HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York

Sunday, February 10, 2019 ~ Tone 4
37th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday of Zacchaeus
"Scout Sunday"

PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2019

So far, for 2019, 28 pledge forms have been turned in, and approximately $59,000 has been pledged.
No new pledges have come in since last Saturday, February 2.
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.
- **Diocesan Teen Retreat – Fri.-Sun, March 22-24, with "Be the Bee" Host Steven Christoforou**, at Camp Shiloh, Hewitt NJ. See the back page for registration information.
- **Saturday, April 13: Lenten Retreat with Michelle Moujaes.** Much more info coming very soon.
- **May 2019, Date TBA:** Service of Thanks and Vehicle Blessing for Fire, Police, and First Responders
- **Sunday, June 16: 120th Anniversary Celebration Liturgy, and Banquet at Castle Royale.** Save the date!

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – Sunday, February 10

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, with "Scout Sunday" Prayer & Blessing, and *Panikhida* for John Kowalczyk, requested by his family; and for Maria, John & Maria Ryzyk, by their children; followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

At Coffee Hour: 120th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 12

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

Saturday, February 16

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 17

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

During Coffee Hour: "Orthodoxy 102" for Catechumens and Teens
Church School Teachers' Meeting

TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Timothy 4:9-15 My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10 At that time, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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!*

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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:

Fr. Peter Olsen; Fr. John Bartholomew; Candice Masset; James Hassett; Fr. Samuel Kedala; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Mat. Frances Vansuch, William Wasilko, Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, Serge Schmemann, Shaun McElray, Leonard Soroka, expecting mothers 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: John Felenczak (2/10), Olivia Reduto (2/11). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Crissy Knarr (+2/5); Christian (+2/1); Archpriest John Mason (+1/31); Konstantinos Aronis (+1/22), Konstantinos "Gus" Aronis (+1/20); Gregory Barbash (+1/20); Patricia Overdorf; Katherina Kuzmenko; Bishop Athanasius of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Western Kenya (+1/5); Victor Makarov (+11/28); ever-memorable Justin Solak (+2/14/16); 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!

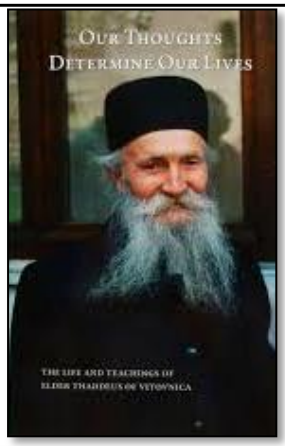
Elizabeth Bouteneff	Andrew Nolan	Matthew Skalski
Joe Ciamarra	Peter Nolan	Justyna Skalski
Brandon Ferguson	August Perry	Adriana Szpynda
Samantha Fricke	Kamille Perry	Emily Szpynda
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Joshua Ryzyk	Katherine Wislocki
Luke Kusick	Stephanie Ryzyk	Olivia Wislocki

"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 FEBRUARY:

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 THROUGH 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 words of wisdom on **Saturdays through 3/2/19 at 4:30-5:30pm.** 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 Pdn. John to get your copy from SVS Bookstore!*

MARCH 1-3, 2019
ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT

Theme: A Teaching Liturgy!

Please join us at our Annual Retreat for Altar Servers who currently serve in the altar, and for those with an interest in serving in the altar. Archpriest Jason Vansuch will be our retreat leader.

The event is fully sponsored by the OCA Diocese of New York & New Jersey. Register today!

Shiloh Bible Camp & Retreat Center

753 Burnt Meadow Road, Hewitt, NJ 07412
www.campshiloh.com

ANNUAL LENTEN TEEN RETREAT
MARCH 22-24, 2019

Sponsored by the OCA Diocese of New York & New Jersey

OPEN TO: Teens in Grades 7-12

FIRM REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 8th

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Rock climbing wall, zip-line, challenge course, basketball court, game room, and hiking!

CONTACT INFORMATION:
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Y²AM Youth & Young Adult Ministries
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Office of Campus Ministries

SPEAKER: ***Steven Christoforou***
Director, Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America
Host, "Be the Bee" and "Pop Culture Coffee Hour"

Register today for either event, or both, at:
http://nynjoca.wixsite.com/nynjocayouth/upcoming-events

WHAT PLEDGING MEANS TO ME

Thoughts on Stewardship from Members of our Parish Family

February 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

When I first visited Holy Trinity in January 2018, I had pretty much decided I needed to become Orthodox. Finding the right jurisdiction and parish would be the challenge. This was the third parish I visited within about the same distance.

I would be coming from a Catholic parish with average Sunday mass attendance of about 325. This made us small, as Catholic parishes go. We had no debt, a generous community, a very healthy savings, and a pristinely renovated church and rectory. Our biggest challenge was fighting off the archdiocese's endless attempts to merge us with a large poor parish and save a priest. We had a hard time getting them to see that we were a bad match. Their plan would result in our people scattering to other parishes and our savings would dissipate with the other parish, in a short period, and not remain with the families that had built it up over many years.

At my first meeting with Father David I had more questions about the viability of Holy Trinity than I did about Orthodoxy. I talked to some of the welcoming people I was meeting here about my same concern. I wanted to be here but not if it was going to be a death watch.

By April, I was seeing that Richard liked coming here and that people were really nice to him. I asked to become a catechumen. I asked Father for a pledge card and envelopes. Next, I wrote a check for the Sundays in the year that had already passed. I wanted my pledge to be for the full year. I believed in the future of Holy Trinity and knew my financial contribution was needed here.

I didn't give a lot to my previous parish. Instead I gave small amounts to a number of catholic groups. I wrote to all of them and said that I needed to stop, that I was becoming Orthodox and that my new parish needed a greater share of my giving. All of them wrote me back and were genuinely happy I was finding a new home in Orthodoxy where I could better live out my faith. I received a touching letter from the Mother Superior of the Sisters of Life. Years earlier I had the great pleasure of taking classes at seminary with many of their young sisters. She promised their continued prayers.

Recently it was time to pledge again, to dig just a little deeper, despite rising financial uncertainty in our family.

If you want Holy Trinity to become financially healthy, to grow, to be here for the next generation, and to be here for us as we depart for our life everlasting, please pledge as generously as you can. We are needed now.

Thank you for kindly listening.

In Christ,

Fred (Miller)
Chrismated here, along with my son Richard, on September 23, 2018

Would you like to share your own experiences with first-fruits giving of time, talents, and funds? Please speak with Father David or Dasha Piwinski.

FAT FRIDAY PARTY

DINNER!

DANCING!

SKITS!

FUNNY HAT CONTEST

FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

7:00 P.M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

FELLOWSHIP HALL

46 SEYMOUR STREET, YONKERS

BRING A SWEET AND A BEVERAGE FOR SHARING

(SODA, JUICE, WINE, BEER)

PLEASE RSVP TO MASHA TKACHUK : 914-999-0480

(WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO ORDER)