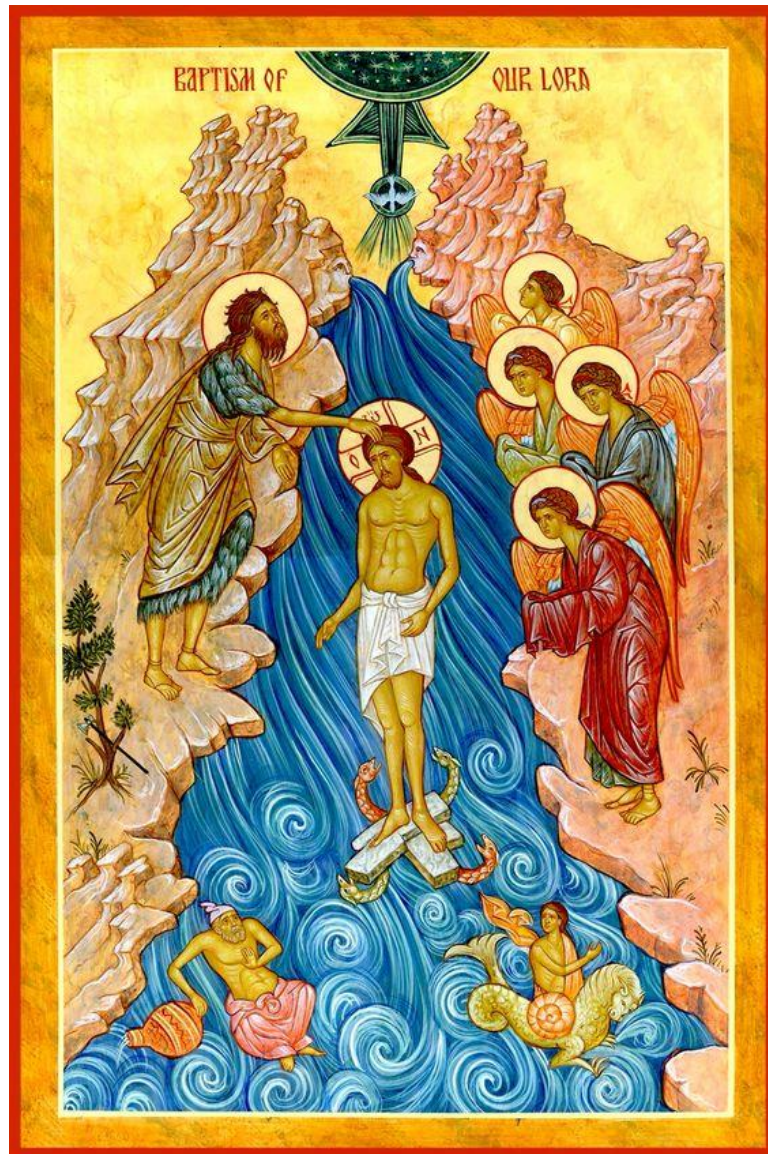


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



Sunday, January 6, 2019 ~ Tone 7

The Great Feast of the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ ~ The Baptism of Christ

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

- **Today: The Blessing of Holy Water at the Feast of Theophany:** Bring your Holy Water bottles and take some newly blessed Holy Water home with you. A Holy Water font will remain in the center of the church for two more weekends. After that, both Holy Water fonts will be behind the choir area, year round, for you to take more.
- **Home Blessings:** Father David will begin annual Home Blessings today. Please speak with him to schedule your home blessing visit.



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120th ANNIVERSARY
JUNE 16, 2019

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – Sunday, January 6

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Water* followed by Coffee Hour

Monday, January 7 ~ Synaxis of St. John the Baptist (Nativity of Our Lord on the Old Calendar)

10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy / Божественная литургия*

Saturday, January 12

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, January 13

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* with *Panikhida* for Vladymir Kowalczyk, requested by his wife Maria & Family; followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

TODAY'S EPISTLE Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 My son Titus: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17 At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019.

In order to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting,
the following requirements are expressed in our Parish Bylaws:

- partake in the Sacraments of private Confession, and Holy Communion, at least once a year,
- fulfill all financial obligations, as established by the parish, by the end of the year:

"The financial obligation [for voting membership in our parish] is the following: To submit a financial pledge for 2018, by means of the Stewardship Commitment Form; and to prayerfully attempt to fulfill that pledge by remitting to the parish the pledged financial contribution no later than December 31, 2018."

Voting isn't everything ... Communion with Christ is! Still, your voice is valuable. So please, take action so that you can participate both spiritually and materially in the care of your family in Christ!

At the Annual Meeting, the Parish Council intends to ask your vote on an Amendment to the Parish By-Laws, allowing for the addition of four more seats to the Parish Council ...

so that the Council can more effectively carry out the ministries that will continue the health and growth of our parish! Please review the Proposed Amendment on the back page of the Bulletin.

RECLAIMING OUR HOMES FOR CHRIST – A NOTE ON HOME BLESSINGS

The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. When the Holy Water touches our doors, our walls, and us, we show the Lord – and the devil – that we wish for God to physically expel every trace of sin, anger, bitterness, and worry that has invaded our homes and our families over the past year!

Plan your home blessing at a time when **all family members can be present**, if at all possible.

When Father comes to bless the family and house, these things should be prepared:

- A lit candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for Holy Water should be on the table.
- All present in the house should come together and stand at the table. If kids are present, an icon for each child to carry (who is big enough to carry one) should also be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

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:

Luna Shin (Sohee Talley's sister); Newly baptized Alexander Matthew Statkevics and Lukas Gogichaishvili; Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris and Fr. Alexis Vinogradov, Fr. Samuel & Mat. Photini Davis, Serge Schmemmann and Shaun McElray, recovering from surgery; Melania King & Victoria Miroshnikov and the children to be born of them; Pdn. Stephen Sweet; Michelle Brown; Mallory Cabe; Alice Coyle; Aaron Hoskins; Michael Lucak; Emily Sarisky; Sally Seitz, Walter Shymansky, Stephanie Whiting; Vera Bullock; Gerald D'Inzillo; Matushka Lorissa Gregory; John Krawchuk; Martha Scigliano; Mat. Mary Shafran; Fr. Dennis Swencki; Fr. Joseph Lickwar; Fr. Steven Belonick; Fr. Daniel Skvir; Joseph Rao; Charlie Andonis; Barbara Garbinski; children Felicity Davis & Victoria Saraceno; Vera Bouteneff; Ted Chaiko; Earle & Sally Ausman; Rocco Mastronardi; Nancy Prusak; Pedro Rosario; Honorina Rodriguez; Christina Sceppaquercia & Regina Cataldo; Douglas Jenkins, Sara Haughton; Mary Braig; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Luka & 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, 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 Rzyzyk; 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. Those afflicted by the earthquakes in Alaska and the fires in California. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Bishop Athanasius of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Western Kenya (+1/5); Janice Keil (+12/26); Lorna Nelson (12/4); former President George Bush (+11/30); Fr. Athanasius Shaw (+11/29); Victor Makarov (+11/28); Faina Guseva (+11/28); ever-memorable Anatoly Branzow, Ann Harrilchak & Berta Ptach; 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.

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 Rzyzyk
Stephanie Rzyzyk
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 JANUARY:

Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia. Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.

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

"If he was not flesh, whom did John baptise? And if he was not God, to whom did the Father from heaven say, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased'? If he was not flesh, who fasted and hungered in the desert? And if he was not God, whom did the Angels come down and serve? If he was not God and man, our salvation is a lie, and the words of the Prophets are lies. But the Prophets spoke the truth, and their testimonies were not lies. The Holy Spirit spoke through them what they had been commanded."

+ St. Ephrem the Syrian

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OUR PARISH BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IV: PARISH COUNCIL

Section 1: *Composition*

- a) The Parish Council shall consist of the following: Rector and **ten** [formerly “six”] trustees for a total of **eleven** [formerly “seven”] members on the Parish Council. Each of the trustees shall have one of the following [~~deleted the word “officer” here~~] positions and duties; president, vice president, treasurer, financial secretary, recording secretary, communications/membership secretary [**add “, and trustee-at-large”**].

Section 2: *Duties*

[The language of paragraphs a) through g), descriptions of the existing offices, is unchanged and so is omitted here.]

ADD: h) Trustee-At-Large (4 positions)

i) [was h)] [This section is unchanged except for the change from “h” to “i”]

The Trustees:

- i. shall be voting members of the Parish Council.
- ii. shall be the custodians of all temporalities and property, real and personal, belonging to the parish, and of the revenues there from, and shall administer the same, in accordance with the bylaws of the parish and bylaws of the Diocese, and any applicable amendments thereto, and all other rules, statutes, regulations, and usage of the Orthodox Church in America.

Section 3: *Elections*

a) Term of Office:

- i. The trustees shall be elected to a term of two years, with the terms staggered so that **five** [**formerly “three”**] trustee positions are open for election annually. The initial term of offices of the Trustee - President, Trustee - Treasurer and Trustee - Communications/Membership Secretary shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2018 and said trustee officers shall be elected in even numbered years thereafter. The initial term of the offices of the Trustee - Vice President, Trustee - Financial Secretary and Trustee - Recording Secretary shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2017 and said trustee officers shall be elected in odd numbered years thereafter. [**Add: “The initial term of the offices of two (2) of the Trustees-At-Large shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2020 and said trustees shall be elected in even numbered years thereafter. The initial term of the offices of two (2) of the Trustees-At-Large shall expire at the annual parish meeting held in 2021 and said trustees shall be elected in odd numbered years thereafter.”**]
- ii. No individual may be elected to more than three consecutive terms on the Parish Council, regardless of the trustee position.