

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS SOUGHT FOR 2016

Elections will be held at the next Annual Meeting, late January 2016. See Father David or Council President Vicky Statkevics for more information!

Please visit the LADIES' GUILD GIFT SHOP

Featuring Icons ... Decorated Eggs ...
Orthodox Greeting Cards and Gifts for All Occasions!
Open Today During Coffee Hour,
Located in the Education Building,
Second Room on the Right from the Courtyard Entrance

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED – TOWARD NEW PUMPS FOR OUR HEATING SYSTEM

It is summer now ...
but it'll be winter again before we know it!
**We have raised \$2,705 thus far,
and we have \$3,295 left to raise.**
The cost to install new pumps is approximately \$6,000.00.
Anyone wishing to contribute toward
this project, please see Fr. David,
Parish Council President Vicky Statkevics,
or any other Parish Council member. Thank you!

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



**Sunday, May 24, 2015 ~ Sunday of the Holy Fathers
of the First Ecumenical Council (325 A.D.)**

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!



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Trinity Plaza ✦ 46 Seymour Street ✦ Yonkers, New York 10701
 Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan ✦ Protodeacon John Eby
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May 24, 2015: Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; Gospel: John 17:1-13

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today ~ Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Mikola Kuzmenko (birthday 5/25), requested by his sister, Vera Kuzmenko; for John Kowalczyk, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Kopcza; and for John Wislocki, requested by Bill and Anna Bolinsky.

Wednesday, May 27

6:00 PM Trinity Plaza Community Group Meeting – Upstairs in the Ed Building

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 Sudick, Pastor Emeritus of Our Parish, visiting!
 (Don't forget to wish him Happy Birthday; his birthday is June 1.)

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

Monday, June 1 – Day of the Holy Spirit

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Saturday, June 6

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, June 7 – First Sunday After Pentecost: Sunday of All Saints

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* and Prayers for Graduate Sunday!

2:00 PM Parish Council Conference: "Sound Financial Practices in the Parish", with Matushka Mary Buletza Breton, CPA, Diocese of New York & New Jersey, hosted at Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, 228 N. 12th Street, Brooklyn

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS & AIDES:

Clergy, Church School Directors, Teachers and Parents are invited to

2015 Annual Dept. of Christian Education Conference

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 22:6*

June 13	June 20	June 27
Christ the Saviour Church 365 Paramus Road Paramus, NJ 07652	Holy Trinity Church 369 Green Ave. East Meadow, NY 11554	St. John the Baptist Church 855 Goodman St. South Rochester, NY 14620

All who are currently or would like to become involved in the education of our youth are welcome.

8:30 a.m. – Registration and light breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Darkness to Light's *Stewards of Children*

While the Stewards of Children training is not the only option available, the OCA strongly recommends that all parishes adopt this program. It is evidence-based and has been endorsed by the US Department of Justice. A unified approach to this very sensitive issue will help us prevent abuse in our parishes.

"Eye opening. Everyone near, around, or who sees children should have this training."

- Law Enforcement Representative (from <http://www.d2l.org>)

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. – Choose between 2 tracks: "Child Development and the Exceptional Learner" or "Adolescent Needs"

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. – Choose between 2 tracks: "Enriching the Classroom Experience" or "Moral Issues Overview"

All participants who stay to the end of the conference will receive an e-mail with the third module of OCEC Teacher Training II, Creative Expression.

Upon finishing the third module, a certificate of completion will be issued.

Sponsored by the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, the conference is open to all jurisdictions, free of charge and lunch will be provided.

Pre-Registration is highly recommended in order to ensure adequate accommodations.

To register please contact:

Matushka Andrea Diamantis

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**TRINITY PLAZA COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015**

6:00 PM

EDUCATION BUILDING OF HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

SO MUCH GOING ON!

- CAPT. MUELLER HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO CHIEF! COME AND MEET
CAPTAIN CAVORTI; THE NEW CAPTAIN FOR THE 4TH PRECINCT!

- YIPEEE! LONGFELLOW'S GONE!

AND IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW,

THE BLUESTONE/GREYSTON PLAN FOR THE SITE HAS ALSO BEEN
COMPLETELY SCRAPPED. BACK TO SQUARE ONE.....

But in the meantime, we still have lighting and street condition issues.

- A VERY SAD DAY IS FAST APPROACHING WHEN A 100+ YEAR OLD
ANCHOR OF TRINITY PLAZA WILL BE NO MORE:
MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
IS SCHEDULED TO CLOSE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

-AND WHAT ABOUT THE TPCG'S PICNIC???

SO PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE THERE!

(If you'd like to contribute a snack, that would be great too!)

- Dasha Piwinski, Community Liaison
- Trinity Plaza Community Group

TODAY'S EPISTLE Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 [At that time,] Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.¹⁷From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.¹⁸And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,²⁸Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.²⁹For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.³⁰Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.³¹Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.³²So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.³³I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.³⁴Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.³⁵I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

TODAY'S GOSPEL John 17:1-13 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,²as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.⁶I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.⁷Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.⁸For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.⁹I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.¹⁰And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.¹¹Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.¹²While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.¹³But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

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. See full-page flyer in this Bulletin. .
- **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.



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:

Newly married Kimberly & Jason; Tekla Rzyzyk; Boris Lyzak; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake (Beth Rzyzyk's sister); Helen; Elizabeth; Warren; Melissa; Anthony; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Christopher Olsen; Danielle Geeza, Reader George Wislocki, and Irina, recovering from surgery; Fr. John Tkachuk, Paul Holowach; Elena Herman; Eleanor Wasilko; Adriana Szpynda; Paul "PJ" Sulich; Stephen Wartella; newborn Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Natasha Harris; Nathan Orsini; Suzanne Gee; Matthew & Malek; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; the newborn Walter Pulley and Christopher Safchuk; expecting parents Sara & Eros, and the child to be born to them; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; 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, Bryan & 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. Birthdays: Natalia Maidenco (5/28); Nigel Bullock (5/27); Victoria Statkevicius (5/30); Justin Solak (5/31).

For blessed repose for the souls of: Mikola Kuzmenko (birthday 5/25), John Kowalczyk, and John Wislocki; for all departed soldiers, 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 Rzyzyk	
Peter Kreatsoulas	Peter Rzyzyk	

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