

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Yonkers, New York



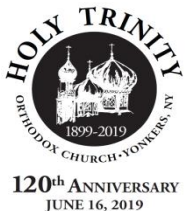
**Sunday, February 24, 2019 ~ Tone 6**  
**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**Second Sunday of Preparation for Great Lent**

### PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2019

As of Feb. 18, for 2019, 29 pledge forms have been turned in, and approximately \$60,200 has been pledged.

In 2018, 41 pledge forms came in, and \$72,900 was pledged. Let's increase our stewardship for 2019!

Please turn in your 2019 pledge form either to Fr. David or in the box in the back of the church. *Thank you!*



120<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
JUNE 16, 2019

### 120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS – DON'T MISS THEM!

- **Sat., April 13, Here: "THE ART OF FIGHTING: Building Life Changing Relationships" Lenten Retreat**, with Michelle Moujaes from Faithtree Orthodox Ministries.
- **Late May 2019, Date TBA: Service of Thanks and Vehicle Blessing for Fire, Police, and First Responders**
- **Sunday, June 16: 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Liturgy, and Banquet at Castle Royale.**

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

- **Home Blessings Continue!** Please speak with Father David to schedule your home blessing visit.
- **Fat Friday Pre-Lent Party – Friday, March 1, 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall! Pick up a flyer on the candle desk.
- **"DDB" Appreciation Dinner with Abp. Michael – Sun., March 3, 5:00 PM**, St. Nicholas Church, Whitestone.
- **Diocesan Altar Servers' Retreat – Fri.-Sun., March 1-3, St. Basil's Academy, Garrison NY.** Altar servers of all ages are welcome – and all boys and men who are interested in serving in the altar are welcome, too. See Fr. David.
- **Diocesan Teen Retreat – Fri.-Sun, March 22-24, with "Be the Bee" Host Steven Christoforou**, at Camp Shiloh, Hewitt NJ. See the back page for registration information.

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Today – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Fr. John Tkachuk, Celebrant; followed by Church School & Coffee Hour

### Tuesday, February 26

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

### Friday, March 1

7:00 PM “Fat Friday” Party – in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, March 2

4:30 PM “Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives” Book Discussion Group – in the Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*; Private Confession Available After Vespers

### Sunday, March 3: Sunday of the Last Judgment – Meatfare Sunday – Last Day to Eat Meat Before Pascha

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

5:00 PM Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors “DDB” Appreciation Dinner with Abp. Michael, at St. Nicholas Church, 14-65 Clintonville Street, Whitestone (Queens). See Fr. David for details or to RSVP!

### Tuesday, March 5

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Church

### Wednesday, March 6

7:30 PM 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, March 8

7:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, March 9

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

### Sunday, March 10 – Sunday of Forgiveness and Adam’s Expulsion from Paradise – Cheesefare Sunday

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, with *Forgiveness Vespers* and the *Rite of Forgiveness*, followed by Coffee Hour

**TODAY’S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12-20** Brethren: All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.<sup>13</sup>Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.<sup>14</sup>And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.<sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!<sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.”<sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.<sup>18</sup>Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?<sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s..

**TODAY’S GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32** The Lord said: “A certain man had two sons.<sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood.<sup>13</sup>And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.<sup>14</sup>But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.<sup>15</sup>Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.<sup>16</sup>And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.<sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!<sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,<sup>19</sup>and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants. ‘ (Continues Over)



120<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
JUNE 16, 2019

**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church** ~ 46 Seymour Street, Yonkers, NY 10701

Rector: V. Rev. David Cowan; Protodeacon John Eby;

Attached: V. Rev. John Tkachuk; V. Rev. Vitaly Bahanovich

Rector Emeritus: V. Rev. Yaroslav Sudick, Ph.D., D.D.

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## 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:**

Marty Herman; Fr. Jason Vansuch; Mat. Jessica & Fr. Matthew Fuhrman and the pre-born infant lost to them; Susan Krause; Lisa Anna Hofstead; Fr. Peter Olsen; Fr. John Bartholomew; Candice Masset; James Hasset; Fr. Samuel Kedala; Mat. Anastasia Harris; Mat. Frances Vansuch, William Wasilko, Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, Serge Schmemann, Shaun McElray, Leonard Soroka, expecting mothers Melania King & Victoria Miroshnikov and the children to be born of them; Pdn. Stephen Sweet; Ashley; Michelle Brown; Mallory Cabe; Aaron Hoskins; Sally Seitz; Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Danielle, Sophia and Stella Miller; Charles Obery & Juanita Thompson; Fr. Alexander Revyuk; Martha Scigliano; Fr. Dennis Swencki; Fr. Steven Belonick; 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, 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, Daniel Skvir, 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. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Education Building and the Church building.

**For blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Leonard Spano, Sr. (+2/10); Crissy Knarr (+2/5); Christian (+2/1); Archpriest John Mason (+1/31); Konstantinos Aronis (+1/22), Konstantinos "Gus" Aronis (+1/20); Gregory Barbash (+1/20); Patricia Overdorf; Katherina Kuzmenko; Victor Makarov (+11/28); 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  
Luke Kusick

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.**

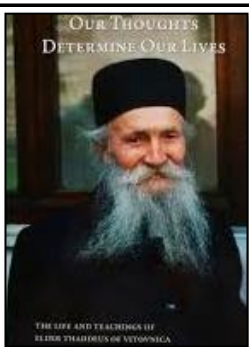
## CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR FEBRUARY:

**Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family:** Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia. Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families. **Vigil Candle, St. Nicholas, South Kliros,** Health of Regina Cataldo & Christina Sceppaquercia.

## JOIN THE DISCUSSION: "OUR THOUGHTS DETERMINE OUR LIVES", HERE, SATURDAYS THROUGH MAR. 2, 4:30PM

*"Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility."* – From **Our Thoughts Determine our Lives**, a book by Fr. Thaddeus of Vitovnica.

Please come to our Fellowship Hall to hear (or read) these words of wisdom on **Saturdays through 3/2/19 at 4:30-5:30pm**. If you can't come in person, please consider joining us by Conference Call on your phone! Call Olga Ptach (914-262-1061) for instructions. *See Pdn. John to get your copy from SVS Bookstore!*





**ANY PARISHIONER IS INVITED:  
APPRECIATION DINNER FOR THE “DDB’s” –  
DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTORS –  
HOSTED BY ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL, SUN. 3/3, 5:00 PM**

You are invited to attend the New York City Deanery Appreciation Dinner for the 2018 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York & New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 5:00 PM,

at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 1465 Clintonville Street, Whitestone, New York 11357

~ You are encouraged to bring family members and parish guests ~

**RSVP to Fr. David, today or as soon as possible,  
with the number attending: Phone 914-965-6815; Email [frdavidcowan@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidcowan@gmail.com)**



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**ANNUAL LENTEN TEEN RETREAT  
MARCH 22-24, 2019**

*Sponsored by the OCA Diocese of New York & New Jersey*

**OPEN TO:** Teens in Grades 7-12  
**FIRM REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** March 8<sup>th</sup>  
**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Rock climbing wall, zip-line, challenge course, basketball court, game room, and hiking!  
**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Danielle Geeza – Chair, Department of Youth Ministry  
(914) 222-1317 ~ [nynjocayouth@gmail.com](mailto:nynjocayouth@gmail.com)



**SPEAKER: Steven Christoforou**  
Director, Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America  
Host, “Be the Bee” and “Pop Culture Coffee Hour”



**Register today for either event, or both, at:  
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