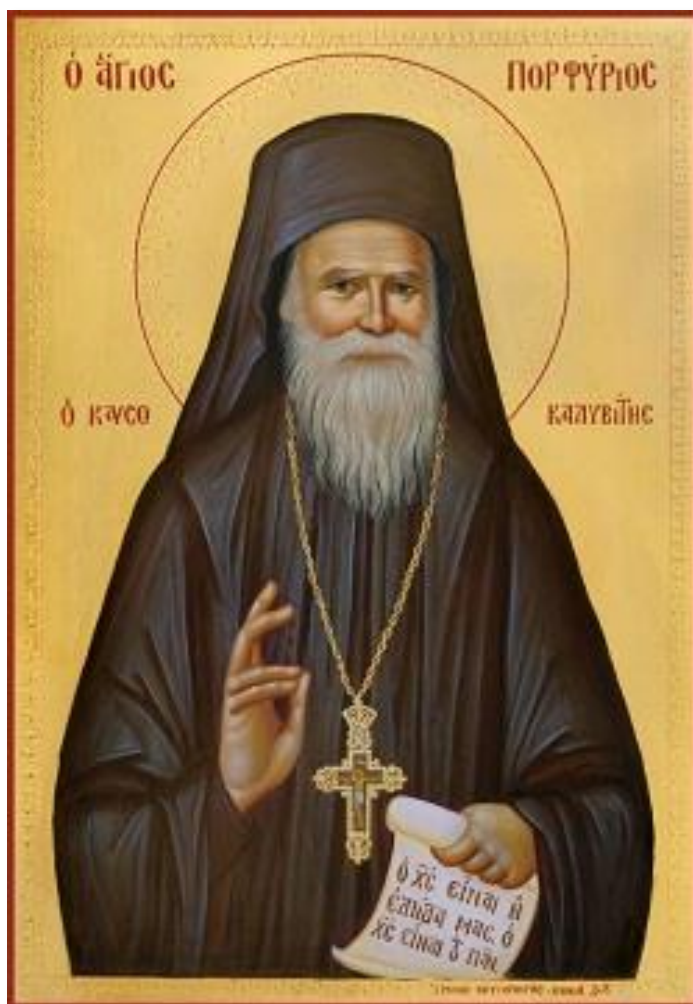


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, December 2, 2018 ~ 27th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 2
Saint Habakkuk, the Prophet ~ Saint Porphyrios, Elder of Mt. Athos (+1992)**

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

- **Today, 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.
- **Today, After the Corona Presentation: Help Wanted to Carry Christmas Trees Upstairs!** Please see Anna Bolinsky for directions. Thank you!
- **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 Statkevicius.** All are welcome!
- **Sunday, Dec. 16, at Coffee Hour: 120th Anniversary Committee Meets** – in the Fellowship Hall
- **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 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

Saturday, December 8

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

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

Sunday, December 9

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

TODAY’S EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10-17 Brethren, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **TODAY’S GOSPEL Luke 18:18-27** At that time, a certain ruler asked Jesus, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

Families Encouraged to Come Together for Confession in Preparation for Christmas: on Sat. 12/15, starting 5:30 PM ... particularly if some family members wish to confess in the Slavic languages:

CONFESSION AVAILABLE IN RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, and POLISH – Sat., December 15, 5:30 PM

В субботу, 15 Декабря в 5:30 вечера, во время службы великой вечерни,

о. Вячеслав Кравчук будет слышать исповеди

прихожан нашего храма говорящих на Русском, Украинском и Польском языках.

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 today or Sunday 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, Fr. Samuel & Mat. Photini Davis, recovering from surgery; Alice Coyle; Aaron Hoskins; Michael Lucak; Emily Sarisky; 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 earthquakes in Alaska and the fires in California. Birthday: Protodeacon John Eby (12/8). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Fr. Athanasius Shaw (+11/29); 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; 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 DECEMBER:

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

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

"Those who desire and crave to belong to Christ, and who abandon themselves to the will of God, become worthy. It's a great thing,

all-important, to have no will. ... And it is possible for us to have no will of

our own in a very simple manner: through love for Christ and the keeping of His commandments.

"He who has my commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves me; and he who loves me shall be loved by my Father and I will love him and will manifest myself to him." (John 14:31)

- Saint Porphyrios of Mount Athos (+1992)

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 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?

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