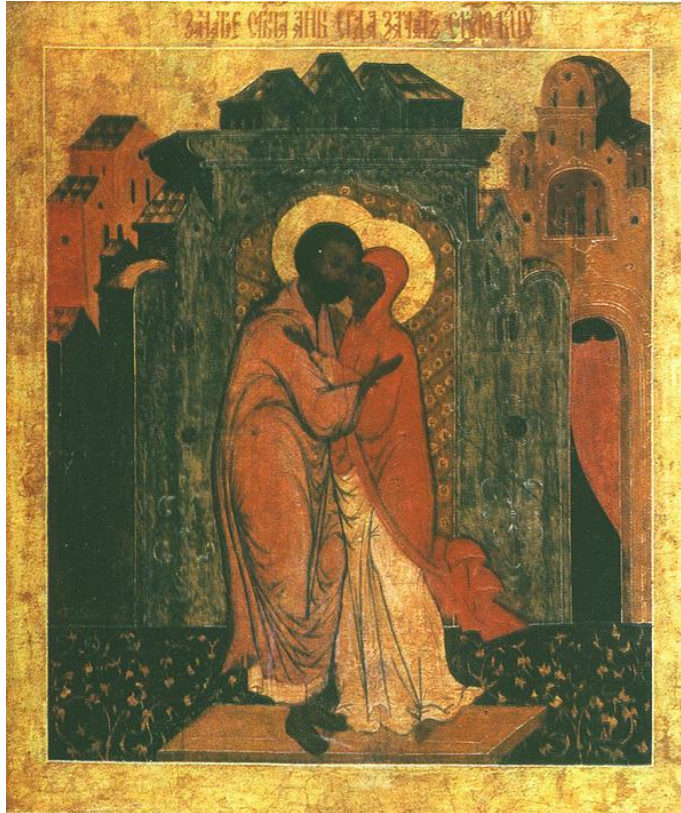


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, December 9, 2018 ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 3**  
**Conception of the Theotokos by the Righteous Anna**

## **DOESN'T THE CHURCH LOOK BEAUTIFUL?**

Many, many thanks to *everyone* who has prepared and decorated – and is still continuing to beautify – the Church and the Fellowship Hall! Truly we will be thrilled to share the beauty of Holy Trinity Church with our guests for the Christmas Concert on December 19, and with everyone whom God guides through our doors in this glorious season! **Thank you!**

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

- **Today, During Coffee Hour: Visit from Saint Nicholas!**
- **Saturday, Dec. 15, 2:00 PM: Baptism of Alexander Matthew Statkevics.** All are welcome!
- **Sunday, Dec. 16, at Coffee Hour: 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meets** – in the Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:00 PM: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

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## 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 followed by Church School & Coffee Hour ... and a Visit from Saint Nicholas!

### Tuesday, December 11

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

### Wednesday, December 12

7:30 PM Healing Service of Prayer for all who are in need. We are inviting our neighbors at the Kristensen Apartments to join us. This is a short Prayer Service, different from the Sacrament of Holy Unction traditionally served here on Wednesday of Holy Week. All are welcome!

### Thursday, December 13

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Feast of Saint Herman, the Wonder-Worker of Alaska

### Saturday, December 15

2:00 PM Baptism of Alexander Matthew Statkevics – All are welcome!

5:30 PM Private Confession Available – in Russian, Polish, Ukrainian with Fr. Wiaczeslaw, and in English with Fr. David

6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, December 16

1:30 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Coffee Hour

During Coffee Hour: Meeting of the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Colossians 1:12-18** Brethren: Give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 17:12-19** At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

**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 12/16. Please tell Vera Kuzmenko or Anna Bolinsky what you plan to bring.

## 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!*



## 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 Statkevics & Nestor Dube; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris and Fr. Alexis Vinogradov, Fr. Samuel & Mat. Photini Davis, recovering from surgery; Michelle Brown; 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 Ryzyk; 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. Feast Day: All named for St. Anna. Birthday: Cristina O'Connor (12/10); Justyna Skalski (12/11); Matthew Skalski (12/13); Maria Wislocki (12/13); George & Stephan Wislocki (12/14). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Lorna Nelson (12/4) former President George Bush (+11/30); 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); Sarah Culhane; all the departed named for St. 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 Ryzyk  
Stephanie Ryzyk  
Matthew Skalski

Justyna Skalski  
Adriana Szpynda  
Emily Szpynda  
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)...

*"Every genuine confession humbles the soul.  
When it takes the form of thanksgiving,  
confession teaches the soul that it has been delivered by the grace of God."  
- Saint Maximos the Confessor*

# 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!



## THE "GIVING GRID"

Our 56 pledgers for 2018 have pledged an average of \$22/week.

We have at least 80 active adult members. That leaves 24 who have not pledged for 2018.

If the other 24 pledge for 2019, at an average of \$22/week,  
and no one else decreases their pledge for 2019,

we will be within about \$10,000 of a balanced operating budget (with rental income).

So, ask yourself:

**Where am I on the grid?**

**If I'm not at 10%, can I move 1 square to the left and pledge that amount for 2019?**

	Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Beyond a Tithe		Weekly Tithe	Weekly Upper Range of Giving			Weekly Middle Range of Giving			Weekly Lower Range of Giving		
			15%	12%		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%
A	\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$51	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4
B	\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
C	\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
D	\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
E	\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
F	\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
G	\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
H	\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
I	\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
J	\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
K	\$110,000	\$2,115	\$317	\$254	\$212	\$190	\$169	\$148	\$127	\$106	\$85	\$63	\$42	\$21
L	\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23
M	\$140,000	\$2,692	\$404	\$323	\$269	\$242	\$215	\$188	\$162	\$135	\$108	\$81	\$54	\$27