

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 4, 2019

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 6

The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus; Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople

MEMORY ETERNAL + WILLIAM WASILKO

William fell asleep in the Lord Tuesday, July 30.

His services were held on Friday and Saturday. Our sincere sympathies are expressed to his daughter, Deborah Cordoba, and all their family.

May William's memory be eternal!

MANY THANKS TO ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY...

for the use of their Three Hierarchs Chapel again, while we await the repair of our air-conditioning. We are blessed, and sincerely grateful to the SVS Community!

DONATIONS TOWARD THE AIR-CONDITIONING REPAIR WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!

Our Parish Council and other parishioners are working hard to gather estimates and professional insight on how best to get our A/C back up and running.

The cost of the project is not set yet, but it will cost several thousand dollars.

As soon as we know the estimated total expense, we will let you know. Anyone wishing to offer a donation, please see Fr. David or Financial Secretary Eugene Balasenowich.

Thank you!

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Remember that we are presently in the Fast of the Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God (the “Dormition Fast”), which lasts until the Liturgy of the Great Feast of her Dormition on August 15 (see next Sunday’s Bulletin for the feast service schedule). We are called to abstain from meat and dairy products, from unnecessary distractions and spiritually unhelpful entertainment ... saying “No” to our own appetites and, like the young Virgin Mary, saying “Yes” to God!

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Coffee Hour

Monday, August 5

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya*, with *Blessing of Grapes & Fruit* – Great Feast of the Lord’s Transfiguration;
At St. Vladimir’s Seminary Chapel, 575 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers

Tuesday, August 6: Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Blessing of Grapes & Fruit*
At St. Vladimir’s Seminary Chapel, 575 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers

Friday, August 9 – Feast of the Glorification of St. Herman of Alaska

10:00 AM *Akathist* to Saint Herman the Wonder-Worker, First Glorified Saint of North America

Saturday, August 10

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, August 11

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Coffee Hour

TODAY’S EPISTLE Romans 15:1-7 Brethren: We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

TODAY’S GOSPEL Matthew 9:27-35 At that time, when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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YOUR HELP NEEDED!

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We are hosting the participants of Diocesan Youth Day for Great Vespers and Ice Cream following their trip to the Yankee Game on Saturday, August 17!

Help is needed getting the ice cream and toppings, setting up, serving the kids, and cleaning up the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

YOUTH DAY for NEW YORK CITY & NEW JERSEY DEANERIES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Please see Fr. David to offer your help.

Thank you!

COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE:

- Monday–Friday, August 12–16: Teacher Formation in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program, at St. Tikhon’s Seminary. Contact Matushka Tamara for information.
- Saturday, August 17: Diocesan Youth Day – Baseball Game, Yankees vs. the Cleveland Indians at Yankee Stadium! Details coming on ticket prices and gathering before and after the game.
- ALSO Saturday, August 17: Annual Church School Teacher Training Workshop on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 2, at Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, NJ.
- September 20–22: Couples’ Retreat, “Making Good Marriages Better”, at St. Andrew’s Camp in Jewell, NY. Visit www.nynjoca.org and under the “COUPLES’ RETREAT” news article, click on “REGSITER ON–LINE NOW.”
- October 14–26, 2019: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land With Archbishop Michael! Pick up a poster on the Welcome Table with details.
- July 15–21, 2020: Pilgrimage to Alaska with Archbishop Michael: Celebrating 50 Years of the Glorification of St. Herman of Alaska, and the Autocephaly of the OCA! Pick up a poster on the Welcome Table with details.

COMMITMENT VERSUS CONVENIENCE: A NOTE ON THE DORMITION FAST, AUG. 1-14

The heart of a sincere Orthodox Christian desires to choose the hard path of commitment over the easy path of convenience. During the Dormition Fast, we now have the God-given opportunity to escape the summer doldrums that drain our spiritual energy. With prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we can renew our tired bodies and souls. We can lift up our “drooping hands” in an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving. The Dormition of the Theotokos has often been called “Pascha in the summer.” It celebrates the victory of life over death—the miracle of death as a translation into the Kingdom of Heaven. The Dormition Fast is our spiritually vigilant preparation leading up to that glorious celebration when we honor the Mother of God and when we also contemplate our own entrance into the Kingdom of God. “Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold; now is the day of salvation!” [2 Corinthians 6:2].

– To read more, visit www.oca.org

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.



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PRAYER LIST

Fr. Chad Hatfield, Pamela Adamovich, Ann Forshey and Janet Van Duyn, recovering from surgery; Seminarians Dn. Christopher Dillon & Dn. David Winn, being ordained to the Holy Priesthood today; Frankie; Annette, Helen, Valentina; Fr. Steven & Mat. Deborah Belonick; Matushka Eugenia Nehrebecki; Evelyn Bonanno; Eunice Bullock (Nigel's mother); Matushka Lesya and daughter Veronika Dubee; Fr. Paul Shafran; Paul Gall; Michael Herzak; Anna Zablotska; Steven and Jane Johansson; Tina Seckerson; Catechumen Judy & Rocco Mastronardi; Frank, Helen, Ronald, Mat. Anastasia Harris; Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, Aaron Hoskins; Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Sharon Turpening; Danielle, Sophia and Stella Miller; Martha Scigliano; Charlie Andonis; child Victoria Saraceno, child Charlie; Vera Bouteneff; Ted Chaiko; Nancy Prusak; Honorina Rodriguez; 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, John Chupeck; Stephen Hoskins, Samuel Kedala, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, Daniel Skvir, Ken James Stavrevsky; Basil Summer, Dennis Swencki; John Tkachuk, John Zabinko; Matushki Ellen Chupeck, Myra Kovalak, Rebekah Markewich, Alexandra Safchuk, 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; 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. Birthdays: Lukas & Thomas Skalski (8/8). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed William Wasilko (+7/30), Robert James Megna, Jr. (+7/26), Elena Nehrebecki (+7/18), Olga Pavelchak (+7/13) Earle Ausman (+7/11), Lydwine Miller (+7/10), child Eli (+7/1), Victor Makarov (+11/28/18); 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

Andrew Nolan
Peter Nolan
August Perry
Kamille Perry
Joshua Rzyzyk
Stephanie Rzyzyk

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 AUGUST:

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 THE SAINTS:

To see Christ is to rejoice, and we cannot have joy unless we see Him.

What blindness of mind or what foolishness is it to love the world's afflictions, and punishments and tears, and not rather to rush to the joy that can never be taken away!

-- Saint Cyprian of Carthage