



**This Tuesday: A Webinar for Parents,
Offered by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese**

Register for this FREE webinar,
featuring Dr. Georgette Constantinou on
"Fostering Mental Wellness in Our Youth",
Tuesday, August 26th from 5:30-6:30PM (EST)

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This webinar will give parents tools to promote resiliency in their children – that is, the ability to bounce back and meet life’s challenges. The “7 C’s” model of Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg will be presented to assist parents in developing the skills necessary to encourage the development of resiliency. These include Competence; Confidence; Connection; Character; Contribution; Coping; and Control.

To register visit: <http://gowoa.me/i/mdLy>

**HELP REPLENISH OUR LOCAL CHARITY FUND –
SEEKING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Persons and families in need sometimes come to the Church seeking assistance with food or transportation ... Please see Father if you can offer some funds to help with this local ministry. Thank you!

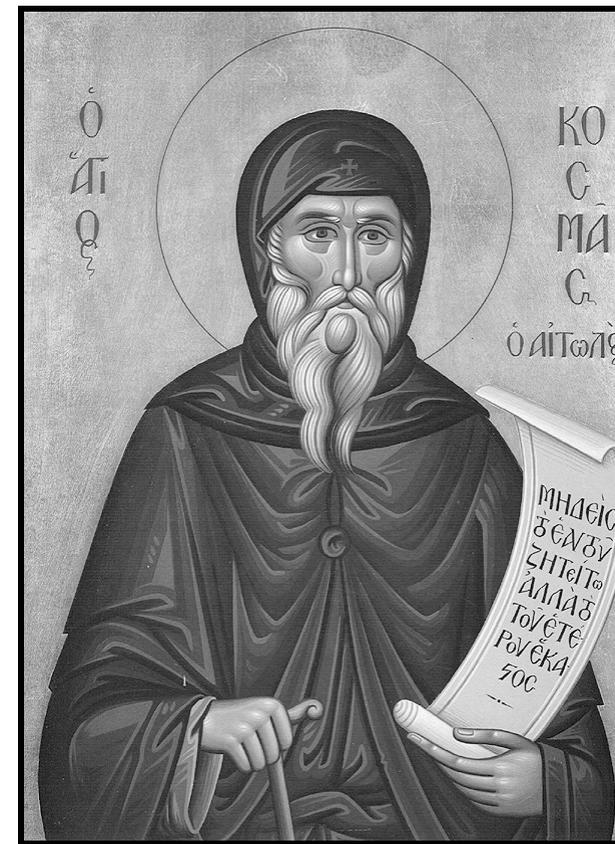
**WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR
SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY ?
Become a ***DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!*****

To see a video “slice of life” of our Diocesan churches,
visit www.nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html ... and
scroll down to VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS. *Questions? See Fr. David*



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, August 24, 2014
11th Sunday After Pentecost
The Priest-Martyr
St. Cosmas of Aitolia**

MEMORY ETERNAL ~ HELEN RAKOTZ

Helen was an active member of Holy Trinity Church in years past.
She fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, August 20. Her services took place on Friday.
May Helen's memory be eternal! "Vechnaya Pamyat!"



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FROM THE PREACHING OF SAINT COSMAS OF AITOLIA ...

August 24, 2014: 11th Sunday After Pentecost ~ The Priest-Martyr St. Cosmas of Aitolia
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Thursday, August 28

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Friday, August 29

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Beheading of St. John the Baptist – Strict Fast Day

Saturday, August 30

12:00 PM *Panikhida* for Peter Pianovich

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, August 31

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, September 6

11:00 AM *Baptism* of Anastasia Statkevicius

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, September 7

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

2:00 PM Choir Party at Mark & Beth Rzyk's Home

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

Monday, September 8

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* – Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos

Wednesday, September 10

6:30 PM *Daily Vespers* followed by Pot Luck Dinner (Meatless Dishes) and

Presentation:

“Mission Team: Guatemala: Growing A New Orthodox Community”
by Fr. David & Matushka Rozanne Rucker, OCMC Mission Specialists

ON PRAYING CONTINUALLY: This prayer should never be absent from you: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Always say this prayer both with your mouth and with your mind, day and night, wherever you may be, whether eating, walking, working, or sitting. Always meditate on it, as it benefits you a great deal., frees you here from every evil, delivers you there from eternal Hell, and renders you worthy of going to Paradise, our heavenly country.

ON DEATH: There is no better teacher than death. Have death before your minds: the time when you will leave this unreal world and will go to the other one, which is eternal.

ON THE TWO GIFTS OF LOVE: Know, my brethren, that love has two characteristics, two gifts. One of them is to strengthen man in what is good and the other is to weaken him in what is evil. I have a loaf of bread to eat; you do not have. Love tells me: Do not eat it alone, give some to your brethren and you eat the rest. I have clothes; love tells me: Give one garment to your brother and you wear the other one. I open my mouth to accuse you, to tell you lies, to deceive you; but at once I remember love and it deadens my mouth, and does not allow me to tell you lies. I stretch out my hands to take what belongs to you, your money, your possessions. Love does not allow me to take them. Do you see, my brethren, what gifts love has?

WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS: It is our joy to have you here today!
Please introduce yourself to Fr. David when everyone comes up to venerate the Cross at the end of Liturgy. Then, join us for Coffee Hour next door!

HIEROMARTYR ST. COSMAS OF AITOLIA, EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES (+ 1779)



Saint Cosmas, Equal of the Apostles, in the world Conostas, was a native of Aitolia. He studied on Mount Athos and remained there, at the Philotheou monastery, to devote himself to spiritual labors. He was tonsured a monk with the name Cosmas, and later was ordained hieromonk (monk-priest). The desire to benefit his fellow Christians, to guide them upon the way of salvation and strengthen their faith, impelled St Cosmas to seek the blessing of his spiritual fathers and go to Constantinople. He began to proclaim the Gospel at first in the churches of Constantinople and the surrounding villages, then in the Danube regions, in Thessalonica, in Macedonia, Aitolia, and other places.

His preaching, filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, was simple, calm, and gentle. It brought Christians great spiritual benefit. The Lord Himself assisted him and confirmed his words with signs and miracles, just as He had confirmed the Apostles' preaching.

Preaching in the remote areas of Albania, where Christian piety had almost disappeared among the rough and coarse people entrenched in sin, St Cosmas led them to sincere repentance and improvement with the Word of God. Under his guidance, church schools were opened in the towns and villages. The rich offered their money for the betterment of the churches, for the purchase of Holy Books (which the saint distributed to the literate), veils for women to cover their heads, prayer ropes and crosses (which he distributed to the common folk), and for baptismal fonts so that children could be baptized in the proper manner.

Since the churches could not accommodate everyone wanting to hear the wise preacher, St Cosmas with forty or fifty priests served the Vigil in the fields, and in city squares, where thousands of people prayed for the living and for the dead, and were edified by his preaching. Everywhere that St Cosmas halted and preached, the grateful listeners set up a large wooden cross, which remained thereafter in memory of this.

St. Cosmas' service was ended by his martyric death in the year 1779. At 65 years of age, he was seized by the Turks and strangled. His body was thrown into a river, and after three days, was found by the priest Mark and buried near the village of Kolikontasi at the monastery of the Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos. Afterwards, part of his relics were transferred to various places as a blessing.

He was glorified by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1961.

TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Cor 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. **3**My defense to those who examine me is this: **4**Do we have no right to eat and drink? **5**Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? **6**Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? **7**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? **8**Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? **9**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? **10**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. **11**If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? **12**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. **24**And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25**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. **26**The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' **27**Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. **28**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!' **29**So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' **30**And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. **31**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. **32**Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. **33**Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' **34**And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. **35**So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

COMING UP AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH:

•**Sun 9/2, 2 PM: Choir Party at Mark & Beth Rzyk's Home!** See Matushka Tamara if you'd like more details. And, thank you, Choir, for your continuing contribution of prayerful and beautiful sung worship!

•**Sat 9/6, 11 AM: Baptism of Anastasia Statkevics:** We rejoice with Joel, Vicky, and their family in anticipation of this great celebration!

•**Wed 9/10, 6:30 PM: "Mission Team: Guatemala" – Fr. David & Matushka Rozanne Rucker.** The Ruckers spend half the year training clergy and choirs, and helping educate the faithful, within a movement of **over 40,000 newly chrismated Orthodox Christians and more than 100 churches in Guatemala and southern Mexico.** The evening will begin with **Daily Vespers at 6:30** and continue with a **Pot Luck Dinner (no meat; it is a Wednesday)** and the Ruckers' talk in our Parish Hall. **If you can't get here by 6:30, then come late!** Come meet the Ruckers, and see and hear their story ... And consider making a monetary donation to support their ministry. For more, visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RuckerOCMCMissionSpecialists

•**Sun 9/14, During Coffee Hour: Church School Parents Meeting** I invite all parents, godparents, and those responsible for bringing children to Church and to Church School, to attend this meeting. "Helping Our Children See Life through the Eyes of Faith" is our vision for Church School. Come meet your teachers and assistants, and learn about this year's class groupings, calendar, and plans. Thank you! – Fr. David

•**Tue 9/16, 6:00 PM: Trinity Plaza Community Group Meeting.** The Mayor has publicly said that the deserted Longfellow School is coming down this fall. Please attend this meeting with City leadership, ask your questions, and voice your hopes for the future of the property ... and with it, our neighborhood!

•**Sun 9/21, After Liturgy: Church School Blessing and Classes Begin.**

A NOTE ABOUT THE 2014 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

The Diocesan Assessment is again \$145.00 / person for 2014. So we can submit our accurate parish census number to the Diocesan Office by Nov. 1, it would be very helpful if parishioners remit their \$145.00 Diocesan Assessments by Sunday, October 5. To help everyone understand what is funded with the Assessment, Father David will give a talk at Coffee Hour on a coming Sunday, on "What is the Diocese, and What Does It Do?" Thank you for your cooperation... and please see Father if you have any questions.

PRAYER LIST

Above all, we are a praying community. Keep this list in your prayer corner, and in your daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Newborn Anastasia Statkevics and her parents; newly baptized Giovanni Esposito; Dianna Armentrout & family; Matthew & Malek, traveling in the Middle East; Sandra Damick; Mia & Sadie; Nikolette Katechis; Matushka Juliana Schmemann; Mary Kalakuka; John Loving; Adriana Szpynda; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; Leda Dzwonczyk; Joan Giannelli; John; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; George Mirosnikov & Madeline Loving, preparing for marriage; Melania King and the child to be born to her; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; John & Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Kulinicz Morin; Kelly Ray; Rose; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne's sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Nina Kirsanoff; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the children Yelena, Hope and Lucca; the priests Frs. Leonid Kishkovsky, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Paul Kucynda, Stephen Mack; PDn. Peter Skoog; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; Aleksandra Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Vincent & Mary Macagnone; Olga Pavelchak; Martha Scigliano; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and the Ukraine; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians and their families; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthdays: Frances Nolan (today); Nicholas Ciamarra (8/29); Eva Reduto (8/30)..

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Matushka Vera Yuschak (+8/20); Helen Rakotz (+8/20); Reader John Dauenhauer (+8/19); Protodn. Edward Reta (+8/14); Nilda Reveron (+8/14); Fr. Stephen Jula (+8/13); Samuel Garretson (+8/12); Fr. Yakov Steven (+8/10); infant Mary Rose Armentrout (+8/8); Emil Purdes (+7/29); the ever-memorable Vladimir & Vira; and all 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. Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David's cell phone, 1-(570) 878-5074, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Anointing is available in Church, in the hospital, or in your home, for anyone who is sick, no matter how 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 setting dates and reserving reception halls!

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

The Orthodox Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate a funeral service for persons being cremated.