

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, February 17, 2019 ~ Tone 5**  
**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**  
**First Sunday of Preparation for Great Lent**

## PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2019

So far, for 2019, 29 pledge forms have been turned in, and approximately \$60,200 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!*



## 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS – DON'T MISS THEM!

- **Sat., April 13, Here:** “THE ART OF FIGHTING: Building Life Changing Relationships” Lenten Retreat, with Michelle Moujaes from Faithtree Orthodox Ministries.
- **Late May 2019, Date TBA:** Service of Thanks and Vehicle Blessing for Fire, Police, and First Responders
- **Sunday, June 16:** 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Liturgy, and Banquet at Castle Royale.

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

- **Capital Campaign for the Church Renovation Kicks Off Today!** Please read the campaign brochure and prayerfully consider what you and your family can contribute to ensure a church that's accessible to everyone!
- **Home Blessings Continue!** Please speak with Father David to schedule your home blessing visit.
- **Fat Friday Pre-Lent Party – Friday, March 1, 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall! Pick up a flyer on the candle desk.
- **“DDB” Appreciation Dinner with Abp. Michael – Sun., March 3, 5:00 PM,** St. Nicholas Church, Whitestone.
- **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.

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Today – Sunday, February 17, The Publican and the Pharisee

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, with *Blessing of Parish Council Members* and *Panikhida* for John & Julia Wislocki, Camille, Nicola & Linda Ciamarra, Joseph Pejko & Joanna Kurylo, requested by the Wislocki & Ciamarra Families; and for Joanna, Stefan, Semeon, Maria, Osif, Julia, Teodor & Rozalia, by John Kowalczyk & Maria Rysz and Families; followed by Church School and Coffee Hour, Hosted by the Bolinsky Family Celebrating Bill's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday on February 18

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

### Tuesday, February 19

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

### Saturday, February 23

4:30 PM "Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives" Book Discussion Group – in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM *Reader's Vespers*

### Sunday, February 24: Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Fast-Free Week Today Through Sunday, March 3

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Fr. John Tkachuk, Celebrant; followed by Church School & Coffee Hour

### Tuesday, February 26

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

### Friday, March 1

7:00 PM "Fat Friday" Party – in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, March 2

4:30 PM "Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives" Book Discussion Group – in the Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*; Private Confession Available After Vespers

### Sunday, March 3: Sunday of the Last Judgment – Meatfare Sunday – Last Day to Eat Meat Before Pascha

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

5:00 PM Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors "DDB" Appreciation Dinner with Abp. Michael, at St. Nicholas Church, 14-65 Clintonville Street, Whitestone (Queens). See Fr. David for details or to RSVP!

**EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15** My son Timothy: You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14** The Lord told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

## 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:**

Fr. Peter Olsen; Fr. John Bartholomew; Candice Masset; James Hasset; 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; Ashley; 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 Rzyzyk; 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. Our newly elected and re-elected Parish Council members. Birthdays: Billy Bolinsky (turning 70 tomorrow, 2/18), Matushka Masha Tkachuk (2/18). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Leonard Spano, Sr. (+2/10); 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; 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 Rzyzyk  
Stephanie Rzyzyk

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.**

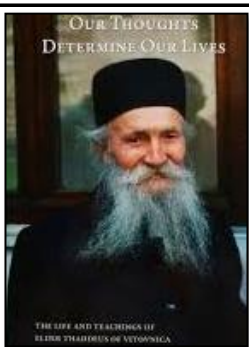
## CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR FEBRUARY:

**Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family:** Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia. **Living:** Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families. **Vigil Candle, St. Nicholas, South Kliros,** Health of Regina Cataldo & Christina Sceppaquercia.

## JOIN THE DISCUSSION: "OUR THOUGHTS DETERMINE OUR LIVES", 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."* – From **Our Thoughts Determine our Lives**, a book by **Fr. 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. *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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Danielle Geeza – Chair, Department of Youth Ministry  
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**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:  
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