

**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**Yonkers, New York**



**Newly Commissioned Icon – to be Blessed Today**  
**The Hospitality of Abraham, or “Rublev’s Trinity”**  
**Given in Memory of + Anna Kowalczyk,**  
**By Her Grandchildren**



**Sunday, May 31, 2015 ~ Holy Pentecost**  
**Our Parish Feast Day**



### HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Trinity Plaza ♦ 46 Seymour Street ♦ Yonkers, New York 10701  
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**May 31, 2015: Holy Pentecost ~ The Descent of the Holy Spirit**  
 Epistle: Acts 2:1-11; Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today ~ 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 tomorrow!);  
*Panikhida* for Stefan Truchan (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his repose), by parents Anna  
 & Wladyslaw Truchan and sisters Irene & Maria with Family  
 After the Kneeling Vespers: 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. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn

#### Saturday, June 13

5:30 PM Private Confession Available  
 6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

#### Sunday, June 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost: Sunday of All Saints of North America

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

**MISSING TEDDY BEAR:** A guest from Kim & Jason's wedding May 23 is asking about a pink teddy bear his daughter may have left here. Tell Fr. David if you've seen it.

**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!

## 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  
[matushkandrea@gmail.com](mailto:matushkandrea@gmail.com) 609-393-1234

**A NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEB SITE –  
Seeking a One Time \$75.00 Sponsorship**

Our site is in need of a new look -- with more color and life. Our Webmaster, Nick Macagnone, has a design ready to go; it will cost \$75 to “go live”. If you’re interested in seeing the new look, email Nick at [nick.macagnone@gmail.com](mailto:nick.macagnone@gmail.com) . Thank you!

**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!

**TODAY’S EPISTLE Acts 2:1-11** In those days, when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.<sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.<sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.<sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.<sup>6</sup>And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.<sup>7</sup>Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?<sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?<sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,<sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

**TODAY’S GOSPEL John 7:37-52, 8:12** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.<sup>38</sup>He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.<sup>39</sup>But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.<sup>40</sup>Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.”<sup>41</sup>Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee?<sup>42</sup>Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?<sup>43</sup>So there was a division among the people because of Him.<sup>44</sup>Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.<sup>45</sup>Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?”<sup>46</sup>The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”<sup>47</sup>Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived?<sup>48</sup>Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?<sup>49</sup>But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.<sup>50</sup>Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them,<sup>51</sup>Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?<sup>52</sup>They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

### COMING EVENTS, HERE AND ELSEWHERE...

- **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 Paul & Natalia and Kimberly & Jason; Tekla Rzyzyk; Boris Lyzak; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Jennifer Drake (Beth Rzyzyk’s sister); Helen; Elizabeth; Elias Kachur; Mat. Olga Meerson; Christopher Olsen; Gail Saldis; 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; 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; 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. John Tkachuk, Vitaly Bahanovich, Joseph Chupeck, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, 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: Victoria Statkevics & Justin Solak (today); Fr. Yaroslav Sudick (tomorrow); Dominick and Natasha Harris.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** The ever-memorable Vladimir Kowalczyk, Stefan Truchan; 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.**