

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 15, 2020: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 6**  
**St. Paisius Velichkovsky · Holy Martyrs Gurias, Samonas and Abibus, of Edessa**  
**“Group B” Church Attendance**

## **AFTER THE LITURGY TODAY:**

For those who couldn't attend the Icon Presentation last Sunday, Fr. David will repeat it today, in the church (not on-line this time).

After Liturgy, please stay for a **“Coffee Minute”**...

Then, please return inside for a **showing of the Sketches and Examples for the Icons** that we hope to complete in our church dome. *Thank you!*

## **TODAY: PRAYERS FOR VETERANS, LIVING & DEPARTED**

If you would like to give Fr. David the names of Veterans whom you want to be remembered in today's Liturgy, please write them down and give them to a Reader or Altar Server no later than during the sermon. Please note **“DEPARTED”** or **“LIVING”**.

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

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

### **Today – The First Day of the Nativity Fast, or Advent**

*Today begins the 40-Day Fast in preparation for the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The Fast ends with the participation in Holy Communion, at the Divine Liturgy of our Lord's Nativity (Christmas) on Dec. 25. During the Fast we strive to abstain from meat, from dairy as best we can, from spiritually unproductive entertainment, conversation, and distraction. And it is fitting to offer Confession during this season, as well.*

*Confession is available regularly on Saturdays before or after Vespers, or by appointment during the week.*

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

After the Liturgy: Informational Meeting for the Parish, on the Iconography Project in our Church Dome

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

### **Monday, November 16**

10:00 AM Panikhida for + Anastasia Brodzik (Mat. Tamara's Godmother)

### **Wednesday, November 18**

7:00 PM "Orthodox Journeys" Adult Education and Fellowship – by Zoom; See Email for Instructions

### **Thursday, November 19**

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

### **Friday, November 20**

6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya – The Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

### **Saturday, November 21 – Great Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple**

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – The Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple

5:00 PM Great Vespers – Confession Available Before Vespers by Advance Appointment;  
or After Vespers for anyone wishing to stay.

### **Sunday, November 22**

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

After the Liturgy: Church School Students Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets

### **Wednesday, November 25**

6:30 PM Akathist – "Glory to God for All Things", In Thanksgiving for the Lord's Blessings  
(No Zoom Adult Education Tonight)

### **Saturday, November 28**

5:00 PM Great Vespers – Confession Available Before Vespers by Advance Appointment;  
or After Vespers for anyone wishing to stay.

### **Sunday, November 29**

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(No Church School – Thanksgiving Break)

## **THANKSGIVING BASKET "ASSEMBLY LINE" NEXT SUNDAY AFTER LITURGY**

Next Sunday, Nov. 22, after the Liturgy, the kids will gather and assemble the Thanksgiving Baskets, with the food items that many of you are kindly bringing in, which will be given to local families during Thanksgiving week.

**Thank you to all who are participating in this charity effort!**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE Ephesians 2:4-10** Brethren: But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. **GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37** At that time, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THE IGONS IN OUR DOME!

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

Today, the Feast of the Archangels, please  
plan to stay a bit longer at church; enjoy a cup of  
coffee in the vestibule, then return inside,  
for a presentation of our possible iconographer's sketches  
(here's one), some photos of his work (see below), and  
an explanation of what will be required to do the project.



Meeting  
Today,  
After the Liturgy

## Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Irene, Mary, Todd, Ana, Victoria, John, Basil, Anastasia Brodzik (Mat. Tamara's Godmother + 11/7); Metropolitan Maximos (Retired Greek Orthodox Metropolitan of Pittsburgh); Corinne, Elena, Sergei, Catherine, Fr. Michael, Nadya, Matushka Elizabeth Kachur, Evelyn, Henry, Constance, Daniel, Olga, Michael, Metropolitan Theodosius, Norman, Helen, Irene, Helen, Anthony, Thomas, Theodore, Edward, Katherine, Helen, Raymond. Ever-memorable Margarete Charlanow (+11/14/19). All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and accidents. **Veterans:** *Kingsley Family:* Daniel, John, Samuel & William. *Karney / Cheplick Family:* Basil, Robert, Harold, Paul, William, Henry, Reader David. *Cowan Family:* James.

**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; Scott, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Rachel; Ferrol; Brook; August; Jude; Peggy; altar server Andrew; Ryan; expecting mothers Larissa, Elena, Juliana, Ashley, Lauren & Matushka Margaret; Jane Ann, Donald, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Shirley, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Fr. Nikolas (shot in the terrorist attack in Lyon, France); Fr. Cyprian, Dn. Alexander, Reader Timothy, Theodore, Loretta, Alexandra, Claire, Aurelia, Ann, Fr. Paul; Fr. Joseph; Archimandrite Joseph; Fr. John; Fr. Andreja; Matushka Ruth; Matushka Kathy; Matushka Eugenia; Matushka Mary, Presvytera Irene; Fr. Alexander, Matushka Anastasia, Matushka Oksana & newborn Nicholas; Michael, Susan, Alexander, Jonathan, Gabriel; Walter; Nicolas; Photini, Zinaida, Stephen, Anna, Joseph, Feodora, Tamara, Michael, Serafima, Liudmila, Tatiana, Valentina, Dimitrii, Piotr, Fiodor, Ivan, Joshua, Ann, Nicolas, child Michael; Julia; Mary; Nadine; James; Zofia; Vladimir; Maria; Myron; Sharon; Deryl; Martin; Erica; Barbara; Jamie. 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. **Veterans:** *Karney / Cheplick Family:* Robert, Joshua, Andrew, Patrick, Jason, Lon Sr., Lon Jr., Reader Thomas. *Cowan Family:* James, James. *Parish:* Alexander, James, Robert, Michael, Adam. **Birthdays:** Natalie Karney (11/14); James Cowan (Fr. David's dad, 11/15).

### **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

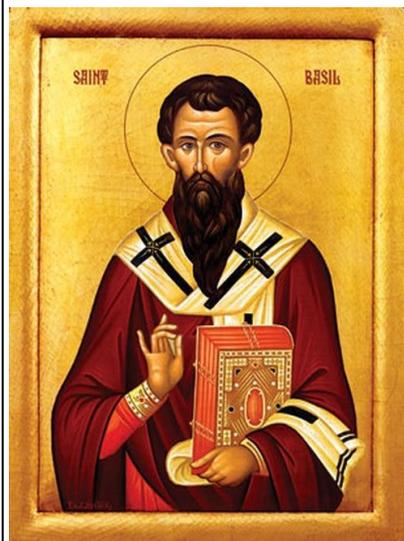
Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, Subdcn. Walter, or Reader William. Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

## **TAKE THE “SAINT BASIL CHALLENGE”**

**“The garment hanging in your wardrobe  
is the garment of him who is naked ...  
the shoes that you do not wear  
are the shoes of the one who is barefoot ... ”**

Two weeks ago in class, the Church School students agreed that each of them, with their parents' help, would go through their closets, especially their winter clothes ... find at least one coat OR hat OR pair of gloves OR boots that they don't truly need, and bring them to church.

We will have a container for these donations in the vestibule – on Sundays 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, and finally on St. Nicholas Day, Sunday 12/6.



# THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

Next Sunday, Nov. 22, our Church School students will pack Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need. Our goal this year is to make 6 baskets. Each family is asked to choose one of the following foods, to bring on or before next Sunday, Nov. 22. See Mat. Tamara or Mat. Katie to sign up for the category of food you wish to bring.

## Items Still Needed:

- Stovetop Stuffing, 12 boxes
- Gravy, 12 cans/jars
- Mini Marshmallows, 6 bags
- Corn, 12 cans
- Cranberry relish, 6 cans
- Chicken broth, 6 cans

**Many thanks to all who have donated so far!**

**Thank you for being a part of this charitable effort ...**

giving thanks to God by enabling other families to celebrate a bountiful Thanksgiving!

If you know someone in need who could benefit from a basket, please let Fr. David or Mat. Tamara know.

## 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.

## CHOIR GROUP SCHEDULE

Group A: Steve Cheplick; Reader William & Carol Haluszczak

Group B: Maria Turic, Toni Weeks & John Terry

**11/15: Group B    11/22: Group A    11/29: Group B    12/6: Group A**

## READER SCHEDULE

11/14-15: Alex Charlanow    11/21-22: Steve Cheplick    11/28-29: Mat. Tamara & Rdr. Gabriel

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### \*COVID-19 Update:

At this time, we are preparing to host the program in-person for summer 2021. However, given the ever-changing nature of this pandemic, we are prepared to host the program virtually, if necessary. A decision will be made by April 2021 whether we will be in-person or virtual. We thank you in advance for your patience as we navigate these unprecedented times! Rest assured, CrossRoad 2021 WILL BE HAPPENING.