



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

The Orthodox Church in America
369 Green Avenue, East Meadow, New York 11554
Rev. Martin G. Kraus, Pastor, 516-483-3649
www.htocem.org

Annual Christmas Concert to be held on Saturday, December 5 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church of East Meadow

East Meadow – November 2015 – Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will host its annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 5 at 7:00 PM. The parish has been producing the Christmas concert since 2008 for the benefit of the local South Shore community. Vespers (evening prayer) will be held at 6:00 PM before the concert; all are welcome to worship with us. An Advent reception will follow the concert. The concert and reception are both free of charge. A Christmas boutique and a free door prize drawing will also be held after the concert.

Dr. Nicholas Reeves, Holy Trinity's choir director, commented "the choir will celebrate the life and works of Saint Nicholas, as well as sing Orthodox and Western hymns and carols". The feast day of Saint Nicholas is celebrated on December 6 with hymns sung anticipating the feast on December 5. The concert is based on the English Festival of Lessons and Carols and allows the audience to experience Orthodox liturgical hymns for the feast of the Lord's Nativity (Christmas) in the context of traditional Western carols. Dr. Reeves added "We are very excited about celebrating the feast day of Saint Nicholas this year on its eve, December 5. Our guest of honor will be his Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey".

Directions to Holy Trinity Church can be found in the "Directions" section of the parish website, www.htocem.org. For any additional questions, please e-mail us at info@htocem.org or call the pastor, Father Martin Kraus, at 516-483-3649. Flyers in electronic format for distribution can also be requested at info@htocem.org.

About Holy Trinity Church:

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, founded in 1924, was the first Orthodox Christian parish established in the Nassau/Suffolk area. Holy Trinity Church is a parish of the autocephalous Orthodox Church in America. Originally founded by Russian and Eastern European immigrants, the parish now encompasses Orthodox Christians of all traditional Orthodox ethnicities as well as many converts. All services are conducted in English. Holy Trinity Church proclaims the Gospel to all people on Long Island and has been engaged in many local and international philanthropic projects.

About Dr. Nicholas Reeves:

Dr. Nicholas Reeves has been Director of Music at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church since 2003 and is currently Professor of Music at Adelphi University. He managed the Arvo Pärt Project in 2014, a unique collaboration between the acclaimed Estonian composer and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, including a highly-acclaimed performance at Carnegie Hall. Dr. Reeves has also produced concerts both privately and in conjunction with St. Vladimir's, where he was a professor of liturgical music from 2011 to 2015. He has studied at the Brevard Music Center and holds degrees in composition from Westminster Choir College and Manhattan School of Music, where he received a doctorate (DMA) in classical composition as a student of Richard Danielpour.