

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY

DECEMBER 15, 2019

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

— Tone 1. Sunday of the Forefathers. Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Evanthisia (2nd c.). Ven. Paul of Latros (955). St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Sourozh, Crimea (8th c.). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Pechenga (Kol'sk), and his martyred disciple, Jonah (1583). Martyr Eleutherius at Constantinople (3rd c.). Ven. Pardus, Hermit, of Palestine (6th c.).



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Whether you are looking for a new church or just visiting, we are glad you are here. We hope you found our services edifying and uplifting. Please also join us for coffee hour downstairs, so we can get to know you. While the Holy Communion reserved for properly prepared Orthodox Christians, you are welcome to venerate the cross at the end of the Divine Liturgy and receive the blessed bread.

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

**Today – December 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

**Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:30 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Vespers

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

## Today's Hymns

### Tone 1 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

### Tone 2 Troparion (*Forefathers*)

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. So, by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

### Tone 6 Kontakion (*Forefathers*)

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: “Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

### Tone 4 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Fathers*)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!

(*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)



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**TODAY'S EPISTLE** Colossians 3:4-11 - When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL** Luke 14:16-24 - Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I

have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

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**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, Sofia Miller, Stella Miller, Andrew Nolan, Frances Nolan, Peter Nolan, Joshua Rzyk, Stephanie Rzyk, 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. Vlad if there are any errors or omissions on this list.**

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Taisia (grandmother of Elena PeJessica Moreno (birthday 12/16); Vera Bullock, recovering form recent surgery; Hanna; Katherine; Jonathan; Newly Baptized Daniel, Giselle Esposito & Maximilian VanLare; recovering Nicholas Statkevicius; Holly and Joseph and the child newly born to them; Ludmilla Branzow; Olga Ptach; Albi Kavo; Luke Kusick; Edward Kiss; Aldo Saraceno (Cris' father); Viktoria; Caroline Wisniewski (Suzanne Nolan's sister); Fr. John Chupeck; Fr. Samuel Kedala; Fr. Paul Kucynda; Fr. Dennis Nagi; George & Madeline Miroshnikov and the child to be born to them; Eunice Bullock (Nigel's mother); Mother Sophronia; Matushka Anastasia Karl gut and her mother, Tatiana (both recovering from surgery); Michael Ahmadi; Lawrence DeNoia; Irine Zinter; Tina Seckerson; Catechumen Judy & Rocco Mastronardi; Frank, Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Harris, James & Jane Cowan, Sara Haughton, Aaron Hoskins; John Krawchuk; Sharon Terpening; Danielle, Sofia and Stella Miller; Marilyn; Martha Scigliano; Charlie Andonis; children Daniel Markewich, Victoria Saraceno & Charlie; 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 Rzyk; Edward Wirsansky; 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. All our Veterans. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Church building.

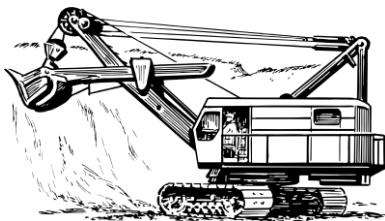
**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed +George Jaczina (+12/8); Newly departed Vera Bouteneff (+11/7); Lillian Rebovich (+11/2); Khouriya Anastasia Farha (+10/31), and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

Please give prayer requests to Fr. Vlad, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server. Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise.

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#### CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR DECEMBER:

**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 Sceppaqueria.**



#### THE LONG-AWAITED RENOVATION PROJECT HAS BEGUN!

The excavation has begun on the side of Ashburton Avenue to prepare for the construction of the second

entrance/exit to the basement of our church. If you have not done so yet, or perhaps can do it again, please consider offering your support through a donation. ***Any pledges or gifts made by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be matched \$1 for \$1 by an anonymous donor up to \$10,000.*** To make an online donation please scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit <http://bit.ly/GiveToHTOC>



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**Do you know of anyone who has an economical studio/ 1 bedroom apartment for someone who is a friend to our Parish family? Please call Olga Ptach(914-365-3805/ 914-262-1061) if you can help. Thanks so much.**