

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, October 14, 2018 ~ 20th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 3
The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787)
Venerable Parasceva (Petka) of Serbia

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP (OCF)

Please bring something to donate today in support of
OCF's work to keep college students connected to the Church and to Christ. Thank you!

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

- **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!
- **Sunday, October 21: Afternoon Church School Hike.** See Olga Ptach if you're interested in going.
- **Tuesday-Wednesday, October 30-31: Diocesan Assembly, Annunciation Church, Brick, New Jersey.**
- **Saturday, Nov. 3: Diocesan BIBLE BOWL, Here at Holy Trinity Yonkers!**
- **Sunday, Nov. 4, 8:45 AM: Chrismation of Gail and Jessica Bruno** – Come rejoice with them and their family as they are received into the Orthodox Church!
- **Friday-Sunday, Nov. 9-11: Annual Diocesan Girls' Retreat, at St. Basil's Academy, Garrison NY.**

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Tuesday, October 16

7:30 PM Renovation Finance Meeting – in the Church Basement

Wednesday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 20

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, October 21

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy with Panikbida for Teodor Felenczak, requested by his son John & Family; and for Anna Balasenowich, by her son Eugene.

At Coffee Hour: Orthodox Youth Mission Team Presentation

After Coffee Hour: Church School Hike – See Olga Ptach for Details

Wednesday, October 24

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal for Wedding of Christianna and Paolo

TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 1:11-19 Brethren: I make known to you, brethren, 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 Luke 8:5-15 The Lord told this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

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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:

Newly Baptized Lilia VanLare & Alexandra Castro; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris and Fr. Alexis Vinogradov, recovering from surgery; Newborn Alexander Matthew Statkevics & Solomia Vera Budica; newly Chrismated Frederick & Richard Miller; Vera Bullock; Gerald D'Inzillo; John Krawchuk; Fr. Dennis Swencki; Fr. Joseph Lickwar; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Skvir; Joseph Rao; Charlie Andonis; Barbara Garbinski; 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; 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, Lesiya Dubee and unborn child, 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. All those named Paraskeva on this Feast Day. Birthdays: Luke Kusick (10/8). Travel Prayers: Ioannis Sanchez. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and Church basement.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Leonora Mandell (+10/3); Mark Trabakino (+10/5); Gregoria Karides Suchy (+10/3); Paul Trongone (+9/26); Fr. Vincent Saverino (+9/20); Marek Hyra (+9/18); Wasyl Kopcza; Marie Holowach (+9/9); Suzanne Martinez (+9/5); Volodymyr Polishchuk (+9/4); ever-memorable Helen Washenko (birthday 10/20); all the departed named Parascvea; 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.

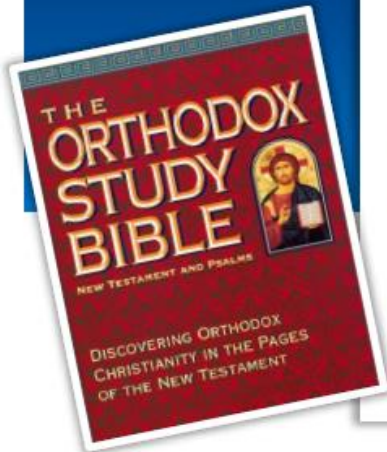
CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR OCTOBER:

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...

Accustom your tongue
to saying, "Forgive me,"
and humility will come to you.
-- Abba Isaiah

Announcing the 1st Annual



The Bible Bowl is a quiz competition for teams of young people and adults, focused on Scripture—this year, all questions will come from **The Gospel of Mark** as found in the Orthodox Study Bible

*Teams dive deep
into the Scriptures
in a spirit of
friendly competition!
Study begins now!*

COMPETITION TO BE HELD AT
HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
46 SEYMOUR STREET, YONKERS, NY
SAT., NOV. 3, 2018, 10 AM – 2 PM

Teams already forming in...
Yonkers Syracuse
Princeton East Meadow
Clifton Endicott Manville
Saddlebrook Ballston Spa

Join the competition
in these age groups:
Pre-teen: Ages 9-12
Teens: Ages 13-19
Adults: Ages 20+

TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM(S)
AND GET STUDY QUESTIONS
CONTACT:

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Department of Christian
Education

Our parish has two teams of adults, and one team of juniors.

We would like to assemble a team of teens, too!

ALSO – Volunteers are needed to count votes and assist with hospitality at the Bible Bowl.

Please speak with Matushka Tamara to sign up or ask for more information!



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2018 College Student Sunday Encyclical
October 7, 2018

“Who do you say that I am?”

Beloved Clergy and Faithful,

We greet you with joy as we announce the date for **College Student Sunday**, benefiting **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**. To support the incredible efforts of our students, College Student Sunday will be the first Sunday of October, running in conjunction with OCF’s Orthodox Awareness Month. This year the date falls on **OCTOBER 7**.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship continues to provide students with opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ and grow in their Orthodox faith through a growing network of on campus OCF chapters led by talented students, clergy, and lay advisors as well as through programs such as Regional Retreats, College Conference, Real Break, and the Summer Leadership Institute.

OCF continues to make every effort to connect new freshmen to campus chapters and local parishes through the **First Forty Days Initiative**, which involves extensive effort from our student leaders and spiritual advisors who contact every incoming freshman within the first forty days on campus. We wholeheartedly pray for and strongly encourage your support of these noble efforts by ensuring that the contact information for your parish’s graduating high school seniors is sent each and every year to the OCF National Office for dissemination to our dedicated local chapters.

Additionally, with the greatest sincerity and earnestness, we encourage your committed financial support of this fundamental ministry which **functions completely on the contributions of caring Orthodox faithful like yourselves**.

We are asking that a special collection be taken on College Student Sunday in support of the good work of OCF, and we encourage the entire faithful family – clergy, parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends of our treasured college students – to be generous in your offering of support to this ministry on their behalf. If for some reason October 7 is not a good date for your parish, please make the collection on another Sunday in October. Donations may be sent to the OCF National Office at 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445 or online at www.ocf.net/donate.

May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ who calls all of us to contribute to the ministry of His Church guide and strengthen all of our cherished and blessed Orthodox college students.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

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**PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS: Please speak with Fr. David
about making sure your student is
connected to the closest OCF Chapter and Orthodox parish to his or her campus.**

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY, OCT. 14 to support the work of OCF.

COFFEE HOUR HAS MOVED TO THE CHURCH BASEMENT!

Beloved Parish Family,

Starting today, we have moved coffee hour from the Ed Building to the basement of the church -- to have a more comfortable fellowship experience as we await the next phase of construction plans being finalized. Here are things you should know, and a few requests if you have the ability to participate:

- We will still have access to the bathrooms in the Ed Building until ours are installed in the church basement.
- Coffee and tea will be brewed with bottled water, as we don't yet have running water in the basement. We ask you each to bring a gallon of water with you this month, so that we can simplify the hosting effort.
- We will continue to have rolls and doughnuts, but in order to have something extra each week, and to lighten the load on our coffee hour hosts, please consider bringing a small dish to share, perhaps 6 or more servings--a kind of mini pot luck! Please keep in mind that we will not be able to store food items from week to week, except for milk, juice and butter.

Thank you in advance for your contributions towards this fellowship! As the weather gets colder, our fellowship will warm it!

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING NEEDS?

- We are seeking someone to serve as Property Manager of the now rented Education Building – assisting with contacting vendors for needed repairs, and other issues that may need attention in order to honor our commitment to our tenants as stated in our lease. A stipend would be offered for this position.
- We need help identifying the best Parish Management Computer Software program to combine all our communications, stewardship, and recordkeeping in one digital “place.” Needed: a computer-savvy person or persons to help the Council select and learn one of the many programs out there that do this work (such as ACS Technologies, PowerChurch, ParishSOFT and many others).
- Producing a special Video Recording celebrating the 120th Anniversary of the Parish, which is coming up in 2019! Needed: one or more persons able to take quality videos with a phone or video camera, willing to interview parishioners and creatively assemble a memorable video collection of (working title) “What Holy Trinity Church Means to Us.”

See Fr. David or Parish Council President Pat Bouteneff to offer help or ask for details – and Stay Tuned for much more news and many opportunities to participate in our 120th Anniversary Celebration!