HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York

Sunday, January 20, 2019 ~ Tone 1

34th Sunday After Pentecost – St. Euthymius the Great

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

- **Home Blessings Are Under Way!** Please speak with Father David to schedule your home blessing visit.
- **Diocesan Altar Servers' Retreat – Fri.-Sun., March 1-3, St. Basil's Academy, Garrison NY.** Altar servers of all ages are welcome – and all boys and men who are interested in serving in the altar are welcome, too. See Fr. David.

PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2019

So far, for 2019, 23 pledge forms have been turned in, and approximately $40,100 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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120th ANNIVERSARY JUNE 16, 2019

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – Sunday, January 20

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Welcoming His Eminence, Archbishop Michael! Coffee Hour & Church School Afterward. The Panikhida for Mary Macagnone will be re-scheduled to a later date due to weather.

Tuesday, January 22

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

Thursday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 26

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:30 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, January 27

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, followed by Coffee Hour and the Annual Parish Meeting AND Chili Cook-off!

TODAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 13:17-21 Brethren: Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 6:17-23 At that time, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is NEXT 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.

USE A TEXT MESSAGE OR THE WORLD WIDE WEB TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR PARISH – ONCE OR REGULARLY:

- ***Text*** the word "give" to (914) 506-5966; or
- ***Online:*** Visit www.htocyonkers.breezechms.com/give/online

Whichever way you choose, you will be guided through instructions to set up a recurring donation (weekly, every 2 weeks, monthly, or yearly) or a one-time donation. *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:

Newly baptized Alexander Matthew Statkevicus; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Sara Haughton, 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 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. Birthdays: Vera Kuzmenko (1/16), Tanya Balasenowich & Helen Maybo (1/24). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Patricia Overdorf; Katherina Kuzmenko; Bishop Athanasius of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Western Kenya (+1/5); Janice Keil (+12/26); Victor Makarov (+11/28); 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!

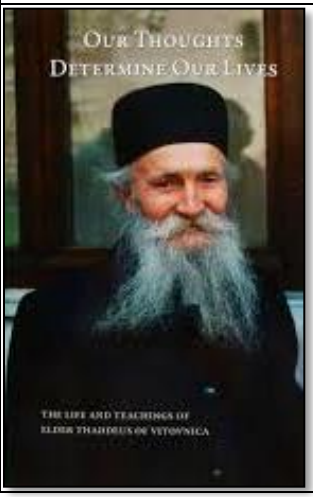
Elizabeth Bouteneff
Joe Ciamarra
Brandon Ferguson
Samantha Fricke
Kaydee Kowalczyk
Luke Kusick
Andrew Nolan
Peter Nolan
August Perry
Kamille Perry
Joshua Ryzyk
Stephanie Ryzyk
Matthew Skalski
Justyna Skalski
Adriana Szpynda
Emily Szpynda
Katherine Wislocki
Olivia Wislocki

"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 JANUARY:

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



JOIN A NEW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, HERE, SATURDAYS FEB. 2 – MAR. 2, 4:30PM

"*Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility*." This is from the book, **Our Thoughts Determine our Lives by Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica**.

Please come to our Fellowship Hall to hear (or read) these amazing words of wisdom for the next month beginning on **Saturday 2/2/19 through 3/2/19 at 4:30-5:30pm.** We will share conversation on how we can "take every thought captive to obey Christ" (2 Cor 10:5). If you can't come in person, please consider joining us by Conference Call on your phone! Call Olga Ptach (914-262-1061) for instructions. This is a wonderful way to prepare ourselves for Great Lent which begins on 3/11/19, so that we can grow ever closer to our Lord. *See Protodeacon John to get your copy from St. Vladimir Bookstore!*

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.

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at (914) 965-6815, when a family member is in an emergency or admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick, however severe. It doesn't mean "Last Rites!"

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, counseling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please be aware that those Orthodox Christians who freely reject the invitation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, are not buried with a funeral in the church. Please see Father for details.

The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.