You'll see a slideshow of the Orthodox Youth Mission Team's trip to Tennessee and hear from them about the amazing experiences they had!

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, with memorial prayers for the Victims of 9/11/2001; followed by *Service of Thanksgiving* for James & Tina Reduto's 20th Wedding Anniversary; and Coffee Hour, hosted by the Reduto Family

Wednesday, September 12

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church Basement

Thursday, September 13 ~ Eve of the Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

6:00 PM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday, September 15

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, September 16

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, First Day of Church School; Coffee Hour with “Life Options” Presentation by Maryl Turchi; and “Orthodoxy 102” for Catechumens, with Fr. David

TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 6:11-16 Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

TODAY'S GOSPEL John 3:13-17 Our Lord said: “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

THE REMAINING GREAT FEASTS OF THE CHURCH YEAR, 2018-19

Thursday, September 14 (Vesperal Liturgy Thurs. 9/13,
6:00 PM): The Exaltation of the Cross

Wednesday, November 21:

Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple

Tuesday, December 25:

Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 6:

Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Saturday, February 2:

Presentation of Our Lord Jesus in the Temple

Monday, March 25

Annunciation of Archangel Gabriel to the Theotokos

Sunday, April 21

Palm Sunday ~ Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Sunday, April 28: The Feast of Feasts ~

PASCHA ~ Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thursday, June 6:

Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, June 16: Our Parish Feast

Pentecost ~ Descent of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, August 6:

Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thursday, August 15:

Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Mother of God

**Some feasts will be celebrated the prior evening with
Vesperal Liturgy; check weekly Bulletins.**

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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:

Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Nina Wisniewski (Suzanne Nolan's mother); newborn Ivan Karlgut and his family; Metropolitan ANTONY; Fr. Joseph Lickwar; Fr. John Bartholomew; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Skvir; Dn. Alexander Anderson; John, John, Mary, Rebecca, Paul Tymus; children Felicity Davis, Victoria Saraceno; Vera Bouteneff; Ted Chaiko; Earle & Sally Ausman; Rocco Mastronardi; Nancy Prusak; Pedro Rosario; Honorina Rodriguez; Christina Sceppaquercia & Regina Cataldo; Mary Braig; expecting mothers Victoria Statkevics, Matushki Viktoria Budica & Lesiya Dubee and the children to be born to them; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Harris; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Elena Herman; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Bill Bodack; Courtney Lyzak; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Maryan Chaykivsky, Samuel Davis, Stephen Hoskins, Samuel Kedala, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, Basil Summer, John Tkachuk, John Zabinko; Matushki Ellen Chupeck, 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; 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. Birthday: Matushka Valerie Sudick (9/9). Name Day: Those named for Saints Joachim & Anna. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and Church basement.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Suzanne Martinez (+9/5); Nina Dimas (Fr. John Tkachuk's sister, +8/24); June (8/24); Lawrence Dunn (+8/24); Kevin Allen (+8/7); Klara Alexandra Borzova (+7/29); Teodor Plaskon (Maria Wislocki's father, +7/22), Mykolaj Plaskon (Maria's uncle, +6/2); all the departed named for Saints Joachim & Anna. 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
Joe Ciamarra
Brandon Ferguson
Samantha Fricke
Kaydee Kowalczyk
Andrew Nolan

Peter Nolan
August Perry
Kamille Perry
Joshua Rzyk
Stephanie Rzyk
Matthew Skalski

Justyna Skalski
Adriana Szynda
Emily Szynda
Katherine Wislocki
Olivia 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 SEPTEMBER:

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.

SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TODAY (AND EVERY DAY) ...

"Of course, it would be easier to get to paradise with a full stomach, all snuggled up in a soft feather-bed, but what is required is to carry one's cross along the way, for the kingdom of God is not attained by enduring one or two troubles, but many!"
-- *Saint Anthony of Optina*

GOOD NEWS AND IMPORTANT NOTES FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

I am overjoyed to announce to you, on behalf of all the Parish Council, that the Education Building is now officially rented!

The tenant is the Westchester School for Special Children. We are deeply grateful to God for the great financial blessing which this rental is bringing to us. We are particularly happy, also, to welcome as a tenant this organization which will put our building to its intended use -- it is the Education Building, after all! -- and especially in service to a community of young people who are in urgent need of support and positive formation.

As you have seen or will soon see, this means many changes in our use of the Ed Building -- and some important concerns that affect us during the renovation that is presently happening there:

- We will still be having coffee hour in the gym, during the present time when we cannot yet permanently move coffee hour into the church basement.

- We will have use of the bathrooms in the Ed Building when the Westchester School is not in session (Saturdays and Sundays, most importantly), while we plan and complete the installation of bathrooms in the church basement. **HOWEVER:** Please be very careful near the men's bathroom, where the former shower room to the left and back of the bathroom is being re-fitted for new plumbing. Do not let children in that area.

- We need to be careful walking in the Ed Building, especially in the ground-floor hallway, near the old pre-school classroom, and (as said above) the men's room, because they are now construction areas.

- We should not go into any rooms downstairs other than the bathrooms and into the boiler room to place bagged trash.

- The refrigerators and freezer in the kitchen are now off-limits. They are for the use of the tenant. Coffee Hour hosts are being kept informed of how to store and put out Coffee Hour supplies.

My thanks to the dedicated ladies who continually bake the breads that become Holy Communion and other blessed breads used in the Divine Services -- especially for their recent "bake-a-thon" to make sure that we would have plenty of breads to last us the next few months while we transition to a new setting for baking.

My thanks also to everyone who leads and participates in hosting Coffee Hour, as you all have had to be extremely flexible these past many months ... and this flexible situation will continue until we are permanently set up for Coffee Hour in the church basement.

My thanks to everyone who has played any part -- some of you donating many, many hours of time, creativity, and "elbow grease" -- in sorting, packing, and moving the contents of the Ed Building classrooms, gym, and kitchen, in preparation for turning it over to the tenant.

Lastly, I want to thank the members of our Parish Council, and other incredibly dedicated laypeople throughout our parish community, who have given countless hours, for years now, in seeking a tenant, securing this tenant, learning "the ropes" of renting and renovating the building to prepare it for a suitable occupant, hiring workers to clean and refurbish the building, and negotiating the lease and the building contracts.

THANK YOU all, and may our Heavenly Father, Who sees you in secret, reward you richly for your love and your sacrifices!

I look forward to walking forward together with each of you into this most promising new season in the life of our Holy Trinity parish family!

With love in Christ,
Fr. David