HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 13, 2019

17th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 8

Translation of the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God to Moscow

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY – O.C.F. (Orthodox Christian College Fellowship)

You've heard it before:

"Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic."

Please bring a contribution next Sunday to help strengthen that crucial connection through our support of OCF chapters at college campuses throughout the U.S. Thank you!

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Paraskiewa Salej, requested by her children, Bill Prusak & Lidia Ryzyk; followed by Church School and Coffee Hour hosted by the Ryzyks & Prusaks, in memory of Paraskiewa Salej

Wednesday, October 16

6:30 PM Building Committee Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 19

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, October 20

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

TODAY'S EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Brethren: What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 8:5-15 The Lord told this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience."

COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE:

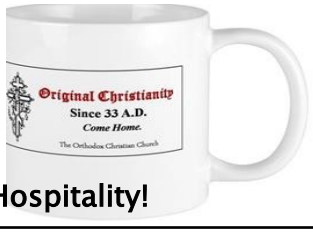
- Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 PM: Building Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- Friday, October 18, 7:00 PM: St. Tikhon Choir performs Benedict Sheehan's Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in English, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 E. 66th Street, NYC. Ticket sales and more information at www.stspress.com (St. Tikhon's Press & Bookstore).
- Saturday, October 26, 5:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 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.

IT IS TIME TO REPLENISH OUR LOCAL CHARITY FUND

From time to time, local individuals and families facing hard times will come to the church seeking some material assistance. We do not give out cash. Your monetary donations fund MetroCards and grocery gift-cards. Please see Eugene Balasenowich or Fr. David to offer a donation or ask for details. *Thank you!*

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE-HOUR CLEANUP and SUPPLIES!

We need your help with Coffee Hour clean-up!
Put your names on the poster in the Fellowship Hall.
This week's Coffee Hour Needs:
Jugs of Water, Tortilla Chips, Flavored Creamers & Dips.
Thank you to all who bring special dishes to share, growing this Ministry of Hospitality!



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PLAN – SEPTEMBER 2019

- Install 2 ADA-accessible bathrooms, and install plumbing and electricity and create space for future fully-appointed kitchen: $70,000
- Install very basic kitchen – fridge, sink, microwave, hot plate, cabinets, counter for food preparation (NO gas connection and NO hood): $10,000
- Framing classroom / meeting room, church office, closet, and Ladies Guild Shop space: $15,000
- Second Exit / Egress as required by code: $40,000.
- Other expenses: architect, permits, surveys, unforeseen plan changes: $65,000.

GOAL TO RAISE: $200,000

Total Raised as of October 13, 2019: $53,000

Remaining Total Needed to Reach Our Goal: $147,000

If we should complete these tasks under budget, excess funds will be dedicated to the next phases of church renovation and improvement.

HOW CAN I PLEDGE MY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE RENOVATIONS?

Approximately 100 households (a single person or a family) are either parish members or friends of the parish.

On average, $200,000 divided by 100 families is $2,000 per family, **in addition to regular annual stewardship pledges to operate the parish**. This could be spread out, for example:

- OVER 3 YEARS: $2,000 over 3 years = $667 per year … $55.58 per month … $12.83 per week
- OVER 5 YEARS: $2,000 over 5 years = $400 per year … $33.33 per month … $7.70 per week

Some people have been blessed with more materially so can give more than the average.

Some people can give something, even if it is less than the average.

Please be aware that these Renovation pledges and gifts are **in addition to** our annual Stewardship Pledges and pledged contributions which help fund the normal operations of the parish.

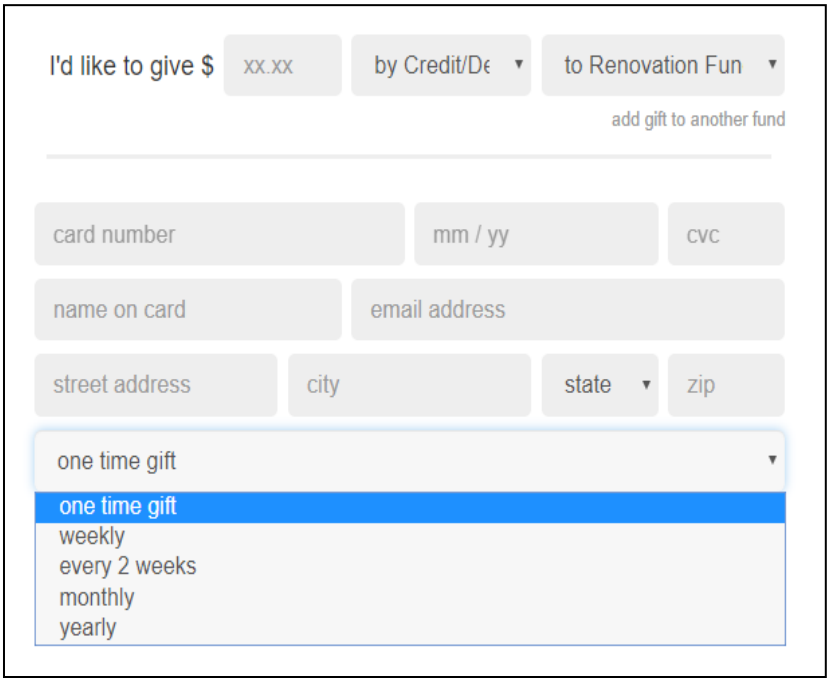
TO GIVE ONLINE:

On your computer or smart phone, visit:
htocyonkers.breezechms.com/give/online

A screen like this one will appear.

- Select "to Renovation Fund"
- Enter Your Payment Information and Contact Information
- At the Bottom, Select "one time gift" or another timeline of payment
- Click the "Donate Now" Button (not shown here)

- *Thank You!*



PRAYER LIST

Newly Baptized Maximilian VanLare; Ludmilla Branzow, having surgery tomorrow for broken shoulder; Olga Ptach; Albi Kavo; Luke Kusick, recovering from an injury; Edward Kiss; Fr. John Chupeck; Fr. Samuel Kedala; Fr. Paul Kucynda; Fr. Dennis Nagi; Mat. Deborah Belonick and her family; George & Madeline Miroshnikov and the child to be born to them; Eunice Bullock (Nigel's mother); Lawrence DeNoia; Tina Seckerson; Catechumen Judy & Rocco Mastronardi; Frank, Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Harris, James & Jane Cowan, Sara Haughton, Aaron Hoskins; Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Sharon Turpening; Danielle, Sofia and Stella Miller; Marilyn; Martha Scigliano; Charlie Andonis; children Daniel Markewich, Victoria Saraceno & 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, Stephen Hoskins, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, Daniel Skvir, 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 Ryzyk; Edward Wirchansky; 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: Nancy Prusak (10/12), Lilia VanLare (10/13), Natalia Miroshnikov (10/13), William Kostik (Ludmilla Branzow's son-in-law, 10/15); Rain Isabella Paprocki (Mary Ann's granddaughter, 10/15) Renee O'Connor (Ken's mom, 10/16). Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Julia Honczar (Nancy Prusak's aunt, our former parishioner, +10/12), Lidia Kulinicz (+10/10), Nana Tchitchinadze (+9/26); Frank Pugliese (+9/20); Bartholome (+9/18); Gertrude Mach (Samantha Fricke's grandmother, +9/12); Paraskiewa Salej (Bill Prusak & Lidia Ryzyk's mother, +9/7); Maria Kaspruk (+9/3); Victor Makarov (+11/28/18); Peter & Berta Ptach (Olga's parents); 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	Stella Miller	Matthew Skalski
Elizabeth Bouteneff	Andrew Nolan	Justyna Skalski
Joe Ciamarra	Frances Nolan	Thomas Skalski
Brandon Ferguson	Peter Nolan	Adriana Szpynda
Samantha Fricke	Joshua Ryzyk	Emily Szpynda
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Stephanie Ryzyk	Katherine Wislocki
Sofia Miller	Lukas Skalski	Olivia Wislocki

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Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.

CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR OCTOBER:

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 and Christina Sceppaquercia.

WISDOM FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

"If we make every effort to avoid death of the body, still more should it be our effort to avoid death of the soul. There is no obstacle for a man who wants to be saved other than negligence and laziness of soul."

- St. Anthony the Great