

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, January 13, 2019 ~ Tone 8**

**Sunday After Theophany ~ The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ**

### **MEMORY ETERNAL: KATHERINA KUZMENKO**

Katherina, mother of our Vera Kuzmenko, fell asleep in the Lord unexpectedly earlier this week.

Please express your condolences to Vera and her family.

Services for Katherina are still being scheduled; contact Fr. David if you wish to know those plans.

***May + Katherina's memory be eternal!***

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

- **This Friday, Jan. 18: March for Life, Washington DC.** Please pray for all who will participate in this year's March for Life – and for those who have fallen to the temptation of committing abortions or advocating for abortion on demand ... and for the millions of aborted innocent ones.
- **Home Blessings Are Under Way!** Please speak with Father David to schedule your home blessing visit.

### **PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2019**

So far, for 2019, 21 pledge forms have been turned in, and approximately \$38,600 has been pledged.

In 2018, 41 pledge forms came in, and \$72,900 was pledged. Let's increase our stewardship for 2019!

Please turn in your 2019 pledge form either to Fr. David or in the box in the back of the church. *Thank you!*

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**120<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
JUNE 16, 2019

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Today – Sunday, January 13

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for the newly-departed Katherina Kuzmenko, requested by her daughters Vera and Tanya and their family; and for Vladymir Kowalczyk, requested by his wife Maria and family; followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

### Monday, January 14

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, January 19

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

### Sunday, January 20

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Mary Macagnone, requested by her family; with Church School and Coffee Hour hosted by the Macagnone Family

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 4:7-13** Brethren: to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-17** At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019.

In order to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting,  
the following requirements are expressed in our Parish Bylaws:

- partake in the Sacraments of private Confession, and Holy Communion, at least once a year,
- fulfill all financial obligations, as established by the parish, by the end of the year:

"The financial obligation [for voting membership in our parish] is the following: To submit a financial pledge for 2018, by means of the Stewardship Commitment Form; and to prayerfully attempt to fulfill that pledge by remitting to the parish the pledged financial contribution no later than December 31, 2018."

**Voting isn't everything ... Communion with Christ is! Still, your voice is valuable. So please, take action so that you can participate both spiritually and materially in the care of your family in Christ!**

*At the Annual Meeting, the Parish Council intends to ask your vote on an Amendment to the Parish By-Laws, allowing for the addition of four more seats to the Parish Council ...*

*so that the Council can more effectively carry out the ministries that will continue the health and growth of our parish! Please review the Proposed Amendment on the back page of the Bulletin.*

## RECLAIMING OUR HOMES FOR CHRIST – A NOTE ON HOME BLESSINGS

The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. When the Holy Water touches our doors, our walls, and us, we show the Lord – and the devil – that we wish for God to physically expel every trace of sin, anger, bitterness, and worry that has invaded our homes and our families over the past year!

Plan your home blessing at a time when **all family members can be present**, if at all possible.

When Father comes to bless the family and house, these things should be prepared:

- A lit candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for Holy Water should be on the table.
- All present in the house should come together and stand at the table. If kids are present, an icon for each child to carry (who is big enough to carry one) should also be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

## 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 Alexander Matthew Statkevics; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Sara Houghton, Serge Schmemann and Shaun McElray, recovering from surgery; Melania King & Victoria Miroshnikov and the children to be born of them; Pdn. Stephen Sweet; Michelle Brown; Mallory Cabe; Aaron Hoskins; Sally Seitz; Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Danielle, Sophia and Stella Miller; Charles Obery & Juanita Thompson; Fr. Alexander Revyuk; Martha Scigliano; Fr. Dennis Swencki; Fr. Steven Belonick; 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, 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, Daniel Skvir, 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. Birthdays: Magdalena Ungureanu (1/14), Kristina Ferguson (1/17). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Katherina Kuzmenko; Bishop Athanasius of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Western Kenya (+1/5); Janice Keil (+12/26); Lorna Nelson (12/4); Victor Makarov (+11/28); Faina Guseva (+11/28); ever-memorable Klara Borzova (birthday 1/16); 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 JANUARY:

**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 should refer all our problems, whatever they are, to God, just as we say in the Divine Liturgy that we "commend ... our whole life unto Christ, our God".

We leave everything to You, O Lord. Whatever You will. Let Your will "be done on earth as it is in Heaven."  
- Saint Porphyrios of Mount Athos (+1994)

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OUR PARISH BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE IV: PARISH COUNCIL

### Section 1: *Composition*

- a) The Parish Council shall consist of the following: Rector and **ten** [formerly “six”] trustees for a total of **eleven** [formerly “seven”] members on the Parish Council. Each of the trustees shall have one of the following [~~deleted the word “officer” here~~] positions and duties; president, vice president, treasurer, financial secretary, recording secretary, communications/membership secretary [**add “, and trustee-at-large”**].

### Section 2: *Duties*

[The language of paragraphs a) through g), descriptions of the existing offices, is unchanged and so is omitted here.]

#### **ADD: h) Trustee-At-Large (4 positions)**

#### **i) [was h)] [This section is unchanged except for the change from “h” to “i” ]**

The Trustees:

- i. shall be voting members of the Parish Council.
- ii. shall be the custodians of all temporalities and property, real and personal, belonging to the parish, and of the revenues there from, and shall administer the same, in accordance with the bylaws of the parish and bylaws of the Diocese, and any applicable amendments thereto, and all other rules, statutes, regulations, and usage of the Orthodox Church in America.

### Section 3: *Elections*

#### a) Term of Office:

- i. The trustees shall be elected to a term of two years, with the terms staggered so that **five [formerly “three”]** trustee positions are open for election annually. The initial term of offices of the Trustee - President, Trustee - Treasurer and Trustee - Communications/Membership Secretary shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2018 and said trustee officers shall be elected in even numbered years thereafter. The initial term of the offices of the Trustee - Vice President, Trustee - Financial Secretary and Trustee - Recording Secretary shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2017 and said trustee officers shall be elected in odd numbered years thereafter. [**Add: “The initial term of the offices of two (2) of the Trustees-At-Large shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2020 and said trustees shall be elected in even numbered years thereafter. The initial term of the offices of two (2) of the Trustees-At-Large shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2021 and said trustees shall be elected in odd numbered years thereafter.”**]
- ii. No individual may be elected to more than three consecutive terms on the Parish Council, regardless of the trustee position.