

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 29, 2020: 25th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 8
Martyr Saint Paramon and the 370 Martyred With Him in Bithynia (+250 AD)
“Group B” Church Attendance**

MEMORY ETERNAL: + ARCHBISHOP DAVID OF ALASKA

His Eminence, Archbishop DAVID of Sitka and the Diocese of Alaska, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, November 27, from cancer. He will be laid to rest next to his wife, Matushka Karen (+2007), this Wednesday, December 2, at St. Tikhon’s Monastery. His Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Holy Trinity Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA, will be live-streamed. Father David will share the live-stream information once it is made available.

You can read Archbishop David’s obituary at www.oca.org.
May + Archbishop David’s memory be eternal!

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

(No Church School – Thanksgiving Break)

Wednesday, December 2

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – in Thanksgiving for Fr. David's 14th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday, December 5

3:00 PM Decorating the Church for the Advent & Nativity Season – Youth, Families, All Welcome!

5:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Confession Available Before Vespers by Advance Appointment;
or After Vespers for anyone wishing to stay. Confession can also be
offered by telephone if necessary.

Sunday, December 6 – Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Reception as a Catechumen of Elizabeth Holobinko

Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM "Visit from St. Nicholas!"

1:00 PM Church School – by Zoom; Families, Check Your Email for Instructions

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:1-6 Brethren: I, the prisoner of the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17 At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Decorating the Church for Christmas – Saturday, December 5, 3:00 PM

Kids are invited to come before Vespers, at 3:00 PM, on the Eve of St. Nicholas Day, Saturday, Dec. 5, to decorate the church for the Nativity! We will wear masks and keep distancing for everyone's safety.

The Nativity Fast Continues:

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.

Please consider your financial PLEDGE to the parish for 2021.

THE “GIVING GRID”

Our 20 pledgers for 2020 pledged an average of \$56/week.

If everyone who pledges were to increase their pledge

by even 1 percent of their income;

and if those households who aren't yet pledging (many of whom already give!)

could commit to a pledged amount for 2021,

then we could raise that average amount to \$73/week per pledging household ...

Then, we could meet our anticipated budgeted Parishioner Support of \$73,000 for the year 2021, just through the fulfilling of pledges!

That would be another great step in the maturing **stewardship** of our parish family!

So, ask yourself:

Where am I on the grid?

If I'm not at 10%, can I move 1 square to the left

and pledge that amount for 2021?

	Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Beyond a Tithe		Weekly Tithe	Weekly Upper Range of Giving			Weekly Middle Range of Giving			Weekly Lower Range of Giving		
			15%	12%		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%
A	\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$51	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4
B	\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
C	\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
D	\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
E	\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
F	\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
G	\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
H	\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15

Pledge Commitment Forms will be mailed out soon.

Thank you for your generous stewardship of the ministries of Holy Trinity Church!

With love in Christ,
Fr. David

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Archbishop David of Alaska (11/27); Patriarch Irinej of Serbia, Metropolitan Amfiliohije of Montenegro, Bishop Lazar of the Georgian Church, Metropolitan Maximos; Archpriest Demetrios; Marie; George; Harry, Sister Ellen, Reader Timothy, Irene, Mary, Todd, Ana, Victoria, John, Basil, Anastasia; Corinne, Elena, Sergei, Catherine, Fr. Michael, Nadya, Matushka Elizabeth Kachur, Evelyn, Henry, Constance, Daniel, Olga, Michael. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and accidents.

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Daniel Kovalak, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia; newborn Ezekiel & mother Larissa; Scott, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Rachel; Ferrol; Peggy; altar server Andrew; Ryan; expecting mothers Elena, Ashley, Lauren & Matushka Margaret; Jane Ann, Donald, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Shirley, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Erica, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Fr. Nilus, Fr. Nikolas (shot in the terrorist attack in Lyon, France); Fr. Cyprian, Dn. Alexander, Terrance, Joel, Caroline, Anthony, Robert, Cheryl, Theodore, Loretta, Alexandra, Claire, Aurelia, Ann, Fr. Paul; Fr. Andreja; Matushka Ruth; Matushka Kathy; Fr. Alexander, Matushka Anastasia, Matushka Oksana & newborn Nicholas; Juliana & newborn Michael; 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. Drs. Carol & Steven, Dn. Michael, Adam; 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. **Name Day:** Andrew Shazer (St. Andrew, First-Called Apostle, 11/30). **Birthday:** Kathryn Payzant (12/1). **Anniversary:** Fr. David (14th Anniversary of Priesthood, 12/2).

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	Ezekiel

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

A big thank you to our Parish Family for generously donating over \$400 for turkeys, plus donated food for the **Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets** which were received by 6 Elmira families with smiles and tears.

We surpassed our goal by \$150, and so the Church School sent the \$150 in the form of Amazon Gift Cards to the **FOCA St. Nicholas Project** which provides Married OCA Seminarians with Christmas gifts for their families.

The **St. Basil's Challenge** was also a success! You brought in 7 bags of coats, hats and gloves that we will deliver to the Samaritan Center to give out to those in need this winter.

But we are only half-way through the Nativity Fast, and many have said they want to keep going! So here are two more options for giving:

Option 1:

We would like to help **St. Michael's Orthodox Food Pantry in Binghamton** which is in need of the following: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Rice (1 lb. bags), and Elbow Macaroni (1 lb. bags)

Please pick up one of these items on your shopping day and bring it to the church between now and Christmas. This will fill up their pantry for when supplies have been depleted after the Holidays.

Option 2:

Donate **\$20 for a Christmas Ham** to be delivered to an Elmira Family in Need.

Events Coming up...

Saturday 12/5 Come help decorate the Christmas Tree at 3pm

Sunday, 12/6 Come and greet St. Nicholas at the end of the Liturgy (11am) on the Feast of St. Nicholas. A special treat is in store for you!

For more info or to get involved, please see Mat. Tamara or Mat. Katie. Thank you again for all your generosity to the "least of these" and may God bless you all!

CHOIR GROUP SCHEDULE

Group A: Steve Cheplick; Reader William & Carol Haluszczak **Group B:** Maria Turic, Toni Weeks & John Terry
11/29: Group B 12/6: Group A 12/13: Group B 12/20: Group A

READER SCHEDULE

12/5-6: Carol Haluszczak 12/12-13: Alex Charlanow
12/19-20: Steve Cheplick 12/24-25 Nativity: Rdr. William Haluszczak 12/26-27: Mat. Tamara & Rdr. Gabriel

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS, AND YOUR PARENTS: THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!



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PROGRAM

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- Orthodox Christian high school juniors and seniors (graduating in 2021 or 2022)
- Students 16 to 18 years old

Summer 2021 Dates

- Session 1: June 12 - June 22, 2021 (Boston)
- Session 2: June 29 - July 9, 2021 (Boston)
- Session 3: July 19 - July 29, 2021 (Chicago)

Apply Online!

- Application dates:
 - *Priority* deadline **January 4, 2021**
 - *Regular* deadline: **February 16, 2021**
- Website: <https://www.crossroadinstitute.org/apply>
- Phone: 617-850-1309

*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.