

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, December 16, 2018 ~ 29th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 4

Sunday of the Forefathers of Our Lord; and Prophets and Righteous Ones:

**Aaron, Benjamin, Deborah, Ezra, Isaac, Jacob, Judith, Miriam, Nathan, Nehemiah,
Noah, Rebecca, Sarah, Solomon, Susanna, Ruth, and Mary, the Grandmother of the Theotokos**

SECOND COLLECTION on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23: We will collect for the **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor Fund**, which funds Seminary Scholarships, New Mission Parishes, Struggling Parishes, and other ministries of our Diocesan family.

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

- **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!

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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
During Coffee Hour: Meeting of the 120th Anniversary Committee
7:30 PM Teleconference Meeting of the Nominations Committee

Wednesday, December 19

7:00 PM Third Annual Christmas Concert! – Here at Holy Trinity Church
After the Concert: Reception and Christmas Bazaar, in the Fellowship Hall Downstairs

Thursday, December 20

7:30 PM Finance Meeting with Philadelphia Trust – in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 22

5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, December 23

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

TODAY'S EPISTLE Colossians 3:4-11 Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. **TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 14:16-24** The Lord said: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

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

- Buy a ticket for one of the Theme Baskets in the Fellowship Hall – Drawing will be held after the Concert Wednesday.
- Bring Wrapped Baked Goods OR Decorations OR Craft Items to Sell. Put price stickers on them and bring them to Coffee Hour today or to the Concert. Please tell Vera Kuzmenko or Anna Bolinsky what you plan to bring.

Consider Supporting our "300 Club" Fundraising Raffle

to raise funds for some of our 120th Anniversary Celebration events and activities.

Tickets are \$20 apiece; help us sell 300 of them! See Michael Adamovich to buy tickets and pick up some to sell.

Don't forget that Parish Membership with Voting Privilege requires Confession and Holy Communion at least once during the year, as well as turning in a Pledge Form for the year and prayerfully *trying* to meet your pledge. Thank you!

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 baptized Alexander Matthew Statkevicius; newborn Nestor Dube; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris and Fr. Alexis Vinogradov, Fr. Samuel & Mat. Photini Davis, Serge Schmemann and Shaun McElray, recovering from surgery; Victoria Miroshnikov and the child to be born of her; 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 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. Feast Day: All named for the Forefathers of our Lord, Prophets and Righteous Ones commemorated today. 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); Victor Makarov (+11/28); 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. Ever-memorable Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemann (+12/13/83); Matushka Deborah Dahulich and all those named for the Prophets and Forefathers of Our Lord commemorated today; and 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)...

"We do not need riches or learning in order to know the Lord: we must simply be obedient and sober, have a humble spirit and love our fellow-men. The Lord will love a soul that does this, and of His own accord make Himself manifest to her and instruct her in love and humility, and give her all things necessary for her to find rest in God." (Saint Silouan of Mount Athos)

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

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE DONATION (or any HTOC donation) ONLINE, OR BY TEXT MESSAGE:

Text the word "give" to (914) 506-5966; or visit www.htocyonkers.breezechms.com/give/online and either way you will be guided through instructions

to set up either a recurring donation (weekly, every 2 weeks, monthly, or yearly) or a one-time donation.