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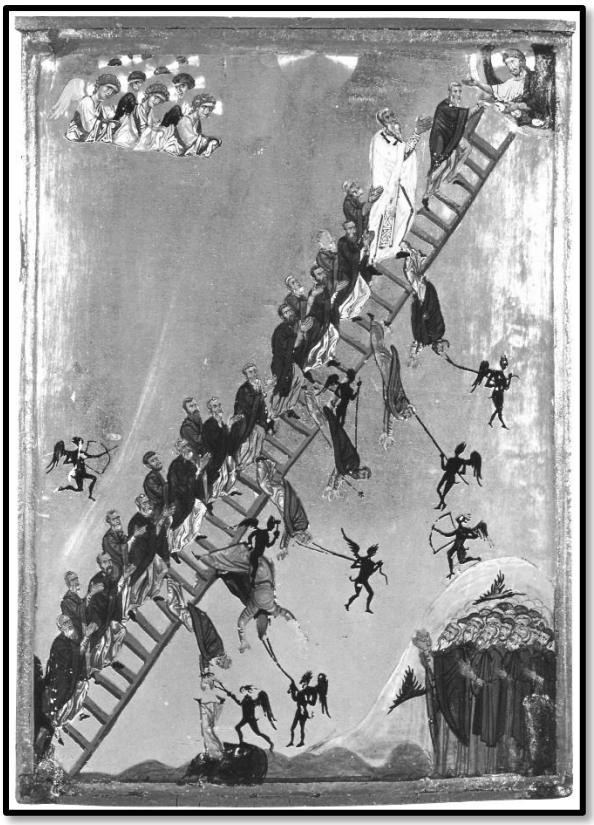
Yonkers, New York



Sunday, April 7, 2019 ~ Tone 4
Sunday of St. John of the Ladder ~ Saint Tikhon of Moscow
Fourth Sunday of Great Lent

Books of Interest:

Thirty Steps to Heaven: "The Ladder of Divine Ascent" for All Walks of Life, by Vassillos Papavassiliou

St. Tikhon of Moscow: Instructions & Teachings For the American Orthodox Faithful (1898-1907), eds. Maximov & Ford

PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2019

So far for 2019, 37 pledge forms have been turned in, and approximately $74,200 has been pledged.
In 2018, 41 pledge forms came in, and $72,900 was pledged. Let's keep growing 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!*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS APRIL 7, 14, 21 ~ SAINT ANDREW'S CAMP

Our Diocesan Saint Andrew's Camp in Jewell, NY, is launching the construction of a new building to serve as dining hall, kitchen, and recreational facility for campers. The project is estimated to cost $300,000.
All the parishes of the Diocese are asked to take special collections to assist in raising the funds.
Please consider making a contribution to the Christian formation of generations of young people at our beloved Camp.
Thank you for your generosity!

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120th ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 16, 2019

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church ~ 46 Seymour Street, Yonkers, NY 10701
Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan; Protodeacon John Eby;
Attached: V. Rev. John Tkachuk; V. Rev. Vitaly Bahanovich
Rector Emeritus: V. Rev. Yaroslav Sudick, Ph.D., D.D.
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Diocese of New York & New Jersey: www.nynjoca.org

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – Sunday of St. John of the Ladder, Fourth Sunday of Great Lent ~ Repose of St. Tikhon of Moscow
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy,* followed by Church School & Coffee Hour

Tuesday, April 9
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, in the Church

Wednesday, April 10
5:00 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts,* followed by Pot Luck Dinner and Adult Study Class – on the book, "Of What Life Do We Speak?" By His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

Thursday, April 11
7:00 PM *Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete,* with *Reading of the Life of Saint Mary of Egypt*

Friday, April 12
9:30 AM *Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts*

Saturday, April 13
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM: Retreat, "The Art of Fighting: Building Christ-Centered Relationships in a Me-Centered World", with Michelle Moujaes, in the Church. Register online for $25 at www.HolyTrinityYonkers.org
4:00 PM *Great Vespers* with *Litya Prayers for the Departed of Our Parish* – Note the time change, for today only.
5:00-6:00 PM Private Confession Available

Sunday, April 14 – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt ~ Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, followed by Church School and Coffee Hour
At Coffee Hour: Teens Meet with Father David

EPISTLE Hebrews 6:13-20 Brethren: When God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. **GOSPEL Mark 9:17-31** At that time, one of the crowd answered and said to Jesus, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not. He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

CONFESSIONS IN RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN, POLISH – Wednesday, April 17, 5:00 PM: до и во время Литургии Преждеосвященных Даров, о. Вячеслав Кравчук будет слышать исповеди прихожан нашего храма говорящих на русском, украинском и польском языках.

A VERY SPECIAL DAY HERE, ON LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 20:

- 9:00-10:00 AM Children's First Confessions
- 10:00 AM *Chrismation* of Catechumens Luke Kusick and Samantha Fricke
- 10:15 AM *Divine Liturgy* of Lazarus Saturday
- After Liturgy: Pancake Breakfast; Church School Retreat; and Church Clean-Up
- 5:00 PM Private Confession Available
- 6:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya*, Celebrating the Great Feast of Palm Sunday

PRAYER LIST

Jonette Kowalczyk, Zofia Kowalczyk, Anna Bolinsky and their families; Archbishop Nikon of Boston, Fr. Maryan Chaykivsky, Fr. Ken Stavrevsky; Protodeacon Michael Sochka; Deacon John Holoduek; Tina Seckerson; Jennifer Drake (Beth Ryzyk's sister); infant Eleanor Marie; Ann Dominick; Natalia Karlgut; Judith and Rocco Mastronardi; Frederick Miller; Peggy Wheeler; Nancy McGill; Mary Bartholomew; Kyra Skoog; Katarina, Aria; Kyra, Nika, Stanley; Kathy; Elba & Diane; Michael Skor; Joseph; Janelle & Ian Attila and Mat. Jessica & Fr. Matthew Fuhrman and the pre-born infants lost to them; Susan Krause; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, expecting mothers Melania King & Victoria Miroshnikov and the children to be born of them Aaron Hoskins; Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Danielle, Sophia and Stella Miller; Martha Scigliano; Fr. Dennis Swencki; Fr. Steven Belonick; Charlie Andonis; child Victoria Saraceno, child Charlie; Vera Bouteneff; Ted Chaiko; Earle & Sally Ausman; Nancy Prusak; Pedro Rosario; Honorina Rodriguez; Christina Sceppaquercia; 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. Vitaly Bahanovich, 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; 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: Joanna Czuchta (4/7), Margaret Wislocki (4/9), Amanda Ryzyk (4/10), Peter Nolan (4/11). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Regina Cataldo (+4/4), YPD Officer Thomas Goff (3/30); Walter Kowalczyk (+3/26); Lisa Anna Hofstead; Feodora Apanasow; Matushka Julia Petranin (+3/17); Susan Timoshuk Erdmann (+3/16); Martin Herman (Norm Luka Herman's father, +3/13); infant Julia Szabo (+3/6); Stamatela Manesis (+3/3); Victor Makarov (+11/28); ever-memorable Antoinette Adamovich (+4/7/94); 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 APRIL:

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,** Newly Departed Regina Cataldo; for the Health of Christina Sceppaquercia.

WISDOM FROM SAINT TIKHON, THE BISHOP WHO FOUNDED OUR PARISH AND CONSECRATED OUR CHURCH

"We live surrounded by people of alien creeds; in the sea of other religions, our church is a small island of salvation, towards which swim some of the people, plunged in the sea of life. But who is to work for the spread of the Orthodox faith, for the increase of the children of the Orthodox Church? Pastors and missionaries, you answer. You are right, but are they to be alone? … Likewise, the spread of Christ's faith ought to be near and precious to the heart of every Christian. In this work every member of the Church ought to take a lively and heartfelt interest."

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Join Us Saturday 4/13 for a Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Yonkers

as we welcome Faithtree Resources Executive Director, Michelle Moujaes for a very different kind of Lenten Retreat—a one-day workshop that promises to engage you like never before! You will leave the workshop equipped with practical steps you can immediately apply to your relationships. Come have lots of fun, lots of laughs, and gain a ton of strategies for low-conflict, Christ-centered relationships.

THE ART OF FIGHTING

DEADLINE EXTENDED – APRIL 10

Where: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
46 Seymour Street
Yonkers, New York 10701

When: Saturday, April 13, 2019
9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: $25 includes Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Handouts

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Register By Phone: Mary Tkachuk 914.999.0480

ON PALM SUNDAY: CHURCH SCHOOL PASCHA CANDLE SALE!

Pascha candles made by the Church School children will be available for sale at Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday, April 21. If you want to purchase candles for your Pascha basket or as gifts, here's your chance! Please tell Olga Ptach in advance how many you would like, and the kids will prepare your order. Proceeds are going to FOCUS North America (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve; visit them online at www.focusnorthamerica.org). Candles are $5 each.

Lenten Sunday Mission Vespers in NYC Area

April 7, 5 PM: St. John Climacus: St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, 181-14 Midland Pkwy, Jamaica Estates, NY
April 14, 5 PM: St. Mary of Egypt Sunday: Transfiguration Cathedral, 228 North 12th St, Brooklyn, NY

PASCHA SUNDAY RECEPTION ~ ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

The Bullock and Tkachuk families invite you to a Paschal reception at the Bullock home at 26 Sprague Road in Scarsdale on Pascha Day from 1:00pm until 4:00pm (Pascha Sunday, April 28). Please let Vera know if you are able to attend so she can plan accordingly. 347-624-1409 or vbullock@law.fordham.edu. They hope you can join our parish family to celebrate the Feast of Feasts!