



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

The Orthodox Church in America

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Annual Christmas Concert to be held on Saturday, December 2 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church of East Meadow

East Meadow – November 2017 – Holy Trinity Orthodox Church will host its annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 2 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 will also be held after the concert.

Dr. Nicholas Reeves, Holy Trinity's choir director, commented "the Holy Trinity Choir is looking forward to once again sharing the joy of the holiday season with our community. Moreover, the Youth Choir will participate in the concert for the first time ever. We are very proud of our young parishioners for contributing to this festive event." The concert is based on the English Festival of Lessons and Carols and allows the audience to experience Orthodox Christian liturgical hymns for the feast of the Lord's Nativity (Christmas) in the context of traditional Western carols. The Annual Christmas Concert has become a South Shore tradition and a way for many of our neighbors to begin their holiday season.

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 the renowned composer Richard Danielpour.

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