



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>  
10AM-4PM  
FALL FESTIVAL**



**HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX  
CHURCH**

**46 SEYMOUR STREET  
YONKERS, N.Y.**

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914-965-6815**

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**Christmas crafts  
Gift Shop**

**Ethnic foods and  
bake sale**

**Tag Sale**

**RAFFLE**

**3 course Lunch**

**\$5/person**

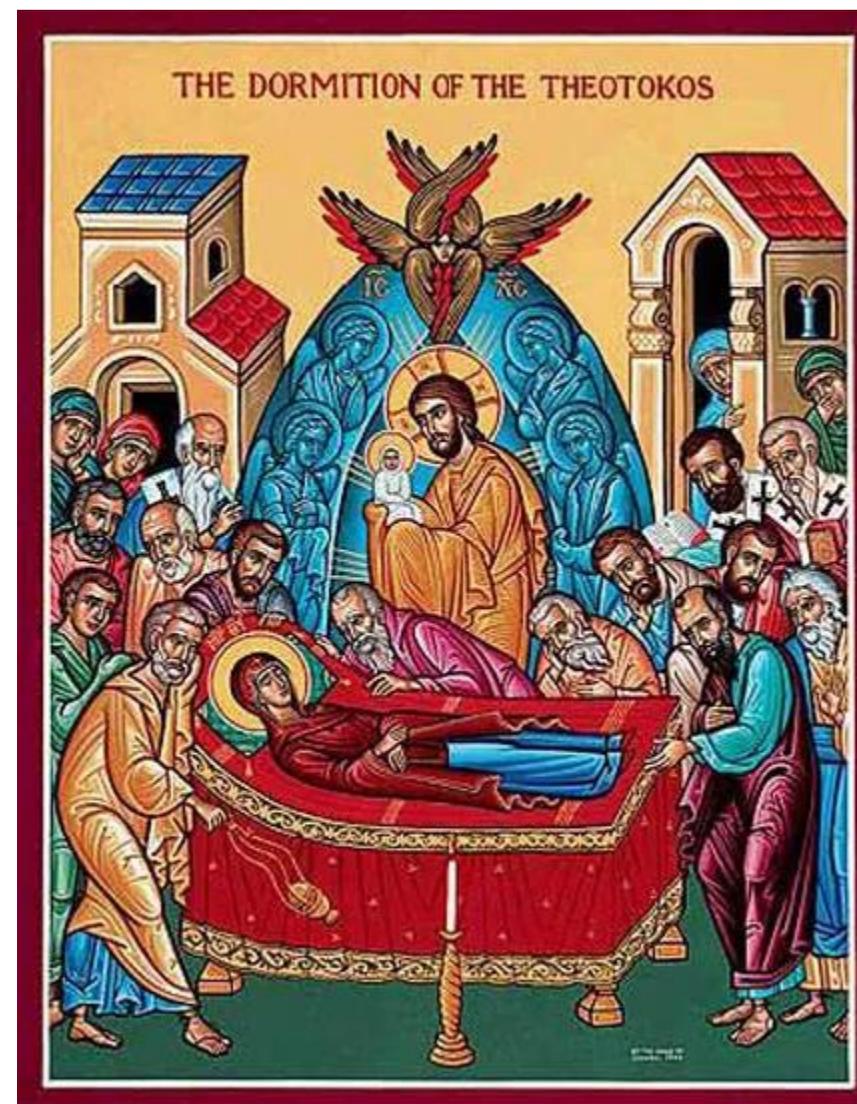
**\$20/family**

**(2 adults & 2 kids)**

**Church Tours**

**COME AND  
ENJOY A  
DELICIOUS  
LUNCH WHILE  
BROWSING FOR  
TOYS, BOOKS,  
CLOTHING &  
MORE!**

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Yonkers, New York**



**Sunday, August 20, 2017 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos  
Prophet Samuel**



## 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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**Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos ~ Prophet Samuel**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35**

### SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour Follows

#### Saturday, August 26

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, August 27

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour Follows

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

#### Monday, August 28

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

After Vespers Church School Teachers & Aides Planning Meeting – at the Rectory

#### Tuesday, August 29

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist; **Strict Fast Day**

#### Thursday, August 31

7:30 PM English / Spanish Bible Study at the Kristensen Apartments Across the Street

Call Fr. David beforehand if you wish to come, to be let into the building.

#### Saturday, September 2

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, September 3

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour Follows

#### Thursday, September 7

7:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

#### Friday, September 8 – Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Nativity of the Theotokos

#### Saturday, September 9

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, September 10

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Coffee Hour and First Day of Church School Follow

At Coffee Hour All-Parish Meeting; See Announcement in the Bulletin in Church

### 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:**

Reader George Wislocki, Bill Bolinsky; Cris Saraceno; Peter Buletza; Thomas Anderson; Paul Poswinski; Jane Ann Cowan; Barbara Knighton (Abp. Michael's sister); Matushki Shirley Lickwar & Jeanne Plekon; Fr. Sergei & Matushka Gerry Glagolev; Fr. George Hasenecz; Matushka Tamara; Archbishop Nikon of Boston, Bishop Seraphim of Sendai, Fr. Steven Voytovich; Matushka Myra Kovalak; Michael Durkot; Krista Adamovich-Rippi & Darina Markyanova and the children to be born to them; Vera Bouteneff; Richard Wisniewski (Suzanne Nolan's father); Ann Bratic; Fr. Nicholas Harris; Jessica Bruno; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Elena Herman; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Ann Dahulich; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Christopher Olsen; Bill Bodack; Nina Dimas; Courtney Lyzak; Eleanor Wasilko; Ludmila Branzow; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; Schuyler Perry; Vitaliy Khutko; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Ilya Gotlinsky, Leonid Kishkovsky, Stephen Hoskins, John Reeves, John Malcom, Vitaly Bahanovich, John Tkachuk; Matushki Charlene Garklavs & unborn child, Anastasia Harris and Masha Tkachuk; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness, including Helen Delandri; Irene Homa; Anatole Honczarenko; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Ann Karell; Daria Krawchuk; Mary Macagnone; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; Martha Slivka; Nicholas Washenko; for all soldiers, especially Mykola; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine; 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. Birthdays: Frances Nolan (8/24). Name Day: All named Samuel.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Heather Heyer, Jay Cullen & Berke Bates (+8/12); Andrew Shelly (+8/12); John Elsner (Beth Rzyk's stepfather, +8/4); Roger Alexander Breton (+7/8); Mary Kantor (+7/7); all the departed named Samuel; and all those 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.**

### CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR AUGUST:

**Vigil Candle, Icon of Christ,** Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia). Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.

***FAMILIES – Mark Your Calendars for These Three Events:***

- **Thursday, August 24: Diocesan Orthodox Youth Day,**  
at Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ
- **Sunday, September 10: Beginning of the Church School Year**
- **Friday – Sunday, November 10-12: Diocesan Annual Girls’ Retreat,**  
at Saint Basil’s Academy, Garrison, NY

- *More information coming soon ...*  
*but see Fr. David if you’d like more information sooner!*

**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!**

Elizabeth Bouteneff  
Michael Bouteneff  
Joe Ciamarra  
Brandon Ferguson  
Kaydee Kowalczyk  
Daniel Kozak  
Andrew Nolan

Peter Nolan  
August Perry  
Kamille Perry  
Christianna Piwinski  
Roman Piwinski  
Amanda Rzyk  
Joshua Rzyk

Stephanie Rzyk  
Matthew Skalski  
Justyna Skalski  
Adriana Szynda  
Emily Szynda  
Catherine Wislocki

*“Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic.” -- Archbishop Michael*  
**Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.**

***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/2016\\_diocesan\\_assembly.html](http://www.nynjoca.org/2016_diocesan_assembly.html) ... scroll down to: **VIDEO: 2016 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW . Any questions? See Fr. David.**



**TODAY’S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 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.

**Statement of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America on the Tragedy in Charlottesville, VA of August 12, 2017**

*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*  
— Colossians 1:16-18

To the Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, Recent tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia, have highlighted the presence of un-Christian rhetoric and violent actions within our communities. At the same time, the response to these events by our civil leadership has unleashed a nationwide debate which has created a certain moral ambiguity, which in turn is fostering further division. Such a climate requires a clear response from the Church.

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America joins people of faith and good will across the United States, Canada and Mexico in unequivocally, unreservedly and unambiguously rejecting words and actions which perpetrate, support or encourage hatred, violence, racism, white supremacy, white nationalism or neo-Nazism. As Orthodox Christians, we believe that every human being is a child of God, created in His image and likeness, and therefore we are all brothers and sisters whatever our race, nationality or creed.

At the same time, we also reject the climate of condemnation of the individuals carrying out these heinous activities. Indeed, Jesus rebuked his disciples when they suggested that he violently retaliate against his enemies. “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.” (Luke 9:55-56). The Church offers to all—without exception—not condemnation but a path to forgiveness and peace in Christ.

As the Orthodox prayer of confession says: “O Lord God, the Salvation of Thy servants, gracious, bountiful and long-suffering, who forgives us concerning our evil deeds, and desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his way and live: Show Thy mercy upon Thy servants and grant unto them an image of repentance, forgiveness of sins, and deliverance, pardoning their every transgression, whether voluntary or involuntary...”

We reject hatred and violence, and as Orthodox Christians we are also committed to the ministry of reconciliation. We encourage our clergy and faithful to hold fast to the Christian message of healing, salvation and love offered by Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. At the same time, we exhort our clergy and faithful to reject any attempts by individuals or groups to claim for themselves the name of “Orthodox Christian” in order to promote racism, hatred, white supremacy, white nationalism or neo-Nazism. This is in keeping with the Holy Gospels, the decisions of the Holy Councils and the experience of the Saints.

We remind the faithful that the Orthodox Church in America does not restrict membership to those of a particular race or nationality and has historically welcomed all, going back to the Alaskan Mission which embraced the indigenous peoples of that land and continuing to this day in the multicultural and multi-ethnic context of North America.

Brothers and sisters, Saint Justin Martyr, writing at a time when Christians were persecuted in the second century, said, “We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies.” May that same spirit be ours today as well.

With our paternal love and blessings,

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America:

Metropolitan Tikhon; Archbishop Nathaniel; Abp. Nikon; Abp. Benjamin; Abp. Alejo; Abp. Melchisedek; Abp. Mark; Abp. Irene; Abp. Michael; Abp. Alexander; Bishop David; and Bp. Paul