

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, September 1, 2019

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 2

The First Day of the Church New Year

### **MATUSHKA TAMARA STEPPING DOWN AS CHOIR CO-DIRECTOR AFTER 6 YEARS**

At the end of August, Matushka Tamara concluded more than six years of loving, dedicated service as our Choir Co-Director. She will be devoting time to other important pursuits. We offer her our prayerful and sincere thanks, remember her joy-filled leading of our singers over many seasons of beautiful music, and pray God grants her Many Blessed Years!

*"Mnogaya Lyeta!"*

### **PARISH PICNIC - THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1:00-4:00 PM**

The Picnic will again be hosted at the home of Mark & Beth Rzyk, 6 Honey Hollow Court, Katonah, NY. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. If you can bring a salad, side, or dessert, please sign up with Matushka Tamara at [tamarancowan@hotmail.com](mailto:tamarancowan@hotmail.com) or 914-965-6815. Back at the church, Great Vespers with Litya will follow at 6:00 PM, for the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. See you there!

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

The project is expected to cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Anyone wishing to offer a donation to offset these costs, please see Fr. David or Financial Secretary Eugene Balasenowich.

*Thank you!*

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Today - First Day of the Church New Year

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

### Tuesday, September 3

7:30 PM *Akathist* – “Glory to God for All Things”

### Saturday, September 7

1:00 – 4:00 PM Parish Picnic at Mark & Beth Rzyk’s Home - All Are Invited!

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers with Litya* – Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

### Sunday, September 8 – Great Feast of the Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* for the Nativity of the Theotokos, followed by Coffee Hour

### Thursday, September 12

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 13 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross

7:00 PM *Great Vespers with Litya & Procession of the Holy Cross*

### Saturday, September 14 – Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

**TODAY’S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 9:2-12** Brethren: If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL Matthew 18:23-35** The Lord said, “Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

### SPECIAL PARISH MEETING ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Please come to a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, September 15. The purposes of this meeting are to:

- Report on the now-completed Education Building wheelchair-lift and accessible restroom installation project
- Educate everyone on the multi-phase plan to renovate the Fellowship Hall downstairs:
  - Phase 1: install meeting space, restrooms, kitchen, and a required second exit
  - Phase 2: install an ADA-accessible wheelchair lift and create an ADA-accessible path from Seymour Street to enter the lift, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs
- Decide, as a parish, on the plan for funding Phase 1 of the renovations.

A quorum of at least 24 people is needed to make the important decisions that will be presented at this meeting. Please be here!

**FILLING UP FAST!**

# *The Ancient Faith Women's Retreat*

with Dr. Jeannie Constantinou,  
Dr. Roxanne Louh, Molly Maddex  
Sabourin, and Mother Christophora

**NOVEMBER 14-17, 2019**  
**Antiochian Village, Ligonier, Pa.**  
*REGISTER TODAY!*

For more information and to register, visit  
[www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com) and click on the poster.

**COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE:**

- September 7, 1–4 PM: Parish Picnic at Mark & Beth Rzyk's home, 6 Honey Hollow Court, Katonah NY. Burgers and dogs will be provided; if you can bring a salad, side, or dessert, contact Mat. Tamara at [tamarancowan@hotmail.com](mailto:tamarancowan@hotmail.com).
- September 20–22: Couples' Retreat, "Making Good Marriages Better", at St. Andrew's Camp in Jewell, NY. Visit [www.nynjoca.org](http://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.



**120<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**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

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## PRAYER LIST

Fr. Chad Hatfield and Janet Van Duyn, recovering from surgery; Edward Kiss; Mat. Deborah Belonick and her family; George & Madeline Miroshnikov and the child to be born to them; Frankie; Annette, Helen, Valentina; Evelyn Bonanno; Eunice Bullock (Nigel's mother); Tina Seckerson; Catechumen Judy & Rocco Mastronardi; Frank, 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; child Iancu, Cristin, Laura & Ciprian; Timothy, Eugenia, Walda, Janet & Deryl; 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: Dumitru Ungureanu (Cristina & Emma's dad, 8/28), Archbishop Michael & Nicholas Ciamarra (8/29), Eva Reduto (8/30), Stan Miroshnikov (9/1), Elena Herman (9/2). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Church building.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Dn. Simeon Peet (+8/16); Fr. John Matusiak (+8/15); Olga Eagler (+8/13); Dora Kusick (Luke's great-grandmother, +8/12); Nicholai Lagunchiks (+8/10); Cornelia; Metropolitan Panteleimon, Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Tyroloi and Serention (+8/7); Archpriest Steven Belonick (+8/7); George Libertin; Ioann and Elena; William Wasilko (+7/30), Robert James Megna, Jr. (+7/26), 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!**

Tatiana Balasenowich  
Elizabeth Bouteneff  
Joe Ciamarra  
Brandon Ferguson  
Samantha Fricke  
Kaydee Kowalczyk  
Andrew Nolan

Frances Nolan  
Peter Nolan  
Joshua Rzyzyk  
Stephanie Rzyzyk  
Lukas Skalski  
Matthew Skalski  
Justyna Skalski

Thomas 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 SEPTEMBER:

**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.

### UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

This parable illustrates the need for unlimited forgiveness. **Ten thousand talents** is an impossible sum, more than a laborer could earn in several lifetimes. **A hundred denarii** is a significant amount from an earthly perspective (about three months' wages), yet it is a pittance when compared to the debt owed to the king. God not only holds back the punishment we deserve, but forgives us the entire debt as well. Because God forgives us, we in turn are required to grant the gift of forgiveness to others. -- *Orthodox Study Bible Commentary Footnotes, Matthew 13:21-35*