

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR A.S.P. TEEN MISSION TEAM!

You may have received a mailing from our teens who are participating in the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) this summer, inviting you to buy “ASP Stock” at \$10 per share.

ASP uses volunteer labor (our kids and chaperones!) to make repairs to homes of needy families in the central region of the Appalachian Mountains. The repairs are made at no cost to the families, and are aimed at making their homes warmer, safer, and drier.

Volunteers enter Appalachia humbly – as guests: not to judge, condemn, change or convert. Their purpose is to share their talents, skills, and caring with fellow human beings in the spirit of Christian love and acceptance.

ASP is not an “interesting vacation trip”. Hard, dirty work is expected of each volunteer. A volunteer may be asked to repair or replace a leaky roof or an unsafe porch, add insulation to outside walls, dig ditches or even build a room addition. The kind of work will vary from home to home, depending on the need and the available materials. Volunteers live in school buildings and community centers, with groups from other parts of the U.S., sharing meals, songs, chores and time together. The lifestyle for the week is modest, but learning to live with others and making personal sacrifices for the sake of Christ’s ministry more than compensates.

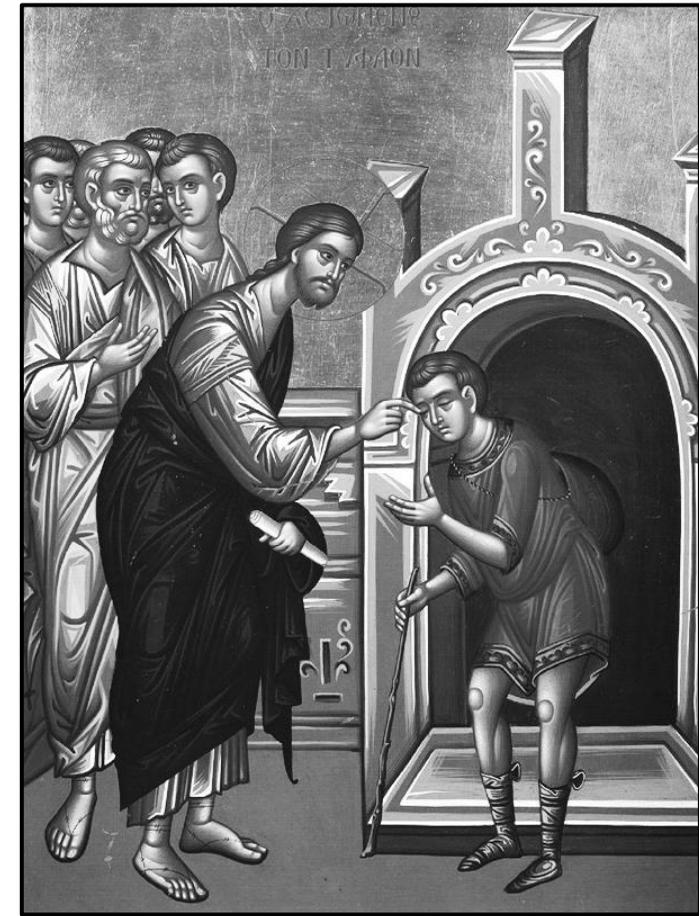
Our ASP Mission Team -- Andrew, Peter and Chris Nolan, Adriana, Emily and Chris Szpynda, and Beth Rzyk – will travel to Kentucky from July 11-19. Considerable funds still need to be raised to cover the expenses for their mission.

Will you support ASP, by investing in this effort that will reap immeasurable benefits in the lives of families who desperately need warmer, safer, and drier homes – and in the hearts of our parish sons and daughters who will encounter Christ in this holy work?



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, May 17, 2015 ~ Sunday of the Blind Man
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ! ВОИСТИНУ ВОСКРЕСЕ!

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!



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May 17, 2015: Sunday of the Blind Man

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34; Gospel: John 9:1-38

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 17 ~ Sunday of the Blind Man

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Simon Wan, requested by daughter Eva Wan Einhorn & family; for John Wislocki (birthday 5/21) and Joan Pristash (birthday 5/26) by Lidia & Bob Ciamarra and family; Mikolai Kuzmenko, by sister Vera Kuzmenko; and John Kowalczyk, by Peter & Tekla Rzyk.

Welcome, Fr. David & Matushka Rozanne Rucker, OCMC Missionaries currently serving at St. Herman's Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska!

Last Day of Church School – Congratulations to our Students & Teachers!

12:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Education Building

Wednesday, May 20 ~ Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

7:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya*

Thursday, May 21 ~ The Ascension of Our Lord

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, May 23

3:00 PM *Wedding* of Kimberly Ovsag and Jason Vitale

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, May 24 ~ Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Thursday, May 28

7:00 PM Martha & Mary Women's Group – at Mardi Perry's Home

Saturday, May 30

3:00 PM *Wedding* of Natalia Maidenco and Paul Stewart

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* – The Great Feast of Pentecost

Sunday, May 31 – The Great Feast of Pentecost, Our Parish Feast

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Vespers & Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost*

Welcome Fr. Yaroslav Suidick, Pastor Emeritus of Our Parish, visiting!

After Liturgy: Parish Feast Day Pot Luck – Please bring a dish to share!

Announcing the opening
of the

LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP

Featuring Icons ... Decorated Eggs ...
Orthodox Greeting Cards
Gifts for Pascha and Mother's Day

Open Today During Coffee Hour

Located in the Education Building,
Ground Floor

Second Room on the Right
from the Courtyard Entrance

COMING EVENTS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE...

- **Thursday, May 28, 7:00 PM: Mary & Martha Women's Group**, at Mardi Perry's.
- **Sunday, June 7 – Graduate Sunday at HTOC.** We will honor graduates from: 8th grade; high school; college; post-grad degree recipients. If you are a 2015 graduate or have a 2015 graduate in your family, please see Fr. David or Dasha Piwinski immediately so we can include your graduate in the honors!
- **Sunday, June 7, 2:00 PM: Parish Council Conference**, "Sound Financial Practices in the Parish", Matushka Mary Breton, CPA, Treasurer of the Diocese – at Transfiguration Cathedral, 228 North 12th Street, Brooklyn NY
- **Saturday, June 20, Christian Education Conference**, at Holy Trinity Church, East Meadow, Long Island, NY. Details coming soon.
- **Thursday, August 20. Orthodox Youth Day at Six Flags Great Adventure!**

PUT CONFESSION ON YOUR CALENDAR ... NOT JUST AN EASTER THING!

Not only is Confession a requirement for voting membership in the parish according to our bylaws ... more importantly, Confession is a staple of the spiritual life! **Orthodox Christians have Confession; Orthodox Christians have Communion. Such has been the Tradition of our Church for 2,000 years.** Along with doctor's appointments, sports events, SAT prep, and all your other commitments, see the Confession times offered in the Bulletin and **put Confession on the calendar for you and your family!**

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.***

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.



TODAY'S EPISTLE Acts 16:16-34 (Epistle)

16Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.17This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation."18And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.19But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.20And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city;21and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.22Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.23And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.24Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.25But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.26Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.27And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.28But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."29Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.30And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"31So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."32Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.33And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.34Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

TODAY'S GOSPEL John 9:1-38 (Gospel)

1Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.2And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"3Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.4I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.5As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.6When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

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(Gospel Reading, Continued)

7And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. 8Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?” 9Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.” 10Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” 11He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.” 12Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.” 13They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. 14Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” 16Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. 17They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” 18But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. 19And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” 22His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. 23Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” 24So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.” 25He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.” 26Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” 27He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?” 28Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. 29We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from. 30The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 32Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing. 34They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out. 35Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” 36He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” 37And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” 38Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

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:

Tekla Rzyk; Newly Chrismated Mary Ann Paprocki; Boris Lyzak; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake (Beth Rzyk’s sister); David Barret; Elizabeth; Warren; Melissa; Erik; Anthony; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Michael Mellin; Christopher Olsen; Paula West; Danielle Geeza, Reader George Wislocki, and Irina, recovering from surgery; Fr. John Tkachuk, Paul Holowach; Elena Herman; Eleanor Wasilko; Carol; Richard; Adriana Szynda; Paul “PJ” Sulich; Stephen Wartella; newborn Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Natasha Harris; Nathan Orsini; Suzanne Gee; Matthew & Malek; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; John Loving; the newborn Walter Pulley and Christopher Safchuk; expecting parents Sara & Eros, and the children to be born to them; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; Jason & Kimberly, Paul & Natalia, Stan & Victoria, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne’s sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the priests Frs. Joseph Chupeck, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Ann Belchyk; Klara Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Martha Slivka; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge, Brian & Mykola; 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; all our Church School students and teachers completing their school year today. Birthdays: Isabelle Moreno (today); Peter Bullock (turning 10 tomorrow); Beth Rzyk (5/23). Anniversary: Vladimir & Sheila Harris (Mat. Tamara’s brother, 5/16).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Matushka Dorothy Timko (+4/9); 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.

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!

Michael Bouteneff	Madeline Miroshnikov	Matt Skalski
Joe Ciamarra	Kamille Perry	Alexandra Solak
Megan Jones	Schuyler Perry	Nick Thanasias
Kaydee Kowalczyk	Roman Piwinski	Monika Wislocki
Dan Kozak	Amanda Rzyk	
Peter Kreatsoulas	Peter Rzyk	

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