

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, September 2, 2018 ~ 14th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 5
Saints Anthony and Theodosius, of the Caves of Kiev

COMING UP IN THE PARISH, THE DIOCESE, AND ELSEWHERE ...

- **Saturday, September 8, 7 PM:** Musical Fundraiser for OYMT by “The Trinity Troubadors”, at Holy Trinity Church, 74 Joe’s Hill Rd., Danbury CT. Tickets: \$35 adults, \$25 kids. See Beth Rzyk for details.
- **Sunday, September 9, 20th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Service for James & Tina Reduto.** The service will immediately follow the Liturgy. All are invited to stay and join Jim, Tina, Olivia and Eva in this celebration!
- **SAVE THE DATE: Church School New Year & Parish Picnic – Saturday, Sep. 15, 12-4 PM, at Mark & Beth Rzyk’s Home.** All parishioners and guests are welcome; it’ll be pot luck.
- **Saturday, September 15, at Holy Trinity Church in Rahway NJ: “Choir 101 / 102: Symposium for Directors & Singers”.** Professor David Drillock, Chair of the OCA Dept. of Liturgical Music, will present tools for developing singers and conductors. Please see Mat. Tamara for details.
- **Sunday, September 16: Church School Begins; and “Orthodoxy 102” for Catechumens**
- **Sunday, September 16, at Coffee Hour: Guest Speaker Maryl Turchi from *Life Options*,** Yonkers’ only Pro-Life women’s support and advocacy organization. More details coming soon.

Today
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* and *Panikhida* for Teodor Plaskon and Mykolaj Plaskon, requested by daughter and niece Maria Wislocki and family; followed by Coffee Hour

Thursday, September 6

7:30 PM Spanish / English Bible Study, in the Kristensen Apartments across the street. Call Ioannis at (347) 740-2827 to be let in the building.

Friday, September 7 ~ Eve of the Nativity of the Mother of God

6:00 PM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – Great Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God

Saturday, September 8 – Nativity of the Mother of God

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, September 9

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, followed by *Service of Thanksgiving* for James & Tina Reduto's 20th Wedding Anniversary; and Coffee Hour

Thursday, September 13 ~ Eve of the Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

6:00 PM *Vesperal Divine Liturgy* – Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday, September 15

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, September 16

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, followed by *Service of Thanksgiving* for James & Tina Reduto's 20th Wedding Anniversary; First Day of Church School; Coffee Hour with "Life Options" Presentation by Maryl Turchi; and "Orthodoxy 102" for Catechumens, with Fr. David

TODAY'S EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Brethren: Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14 At that time, Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.' Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

THE 12 GREAT FEASTS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Saturday, September 8 (Vesperal Liturgy Fri. 9/7, 6:00 PM): The Nativity of the Mother of God

Thursday, September 14:
The Exaltation of the Cross

Wednesday, November 21:
Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple

Tuesday, December 25:
Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 6:
Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Saturday, February 2:
Presentation of Our Lord Jesus in the Temple

Monday, March 25
Annunciation of Archangel Gabriel to the Theotokos

Sunday, April 21

Palm Sunday ~ Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Sunday, April 28: The Feast of Feasts ~

PASCHA ~ Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thursday, June 6:

Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, June 16: Our Parish Feast

Pentecost ~ Descent of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, August 6:

Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thursday, August 15:

Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Mother of God

Some feasts will be celebrated the prior evening with Vesperal Liturgy; check weekly Bulletins.

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:

Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Nina Wisniewski (Suzanne Nolan's mother); newborn Ivan Karlcut and his family; Metropolitan ANTONY; Fr. John Bartholomew; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Skvir; Dn. Alexander Anderson; John, John, Mary, Rebecca, Paul Tymus; children Felicity Davis, Victoria Saraceno; Vera Bouteneff; Ted Chaiko; Earle & Sally Ausman; Rocco Mastronardi; Nancy Prusak; Honorina Rodriguez; Christina Sceppaquercia & Regina Cataldo; Mary Braig; expecting mothers Victoria Statkevics, Matushki Viktoria Budica & Lesiya Dubea and the children to be born to them; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Harris; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Elena Herman; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Bill Bodack; Courtney Lyzak; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Maryan Chaykivsky, Samuel Davis, Stephen Hoskins, Samuel Kedala, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, Basil Summer, John Tkachuk, John Zabinko; Matushki Ellen Chupeck, Rebekah Markewich, Priscilla Shipley, Katherine White; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness, including Eugen Balasenowich, Sr.; Maria Chouplat; Helen Delandri; Olga Donski; Walter Donski; Irene Homa; Anatole Honczarenko; Olga Juck; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyk; for all soldiers, especially Mykola; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence and natural disasters, and refugees; 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: August Perry (9/3), Bogdan Wislocki (9/8). Name Day: Those named Anthony & Theodosius. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and Church basement.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Nina Dimas (Fr. John Tkachuk's sister, +8/24); June (8/24); Lawrence Dunn (+8/24); Kevin Allen (+8/7); Klara Alexandra Borzova (+7/29); Teodor Plaskon (Maria Wislocki's father, +7/22), Mykolaj Plaskon (Maria's uncle, +6/2); all the departed named Anthony & Theodosius. 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.**

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
Joe Ciamarra
Brandon Ferguson
Samantha Fricke
Kaydee Kowalczyk
Andrew Nolan

Peter Nolan
August Perry
Kamille Perry
Joshua Rzyk
Stephanie Rzyk
Matthew Skalski

Justyna Skalski
Adriana Szynda
Emily Szynda
Katherine Wislocki
Olivia Wislocki

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

CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR SEPTEMBER:

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

SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TODAY (AND EVERY DAY) ...

Accepting the task of hospitality, Abraham used to sit at the entrance to his tent, inviting all who passed by, and his table was laden for all comers – including the impious and barbarians – without distinction. Hence he was found worthy of that wonderful banquet when he received angels and the Master of all as guests. We too, then, should actively and eagerly cultivate hospitality, so that we may receive not only angels, but also God Himself.

It is good to be generous to all, especially to those who cannot repay you.

-- St. Theodoros, the Great Ascetic

GOOD NEWS AND IMPORTANT NOTES FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

I am overjoyed to announce to you, on behalf of all the Parish Council, that the Education Building is now officially rented!

The tenant is the Westchester School for Special Children. We are deeply grateful to God for the great financial blessing which this rental is bringing to us. We are particularly happy, also, to welcome as a tenant this organization which will put our building to its intended use -- it is the Education Building, after all! -- and especially in service to a community of young people who are in urgent need of support and positive formation.

As you have seen or will soon see, this means many changes in our use of the Ed Building -- and some important concerns that affect us during the renovation that is presently happening there:

- We will still be having coffee hour in the gym, during the present time when we cannot yet permanently move coffee hour into the church basement.
- We will have use of the bathrooms in the Ed Building when the Westchester School is not in session (Saturdays and Sundays, most importantly), while we plan and complete the installation of bathrooms in the church basement. **HOWEVER:** Please be very careful near the men's bathroom, where the former shower room to the left and back of the bathroom is being re-fitted for new plumbing. Do not let children in that area.
- We need to be careful walking in the Ed Building, especially in the ground-floor hallway, near the old pre-school classroom, and (as said above) the men's room, because they are now construction areas.
- We should not go into any rooms downstairs other than the bathrooms and into the boiler room to place bagged trash.
- The refrigerators and freezer in the kitchen are now off-limits. They are for the use of the tenant. Coffee Hour hosts are being kept informed of how to store and put out Coffee Hour supplies.

My thanks to the dedicated ladies who continually bake the breads that become Holy Communion and other blessed breads used in the Divine Services -- especially for their recent "bake-a-thon" to make sure that we would have plenty of breads to last us the next few months while we transition to a new setting for baking.

My thanks also to everyone who leads and participates in hosting Coffee Hour, as you all have had to be extremely flexible these past many months ... and this flexible situation will continue until we are permanently set up for Coffee Hour in the church basement.

My thanks to everyone who has played any part -- some of you donating many, many hours of time, creativity, and "elbow grease" -- in sorting, packing, and moving the contents of the Ed Building classrooms, gym, and kitchen, in preparation for turning it over to the tenant.

Lastly, I want to thank the members of our Parish Council, and other incredibly dedicated laypeople throughout our parish community, who have given countless hours, for years now, in seeking a tenant, securing this tenant, learning "the ropes" of renting and renovating the building to prepare it for a suitable occupant, hiring workers to clean and refurbish the building, and negotiating the lease and the building contracts.

THANK YOU all, and may our Heavenly Father, Who sees you in secret, reward you richly for your love and your sacrifices!

I look forward to walking forward together with each of you into this most promising new season in the life of our Holy Trinity parish family!

With love in Christ,
Fr. David