

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, October 18, 2020: 19th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 2
Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke**

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

*Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at
Web Address www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights
or go to www.YouTube.com and search for "Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY"*

Today

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

1:00 PM Church School Meets – by Zoom (Church School Families, Check Email for Directions)

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting, At the Church

Saturday, October 24 – Soul Saturday, Great Martyr St. Demetrios of Thessaloniki

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday, October 25

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

1:00 PM Church School Meets – by Zoom (Church School Families, Check Email for Directions)

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 PM "Orthodox Journeys" Adult Education & Fellowship – By Zoom

MEMORIAL DIVINE LITURGY THIS SATURDAY, OCT. 24 – FEAST OF ST. DEMETRIOS

On Saturday, at 9:00 AM (Third Hour at 8:50 AM) we will celebrate the Memorial Divine Liturgy, as is our parish custom on the Saturday closest to the Feast of Saint Demetrios. Please give Fr. David the names of any departed loved ones you would like prayed for. If you submitted names during Lent this year, those names will be included and you do not have to submit them again.

STARTING WED., OCT. 28, 7 PM ON ZOOM: "ORTHODOX JOURNEYS" ADULT EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

Because we are not having Fellowship Hour in person for now, we will have a "combo platter" of learning and visiting together, online, on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, starting a week from this Wednesday. We will use highlights from the advanced level of the same "Orthodox Journeys" learning plan that our kids are using.

2020 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON-LINE

The Diocesan Council has determined that the 2020 Diocesan Assembly, on Thursday, November 5, will be held by video conference, rather than in person at Saints Peter and Paul Church in South River, NJ, as was previously planned. You can read the full announcement from the Diocesan Chancellor, Fr. Joseph Lickwar, on the Diocesan Assembly Website, www.nynjoca.org/2020diocesanassembly

AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THE ICONS IN OUR DOME!

Adding icons of the Lord, the Evangelists, and the Angels to our dome is within sight!

Please plan to stay a bit after the Liturgy, three weeks from today, Sunday, November 8,

for a presentation of iconographer's sketches and an explanation of what will be required to do the project.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 Brethren: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 Brethren: Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts, with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will make known to you all things which are happening here. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. This salutation by my own hand – Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

GOSPELS Luke 8:5-15 The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”

Luke 10:16-21 The Lord said, “He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.” Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.”

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Irene, Helen, Anthony, Thomas, Theodore, Edward, Katherine, Helen, Raymond, Pauline, Stephen; Panagiotos; Henry. Ever-memorable Alexander Melnik (+10/18/1998), Sean Alexander Powers (+10/28/2015). All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and accidents.

For Health: Archbishop David of Alaska, Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Daniel Kovalak, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia; Steven Cheplick; Juliana, Antonina; Brook; August; Jude; Peggy; altar server Andrew; Ryan; expecting mothers Larissa, Elena, Juliana, Ashley, Lauren & Matushka Margaret; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Shirley, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Fr. Joseph; Archimandrite Joseph; Fr. John; Fr. Andreja; Matushka Ruth; Matushka Kathy; Matushka Eugenia; Matushka Mary, Presvytera Irene; Sub-deacon Julio; Zofia; Vladimir; Maria; Myron; Sharon; Daryl; Martin; Erica; Barbara; Jamie; Norvel; Julie; Robert; Carmen; Elizabeth; Roman; Lana; Anastasia; Ralitsa; Soterios; Aaron; Erin & child; Alonzo; Sub-deacon Peter, Ilia, Ludmilla, Sheila, Heather. Drs. Carol & Steven, Adam, Anna; Officers Luke, Boris & Charles, and all of the healthcare and public safety personnel in our parish and our communities; all those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them, those afflicted by sickness and injury. **Newly Ordained:** Deacon Michael Karney and his Family (9/12). **Name Days:** Dmitri Charlanow (Great Martyr Demetrios, 10/26). **Birthdays:** Nina Dudek (10/21), Beverly Michalko (10/24).

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 – Duke University

Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, Subdcn. Walter, or Reader William. Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace; that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER IN A TIME OF CIVIL UNREST

Our Father, great and glorious God Who art in Heaven, yet Who dost look upon the earth with compassion, meting out Thy justice and Thy mercy upon nations: look down upon our earthly and temporal homeland, the United States of America, which is now divided by strife, and send Thy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, upon us like a heavenly Breeze, to restore peace to our cities, our countrysides, and our hearts. May He, the Spirit of truth Who leads the saints into all truth, teach us the truth, that we may abide in it, repenting of our error and ignorance. May He, the Spirit of righteousness, lead us in the way of righteousness, that we might cast aside and forever reject all hatred and bigotry. May He, the Spirit of Justice, strengthen us to restore justice to our land, that we may root out all corruption. O Father Almighty, adorn our rulers with a spirit of wisdom; adorn our civil authorities and the police and all who enforce the law with a spirit of mercy and restraint; and adorn all who dwell in our land with a spirit of love for one another, regardless of race or class. O Father without beginning, Who at the breathing of Thy Spirit didst cause dry land to appear out of the churning waters of chaos when the world was founded: deliver our earthly homeland from disorder, and grant us all to stand firmly on the ground of Thy justice and Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom is due all worship, together with thee, the God and Father, and the All-holy Spirit, the Comforter, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

AN APPEAL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

A young man named Ryan VanAmburg, a good friend of one of our parish families, was in a horrific motorcycle accident a few weeks ago. He was run off the road by another biker.

He sustained several injuries to include, broken ribs, broken shoulder, fractured back and hip, two broken legs -- one of which he almost lost -- and a few other injuries. By the grace of God, he survived and has been making a fantastic recovery. However, like so many that have something like this happen, his insurance will not pay for all of his medical expenses, most notably, his home care. His family is looking at having to pay almost \$100,000.

A GoFundMe page for Ryan's medical expenses has been set up, at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/ryan-vanamburg-medical-expenses> .

If any of you feels inspired to donate something toward Ryan's medical costs, he and his loved ones would be most grateful. Thank you for your consideration of this appeal.

LOOKING FOR SOME "PERSPECTIVE"?

Check out "Ancient Faith Today", Fr. Tom Soroka's weekly LIVE podcast on AncientFaith.com, for fascinating interviews with professionals, clergy, and lay leaders discussing issues that matter today!

Father Tom hosts the Live podcast on Tuesdays at 9:00 PM ET, at <https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/aftodaylive>

You can hear previously recorded episodes at the same address -- like ...

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020: The Blessings of Adoption

Join Fr. Tom Soroka and his guests Stellanie Butcher and Dr. Ashley Loboda as they discuss the topic "The Blessings of Adoption."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020: Media Bias with Terry Mattingly

Veteran journalist Terry Mattingly joins Fr. Tom Soroka to explore bias in the media and the current state of the First Amendment and religious liberty in the era of "fake news."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020: Keeping College Students Connected to Christ

Orthodox Christian Fellowship Executive Director Dn. Marek Simon joins Fr. Tom Soroka to discuss the challenge of keeping our students connected to Christ after they go on to college.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020: From Satanism to Christianity

Fr. Tom Soroka speaks with his guest James Cummings, a student at St. Sophia Seminary and a former Satanist. The title of their discussion is "Saved from Satanism."

CHOIR GROUP SCHEDULE

Group A: Reader William & Carol Haluszczak

Group B: Maria Turic, Toni Weeks & Steve Cheplick Group C: Adam McKane & John Terry

10/18: Group C 10/25: Group A

READER SCHEDULE

10/17-18: Alex Charlanow

10/24-25: Mat. Tamara and Reader Gabriel

10/31 – 11/1: Steve Cheplick