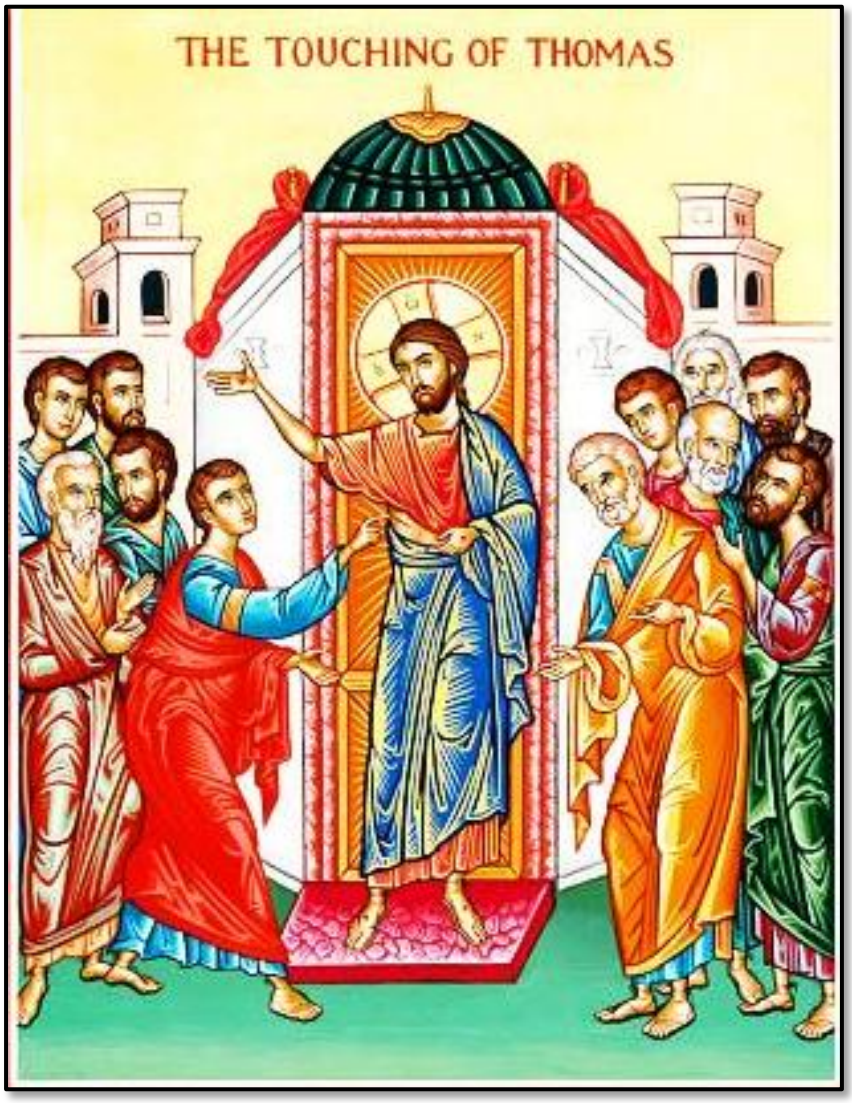
HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, May 5, 2019

The Second Week of Pascha ~ St. Thomas Sunday

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ! ~ ~ ~ ВОИСТИНУ ВОСКРЕСЕ!

The Grave Blessings scheduled for today are postponed until two weeks from today, <u>Sunday, May 19</u>, because of the predicted bad weather.

CONGRATULATIONS ~ NEWBORN NICHOLAS JAMES KING

Nicholas James, newborn son of Melania and Seamus King, baby brother of John and Alena, and grandson of our John Krawchuk and + Daria of blessed memory, was born on May Day, Wednesday, May 1. Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, visitation, and good hastening in all things, unto Thy newborn servant Nicholas James and his family; and protect and preserve them for many blessed years!

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – St. Thomas Sunday, May 5
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy,* followed by Coffee Hour and Church School (Grave Blessings Postponed)

Saturday, May 11
5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, May 12 – Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Joseph of Arimathea, and Nicodemus
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by *Service of Thanksgiving* for the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Eugene and Tanya Balasenowich; Church School; and Coffee Hour

Monday, May 13
7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 18
11:30 AM *Service of Blessing and Prayers* for our Police, Fire, and Local First Responders – Followed by Blessing of Police Cars, Fire Trucks, and First Response Vehicles – and Food Trucks will be here with lunch!
5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, May 19 – Sunday of the Paralytic
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Coffee Hour and Church School
1:00 PM *Blessing of Graves* at Oakland Cemetery

TODAY'S EPISTLE Acts 5:12-20 In those days, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

TODAY'S GOSPEL John 20:19-31 At that time, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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PRAYER LIST

Newborn Nicholas James King and his family; newborn Bradley Asher (great-nephew of Cris Saraceno); newly Chrismated Luke Kusick & Samantha (Ruth) Fricke; Protodeacon Michael Sochka; Mat. Alexandra Safchuk; Mat. Myra Kovalak; George Alexandrovich; Lindsay Miller; Dominic Strammiello; Tina Seckerson; Jennifer Drake (Beth Ryzyk's sister); Juliana Matusiak; infant Eleanor Marie; Judith and Rocco Mastronardi; Frederick Miller; Maria; Katarina, Mat. Anastasia Harris; Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, expecting mother Victoria Miroshnikov and the child to be born of her; 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; 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: Victor Miroshnikov (4/24), Michael Paolercio (4/25), Peter Ryzyk (4/26), Madeline Ferguson (4/28), Andrew Nolan (4/30), Suzanne Nolan & Elena Paolercio (5/1), John & Mark Ryzyk and Norm Luka Herman (5/4), Emma Ungureanu (5/6); Adriana Prusak (5/7). Name Day: All those named for the Apostle Thomas. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Rehmat Irfan (+5/3), Eemajae Jones (+4/27, killed in a car accident on Trinity Street Holy Saturday); Janet Slawitsky (+4/21); Pedro Rosario (+4/12), Regina Cataldo (+4/4), YPD Officer Thomas Goff (3/30), Walter Kowalczyk (+3/26); Lisa Anna Hofstead; Feodora Apanasow; Victor Makarov (+11/28); all the departed named for the Apostle Thomas; 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 MAY:

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. **Candles on the Amvon,** Departed Nicolay and Alexandra, Loved ones of Marina Mikhaylova.

WISDOM FROM ST. GREGORY THE GREAT: Seeing, Thomas believed. Looking at One who was true Man, he cried out that this was God, the God he could not see. What follows is reason for great joy: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.' We are those who are so blessed: we hold in our hearts One we have not seen in the flesh. We are those so blessed; but only if we follow up our faith with good works. The true believer practices what he believes. But of those who pay only lip service to faith, Paul has this to say: 'They profess to know God, but they deny him in their works.'

SERVICE OF BLESSING AND GRATITUDE FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS
Yonkers Police Department ~ Yonkers Fire Department
Saturday, May 18, 11:30 AM
Prayer Service, Followed by Blessing of Police & Fire Vehicles;
And, Enjoy Lunch and Dessert Outside with Food Trucks
Come and show your thanks to these Public Servants!

A **Troika Dinner Fundraiser** to benefit St. Andrew's Camp in upstate NY will be held at St. Peter and Paul Church in South River on Saturday, May 18th from 6:00 - 10:00PM. His Eminence, Archbishop Michael has asked that we do our part in sustaining the camp for future generations to enjoy. (Vespers will be at 5:00PM) A full Eastern European dinner will be served. There will also be entertainment, basket raffles, and a chance to win two tickets to the smash hit *Come From Away*. Event tickets are $33.00 per adult and $25 for seniors over 65 and students. For reservations, please contact Phil Rogozenski (908)331-1297 (progozinsk@aol.com)

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120TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS COMING UP – DON'T MISS THEM!

- Sat., May 18, 11:30 AM: Service of Thanks and Vehicle Blessing for Firefighters, Police Officers, and First Responders
- Sunday, June 16: 120th Anniversary Celebration Liturgy & Banquet at Castle Royale.
- Enjoy the "Holy Trinity History" Photos displayed in the Fellowship Hall … and bring your own parish pictures. Give or loan your photos to Vera Kuzmenko or Matushka Masha Tkachuk for displaying.

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 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, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details.

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