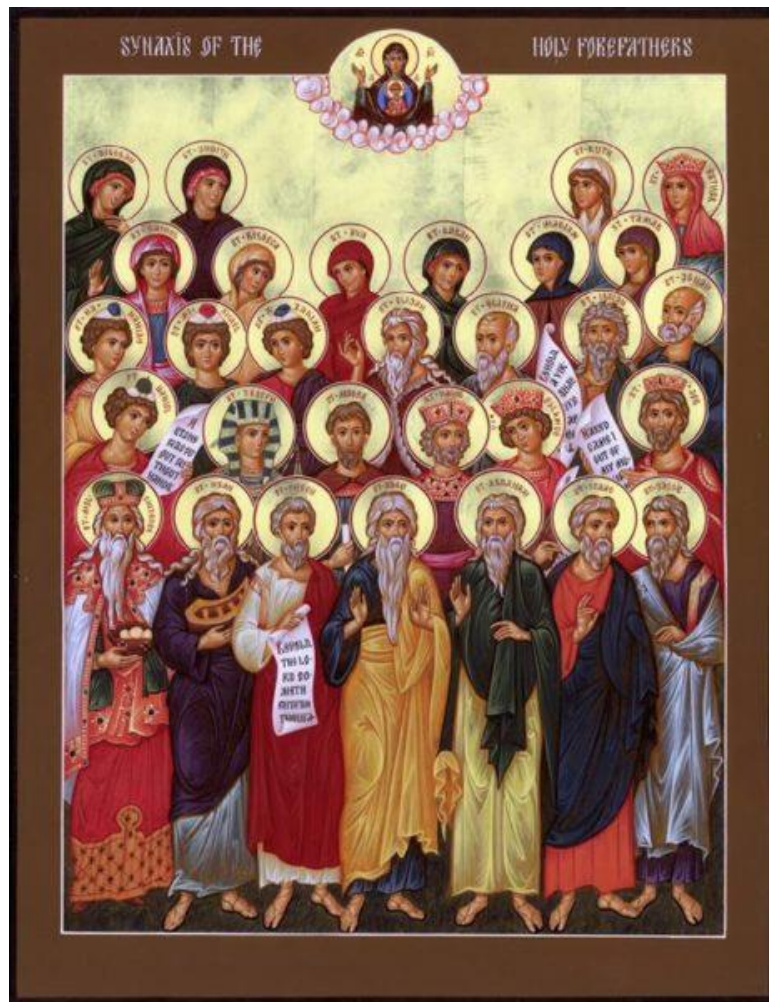


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Elmira Heights, New York



Sunday, December 15, 2019

26th Sunday After Pentecost • Tone 1 • The Holy Forefathers of our Lord

THANK YOU ...

... to all who participated in our Family Movie Night on Friday!
More than 30 people came! We'll have more Family Nights in the
New Year, so if you could not come this time, just stay tuned for the next one!

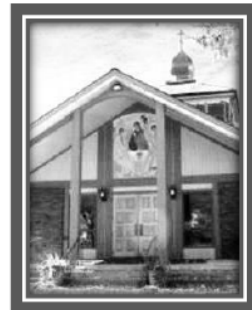


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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and the Mystery of Holy Unction for Reader William Haluszczak; followed by Fellowship Hour and *Decorating the Church for the Nativity!*

Friday, December 20

10:00 AM Akathist to Saint John of Kronstadt

Saturday, December 21

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, December 22

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour and Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 23

7:00 PM Panikhida for Reader David Cheplick and Margarete Charlanow (40 Days)

TODAY'S EPISTLE Colossians 3:4-11 Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 14:16-24 The Lord said: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

WISDOM FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

"If the poison of pride is swelling up in you, turn to the Eucharist; and that Bread, Which is your God humbling and disguising Himself, will teach you humility. If the fever of selfish greed rages in you, feed on this Bread; and you will learn generosity. If the cold wind of coveting withers you, hasten to the Bread of Angels; and charity will come to blossom in your heart. If you feel the itch of intemperance, nourish yourself with the Flesh and Blood of Christ, Who practiced heroic self-control during His earthly life; and you will become temperate. If you are lazy and sluggish about spiritual things, strengthen yourself with this heavenly Food; and you will grow fervent. Lastly, if you feel scorched by the fever of impurity, go to the banquet of the Angels; and the spotless Flesh of Christ will make you pure and chaste."

+ St. Cyril of Alexandria

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: George; Jack; Brian; Dn. Gregory Jewett; Mat. Anastasia Farha; Martha Scigliano (+11/13); Rdr. David Cheplick (11/14); Margarete Charlanow (+11/14)

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Archpriest Nicholas, Dn. John Holoduek, Sdn. Thomas, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William (having surgery Tues. 12/17), Presbytera Nancy, Mat. Anastasia, Mat. Anastasia, Chloe, Mary Ann, Helen B.- knee surgery, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Child Hannah, Gregory, Antonina, Ruth, Sarah, Jason, Harriett, Elizabeth, Katherine, Elizabeth, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Kristen, Julie, Rachel, Julie and the child to be born to her, James, Jane Ann, Marilyn, Christopher, Jonathan, Jeff, Robert, Kelly Ann, Sveta, Mary, Kevin, Ron, Michiael, Barbara, Kyra, Sanjiv, Mary Jo and her children Nathan, Matthew and Michael; Taisia, Vera, Virginia, Ludmilla.

Birthdays: Dimitry Molodyko, Mat. Tamara's brother, turning 50 today. **Name Day:** Julianna Cheplick (12/21, Martyr Julianna)

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

College Students:

Anna McKane – Studying in China Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.

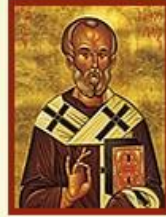
Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health

remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

Fellowship Schedule:		Readers Schedule:	
Dec. 15th Nativity Fast	Haluszczak Family	Dec. 14th & 15th:	Alexander Charlanow
Dec. 22nd Nativity Fast	Karney Family	Dec. 21st & 22nd:	Steve Cheplick
Dec. 29th	<i>Christmas Potluck</i>	Dec. 28th & 29th:	Carol Haluszczak
Jan 5th Fasting Day	Dudek and Payzant	Jan. 4th, 5th, 6th Theophany	Sdcn. Shawn Michael
Jan 12th	Cheplick Family	Jan. 11th & 12th:	Steve Cheplick
Jan. 19th	Urda, Cusick and Speen	Jan. 18th & 19th:	Alexander Charlanow
Jan. 26th	King Family	Jan. 25th & 26th:	Carol Haluszczak
Feb. 2nd	Charlanow Family	Feb. 1st & 2nd:	Sdcn. Shawn Michael
Feb. 9th	Karney Family	Feb. 8th & 9th:	Rdr. William
Feb.16th	Haluszczak Family	Feb 15th &16th:	Alexander Charlanow
Feb. 23rd	Dudek and Payzant	Feb. 22nd & 23rd:	Steve Cheplick



The Nativity Season



Coming Events and Activities ...

- Today, After Liturgy - Decorating the Church for Advent and Nativity - All are welcome to participate!
- **Nativity Remembrance Donations:** Envelopes are at the candle stand for any special donations you'd like to make for the Nativity Feast, with prayers for loved ones. The donations and the names of those remembered with them will be included in the bulletin between Christmas and Theophany. *Thank you!*
- **Sunday, Dec. 22: Last Day to Bring Your Donations for the Food Bank.** After the Liturgy, we will take a group photo of the kids with the collected items, and pack them into Subdeacon Shawn's vehicle for him to drop at the Foodbank on Monday, December 23rd. In the New Year we will schedule a date for parish youth (and adults) to go and work at the Food Bank ourselves - so we can see what blessings your donations are!
- **Tuesday, Dec. 24, Eve of the Nativity:**
 - 8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ
 - 6:00 PM Private Confession Available
 - 7:00 PM Vigil (Compline & Matins) for the Nativity of Christ
- **Wednesday, Dec. 25, The Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Thursday, Dec. 26, The Synaxis of the Theotokos - The Feast of the Nativity Continues**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - After Liturgy - Christmas Caroling to our Homebound Parishioners.**
All are welcome - sing, or shake a jingle bell, or just bring your smile!
- **Sunday, Dec. 29, After the Liturgy: Christmas Potluck!**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 31, Eve of the Feast of Our Lord's Circumcision & St. Basil the Great**
 - 7:00 PM Great Vespers with Litya, Followed by New Year's Eve Fellowship Hour
- **Wednesday, Jan. 1, Feast of Our Lord's Circumcision & St. Basil the Great**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Sunday, Jan. 5, Eve of the Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord**
 - 6:00 PM Vigil (Compline & the Blessing of Water)
- **Monday, Jan. 6, The Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy