HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York

Sunday, January 27, 2019 ~ Tone 2
35th Sunday After Pentecost
New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia;
Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is TODAY.

In order to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting, these 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.

PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2019

So far, for 2019, 24 pledge forms have been turned in, and approximately $48,100 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!*

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.
- **Fat Friday Pre-Lent Celebration – Friday, March 1, 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall! More details coming soon!
- **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.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – Sunday, January 27
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, followed by Church School Coffee Hour, and the Annual Parish Meeting AND Chili Cook-off!

Tuesday, January 29
7:00 PM *Great Vespers* – Feast of the Three Hierarchs

Wednesday, January 30
10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Feast of the Three Hierarchs; His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, Main Celebrant

Thursday, January 31
7:30 PM 120th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Friday, February 1
6:30 PM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Candles* – Great Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

Saturday, February 2
4:30 PM "Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives" Book Group – in the Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, February 3
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Stephen Yedynak, requested by his wife Barbara and daughter Michelle; and for Luba and Teodor Felenczak, by their children John, Dymitr and Maria; followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

At Coffee Hour: "Orthodoxy 102" for Catechumens and Teens

TODAY'S EPISTLE Colossians 3:12-16 Brethren: As the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 Our Lord told this parable: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 https: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. Samuel Kedala & Mat. Anastasia Harris preparing for surgery; Mat. Frances Vansuch, William Wasilko, Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, Serge Schmemann, Shaun McElray, 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 Gregory Barbash (+1/20); 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!

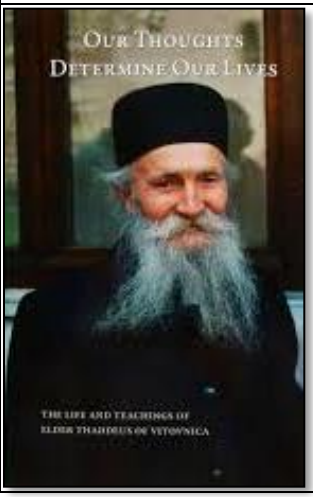
Elizabeth Bouteneff
Joe Ciamarra
Brandon Ferguson
Samantha Fricke
Kaydee Kowalczyk
Luke Kusick
Andrew Nolan
Peter Nolan
August Perry
Kamille Perry
Joshua Ryzyk
Stephanie Ryzyk
Matthew Skalski
Justyna Skalski
Adriana Szpynda
Emily Szpynda
Katherine Wislocki
Olivia Wislocki

"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.

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