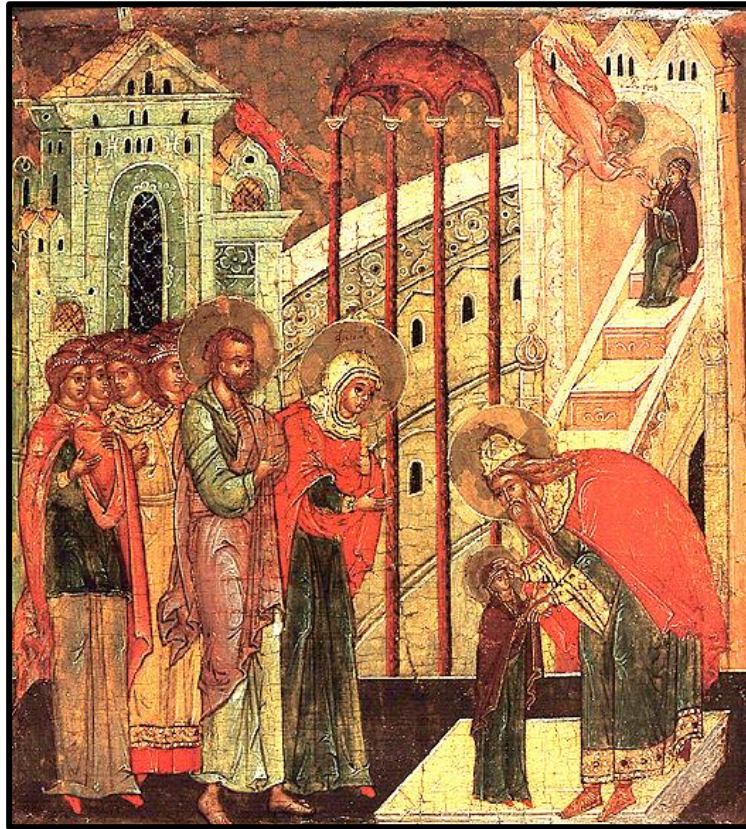


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, November 25, 2018 ~ 26th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 1
Leavetaking of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos in the Temple
St. Clement the Martyr of Rome

Many Thanks to the Ladies' Guild...

for funding the purchase of a new parish-management computer application,
that will help make Father's and the Parish Council's communications to you more timely and relevant ...
and make it possible (this part coming soon) to offer your financial stewardship via automatic online payment, if you wish.

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

- **Next Sunday, Dec. 2, at Coffee Hour: Presentation by the Corona Self-Help Addiction Recovery Center of Queens, NY.** Teens and adults should attend this presentation. This is the second visit to HTOC by the gentlemen from the Corona Center. They will bring t-shirts to sell as a fundraiser.
- **Next Sunday, Dec. 2, After the Corona Presentation: Help Wanted to Carry Christmas Trees Upstairs!** Please see Anna Bolinsky for directions. Thank you!
- **Sunday, Dec. 2, After Coffee Hour: Church School Outing to Novo Diveevo Convent in Nanuet, NY.**
- **Monday, Dec. 3, Christmas Tree Decorating in the Church.** Please see Anna Bolinsky for the time and details.
- **Sunday, Dec 9, During Coffee Hour: Visit from Saint Nicholas!**
- **Saturday, Dec. 15, 2:00 PM: Baptism of Alexander Matthew Statkevics.** All are welcome!
- **Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:00 PM: 3rd Annual HTOC Christmas Concert by Our Choir!** Invite all your friends and family to this wonderful event – it's free! Our Church School children will also be performing. And, invite your friends to come downstairs afterward for desserts and a Christmas Bazaar! See page 2 for how you can help make it a success.
- **Monday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM: Holy Supper, at the Fellowship Hall.** See page 4 for details ... and please come!
- **Wednesday, Dec. 26, After Liturgy: Christmas Caroling Visits to Homebound Parishioners.**
- **New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, 7:00 PM: Service of Thanksgiving for the New Year, and New Year's Eve Celebration in the Fellowship Hall!**

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

~ The Nativity Fast, or Advent, continues until the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day, the Nativity of Our Lord, on Tuesday, December 25. We strive to abstain from meat, to abstain from or limit our use of dairy products, and avoid spiritually unproductive entertainment and Internet activity. ~

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikbida* for Paraska & Teodore Swyst, Paraska & Seman Telyczka, Anna & Jan Honczar and Szymon Dzamba, requested by Bill & Nancy Prusak and Family, followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

Tuesday, November 27

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

Wednesday, November 28

7:30 PM 120th Anniversary Committee Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 1

4:30 PM “Everybody’s Aging” Conversation Group – in the Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, December 2

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*; with thanks for Fr. David’s 12th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood; followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

During Coffee Hour: Presentation by the Corona Self-Help Addiction Recovery Center of Queens, NY. Teens and adults should attend this presentation.

Help Wanted carrying the Christmas trees from storage in the Fellowship Hall up to the Church. See Anna Bolinsky for directions.

Monday, December 3

Morning (time TBA) Christmas Decorating in the Church – See Anna Bolinsky to volunteer.

Tuesday, December 4

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 PM *Vesperal Liturgy* – Feast of St. Nicholas, Wonderworker of Myra in Lycia

TODAY’S EPISTLE Ephesians 5:9-19 Brethren: (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17 At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath? And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Join In Making Our Christmas Concert & Bazaar a Big Success!

- Bring Wrapped Baked Goods OR Decorations OR Craft Items to Sell. Put price stickers on them and bring them to Coffee Hour either Sunday 12/2, 12/9 or 12/16. Please tell Vera Kuzmenko or Anna Bolinsky what you plan to bring.
- Help Decorate the Fellowship Hall! Please Christmas-gift-wrap an empty box and bring it to the Fellowship Hall. Vera Kuzmenko will arrange them to add to the festive spirit of our new gathering space! Thank you!

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:

Infant Quincy (Fred Miller's grandson); Luna Shin (Sohee Talley's sister); newly baptized Lukas Gogichaishvili; Child Lukas; Newly Chrismated Gail Mary & Jessica Joanna Bruno; newly married Paolo & Christianna Varrenti; Newborn Alexander Matthew Statkevicius & Nestor Dubee; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris and Fr. Alexis Vinogradov, recovering from surgery; Fr. Samuel Davis; Alice Coyle; Aaron Hoskins; Michael Lucak; Walter Shymansky, Stephanie Whiting; Vera Bullock; Gerald D'Inzillo; Matushka Lorissa Gregory; John Krawchuk; Martha Scigliano; Mat. Mary Shafran; 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; Douglas Jenkins, Sara Haughton; Mary Braig; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Luka & 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, 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. Those afflicted by the ongoing fires in California. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Eric Ford (+11/18); Dn. Paul Hilko (+11/12); Pdn. Dennis & Matushka Helen Lucak (+11/10); Fr. Joseph Martin (+11/9). The victims of the recent attacks in Pittsburgh, PA, and Thousand Oaks, CA. Newly departed Monk Cornelius (+10/30); Leonard Davis (+10/24); Paraska Swyst (+10/19); Sarah Culhane; ever-memorable Daria Krawchuk (birthday 11/28) & Nicholas Washenko (birthday 11/30); 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 NOVEMBER:

Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia. Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.

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HOLY SUPPER

Monday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM at the Fellowship Hall

Let Mat. Tamara know you would like to come!

A traditional lenten Christmas Eve meal, it is the last meal of the Advent fast. Fasting foods served can include barley, honey, stewed prunes, pierogi, sauerkraut, potatoes, lima beans, garlic, Lenten bread, or mushroom soup.

A lit candle symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. The bread broken and shared symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. Foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ's birth and its sweetness after He came. After supper, all attend the Christmas Eve vigil. Hay under the tablecloth recalls the manger where Jesus' Mother placed Him. An extra place is always set -- for Jesus, either in Spirit, or in the form of a traveler or stranger, for none are turned away on this day without a warm invitation to partake!



HERE WE GO, A-CAROLING!

Wed., Dec. 26, After 10AM Divine Liturgy:

Caroling for Homebound Parishioners

Our Brothers and Sisters who are Confined
in Homes & Hospitals Need Our Smiles, Our Songs, and Our Love.

You'll Open Your Gifts on Christmas Day ... The Next Day, Give Back!



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CONFESS!"

Have you ever thought that? Here's a simple preparation based on the 10 Commandments.

- 1. "I am the Lord your God.... you shall have no other gods before me."**
- 2. "You shall not make for yourself any graven images (idols)... You shall not bow down to them."**
Commandments 1 and 2 are similar... Have you spent more time or energy on any other part of your life – work; money; leisure – than your relationship with God?
- 3. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."** Have you said "God," "Jesus," or "Christ" for any other purpose than prayer, praise, or talking about what God has done in your life to someone else?
- 4. "Remember the sabbath day (Sunday), to keep it holy."** Have you missed Church on Sunday for any reason other than the inability to come? Have you treated Sunday as "just another day" even after leaving Church?
- 5. "Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long."** Have you disrespected or failed to pay attention to, or to love, your parents and elders?
- 6. "You shall not kill."** Even if you haven't murdered anybody... do you kill others in your heart by hating, judging, or ridiculing them?
- 7. "You shall not commit adultery."** Have you had sexual relations outside of marriage – that includes before marriage if you have never been married – and have you allowed your mind to dwell on the desire to be with a person other than your spouse (even if you're not married)?
- 8. "You shall not steal."** Have you taken anything from anyone, or anywhere, that wasn't intended for you?
- 9. "You shall not bear false witness (lie) against your neighbor."** Have you lied or even asked leading questions ("where do you suppose he got all that money?... why do you suppose she got picked and so-and-so didn't?") about anyone, especially for the purposes of either avoiding inconvenience for yourself?
- 10. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house, his wife, ... nor any thing that is your neighbor's."** Have you envied or been jealous of anyone and wished that something of theirs – or someone of theirs – was yours?