

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

HOLY PASCHA

The Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟСКРЕСЕ! ~ ΒΟΙΣΤΙΝΗ ΒΟСКРЕСЕ!

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ~ ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@holytrinitychurchelmira>

or go to www.YouTube.com and search for "Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY"

Great and Holy Saturday, April 11

10:00 AM *Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: The Harrowing of Hell by Our Lord*

11:30 PM *Nocturns; Procession; Matins of PASCHA* and

The Divine Liturgy of Great and Holy PASCHA

followed by Basket Blessing and Agape Meal

HOLY PASCHA (EASTER), SUNDAY, APRIL 12

1:00 PM *The Vespers of PASCHA*

Bright Monday, April 13

10:00 AM *Paschal Divine Liturgy with Procession*

Bright Saturday, April 18

9:30 AM *St. Andrew's Camp Open House: Paschal Liturgy with Archbishop Michael; Luncheon Afterward – At St. Andrew's Camp, 1280 Route 49, Jewell, NY; More Information at www.standrewscamp.org*

5:00 PM *Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward*

Sunday, April 19 – St. Thomas Sunday, the Second Sunday of Pascha

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy; followed by Fellowship Hour and Easter Egg Hunt*

1:00 PM *Blessing of Graves* at Our Parish Cemetery, 125 Legion Rd., Elmira

With Thanks...

Thank you to all who have labored so diligently to prepare for this radiant Feast of Feasts:

those who have brought and placed and watered the flowers inside and outside the church ...

to Dn. Michael, Subdn. Walter and the Readers and Altar Servers for serving and reading beautifully...

to Nina and the choir, faithfully preparing, rehearsing, and singing the music of the services ...

all who have prepared and cleaned the Altar, live-streamed the services and managed our Websites ...

pressed and changed the coverings, arranged the Cross and the Tomb of our Lord ...

those who offered and still offer donations toward the preparation of the church for Pascha...

those providing and sponsoring food, drinks, decorations, set-up and clean-up for our Agape meal ...

those who have faithfully participated in the services and prayed daily in your homes...

And everyone who has contributed in so many ways to the beauty of this church and this Feast.

May God Bless You Richly and Grant You Many Years! CHRIST IS RISEN!

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Nicole Chwastiak and Steven Follansbee, both members of our parish family, will be Crowned in the Mystery of Holy Matrimony here on Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 PM.

May God grant Steven and Nicole MANY BLESSED YEARS!



ORTHODOX MOMS' GROUP

Moms – join us for a Paschal Get-Together!

Sunday, April 26, 1:30 PM – at the Parish Rectory

It's Dads' Day to Babysit! 😊

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE LITURGY OF PASCHA

EPISTLE Acts 1:1-8 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

GOSPEL John 1:1-17 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Patriarch ILIA of Georgia; Olga Artemow (+4/3); Fr. Theodore Mozes; Deacon Andrei; Mario, Justin, Christian; Sophia; John, Daniel; Hunter; Liudmila; Jerry; Wesley Roman; Sofia, Irene; Margaret; Helen; John; Nicole; Forrest; Brian; Paul; Jennifer; Amanda; Harold; Matthew; Joseph; Nora, Elonda; Martha; Metropolitan DIMITRIOS. Ever-memorable Archbishop Gregory of Alaska (+4/15/08); Melania (Mat. Tamara's grandmother, +4/9/09); Ruth Kriel (+4/9/25); John Grove (Emory's father, +4/10/25), Ann Mustico (Amy Rinchack's mother, +4/11/22), + infant Charlie Crowell (+4/12/18). All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Newly Chrismated William & Lyndsey Ruth Stewart and their sponsors Zachary & Amy; Sandra Martelli; Antonina Weeks; Kathleen Loveland; Matushka Kathryn; Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Carl (Meredith's dad); Jay; Elena; children Michael, Rory & Giovanni; Thomas; Terry; Gregory, Natalya; Donnie; Jessica; Christopher; Michael; David; Julee; Manya; Olga; Patricia; Joyce; Matrona; Brooke; Tyler; George; expecting mothers Sarah, Catherine, Eyerin, Lyndsey, Presbytera Krista Fedorchak, Matushka Margaret Brady and the children to be born to them; infant Natalie & Ana; infant Anastasia & Victoria; James; James & Deborah; John; Scott & Casey, Child Hannah, Joshua, Ilsa, Erica, Harry, Caitlin, Helen, Sierra; Nicholas, Anna; Catechumens Raychel, Oliver, Madeline, Tomas, Camron, Logan, Robert, William & Mayona; Richard & Sandra.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbp. NATHANIEL; Archbp. BENJAMIN; Fr. Pedro & Mat. Raphaela; Fr. John Holoduek; Deacon John & Mat. Judith Komline; Deacon Michael Speck; Matushka Nancy Hutnyan, Mat. Christina Tasso; Reader Vasily; Michael; Tatiana; Angela; Andreja, Anastasia, Vasilja; Sergei & his daughter Elena; child Eddie, Inocencia; George, Bill; infant Matthias; children Levi & Michael; newborn Lucy & her mother Brenna, Alex, Sophia, Nicholas; Sarah; child Eeta; child Marina, Holly, Diane, Michael; Lisa, Maria, Souraya, Mariana, Mary, Mary, Victorienne, Paul, Andrew, Maryann & Mary; Jessica, Brandon; Sunny; Debra, Laura; Anna, Dimitry, Cheryl, Artie; Tamara, Dawn. All the clergy, faithful, their families and those who are ill, of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. All those afflicted by warfare in Iran, Ukraine, and around the world. **Name Day:** Leonidas Callas (Martyr Leonidas of Corinth, 4/16). **Birthdays:** Robert Cusick (4/15), Julianna Cheplick (4/18).

Parish Children:

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| Lucia | Hannah | Jeremiah | Andrew | Myra | Ezekiel | Aalyiah | Sophia | | |
| Lydia | Natalie | Emilia | Patrick | Sophia | Rdr. Dmitri | Jonah | Gabriel | | |
| John | Nikolai | Melania | Alexei | Justus | Elea | Samuel | Gabriel | | |
| Michael | Hannah | Raphael | Verity | Julie | Michelle | Shea | Jack | | |
| Oliver | Anthony | Evangeline | Alfred | Rosemary | James | Brighid | Anna | Dorothea | |
| Josephine | Killian | Rory | Levi | Azariah | Elijah | Galilee | Lydia | Sandra | Mayona |

College Students: Larissa Cheplick – Daemen College • Julianna Cheplick – SUNY Delhi •

Thomas Cheplick – Corning Community College • Nathan Devens – SUNY Cobleskill •

Nadia Powers – SUNY Buffalo • Angelina McKane – West Point Academy • Madeline Cieslak – Elmira College

Cynthia Mathai, Mihaela Toader, Anastasia Shikula & Magdalena Botrous – LECOM Elmira

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, or a Reader.

Typically, parish prayer requests remain on this list for 40 days.

READER SCHEDULE: April 11th – April 12th **Great and Holy Pascha** – Reader William (Epistle) • April 18th – April 25th Mary Carol Haluszczak • April 25th – May 2nd Matushka Tamara • May 2nd – May 9th Reader Alexander

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE

April 12 PASCHA Agape Meal After Midnight Liturgy ♦ **19 St. Thomas Sunday Paschal Potluck** ♦ 26 Haluszczak / Dudak Families ♦ **May 3 Lamprinos / Martelli Families** ♦ 10 Mother's Day Breakfast, Hosted by the Men's Group ♦ 17 Rinchack / Stewart Families ♦ 24 King Families ♦ **31 Pentecost** – 110th Anniversary Celebration with Archbishop Michael

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE – 4/19 Mat. Katie ♦ 4/26 Amy ♦ 5/3 Nina ♦ 5/10 Amy

♦ 5/17 Mat. Katie ♦ 5/24 Amy ♦ 5/31 Nina

COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES – DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR:

Spoons ♦ Forks ♦ Cold Drink Cups ♦ Juices

Join the *Beauty Team!*



We are called to sanctify time by participating in the Feasts of the Church. An especially meaningful way to participate in the Feasts is to adorn the Festal Icon or The Cross with the God-created beauty of **flowers.**

Please contact Mat. Tamara to join the Team for Christmas, Pentecost or Pascha or if you would like to donate in memory of a beloved.

Flower Ministry Schedule 2026

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| March 14 | 3 rd Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Cross | Fanaro Family |
| March 24 | Annunciation to the Theotokos | Matushka Tamara |
| April 4 | Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday | Parish Youth |
| April 10 | Holy Friday, the Tomb of our Lord | Parish Youth |
| April 11 | Pascha | Team |
| May 30 | Pentecost | Team |
| August 14 | Dormition of the Theotokos | Antonina Weeks |
| September 7 | Nativity of the Theotokos | Julie Devens |
| September 13 | Exaltation of the Life Creating Cross | Karney Family |
| November 20 | Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple | Deborah King |
| November 29 | Parish Christmas Tree | Parish Youth |
| December 24 | Nativity of Our Lord | Team |

We are in need of Beauty Team Members for the Celebration of Pentecost and our 110th Parish Anniversary!

*Please Come to our Annual
Bright Saturday*

Paschal Open House

**Saturday April 18
9:30am Divine Liturgy with
Archbishop Michael**

Followed by Paschal Luncheon,
Fellowship and Activities

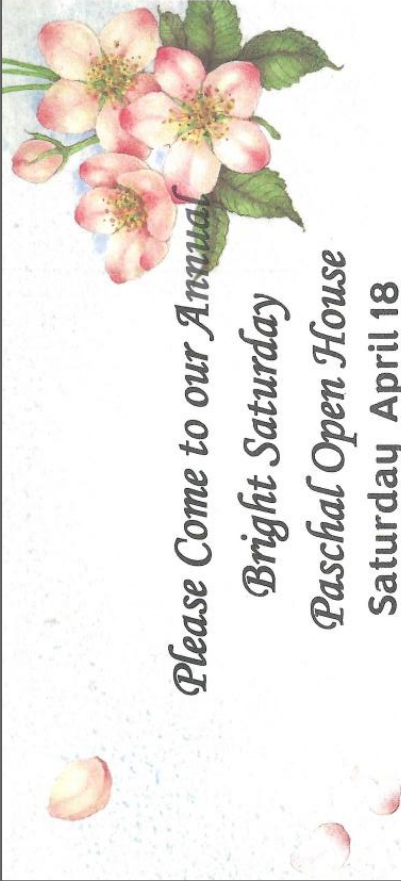
Hosted by St. Andrew's Camp

1280 State Rte 49 Jewell NY **

*Everyone is welcome and feel free to
bring your family and friends !!!*

For More Information Call or Text at 315 383-2686 or leave message at 315
675-9774

**** aka Town of Vienna or Cleveland NY or GPS**



Spring Teen and Young Adult Retreat

**Who Will Roll the
Stone Away?
Running Towards Christ
When It's Hard**



April 24th-26th, 2026



**Frost Valley YMCA -
Claryville, NY**

Join us for a weekend of fun, prayer,
and fellowship!
Open to all dioceses and jurisdictions!
No fee to attend!



Now offering two tracks for different
age groups with separate team
building activities. All participants will
eat and pray together.

Sponsored by the OCA
Diocese of New York and
New Jersey's Department
of Youth Ministry

Questions? Email
admin@nynjocayouth.org

Register Here!



**Registration closes
April 15th**

