

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, December 6, 2020: 26th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1
St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (+345 AD)
“Group A” Church Attendance

CHARITY PROJECTS STILL UNDERWAY – YOUR HELP APPRECIATED!

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.

Please speak with Mat. Tamara or Mat. Katie to participate. ***Thank you!***

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 – 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!"

Saturday, December 12

5:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Feast of St. Herman of Alaska
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 13 – Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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

TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM

SAINT TIKHON'S SEMINARY PRESENTS

ST. NICHOLAS DAY A VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

*An online gala showcasing the musical talents
of the Saint Tikhon's community
& other churches across North America*

**DECEMBER 6, 2020 | 7-9 PM
ONLINE AT YOUTUBE.STOTS.EDU
& FACEBOOK.COM/SAINTTIKHONS**

Watch and sing along as the choirs and musicians of St. Tikhon's sing
and play music celebrating St. Nicholas and the Christmas season

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES Hebrews 13:17-21 Brethren: Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 5:9-19 Brethren: the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

GOSPELS Luke 6:17-23 At that time, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."

Luke 17:12-19 At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

CHOIR GROUP SCHEDULE

Group A: Steve Cheplick; Reader William & Carol Haluszczak **Group B:** Maria Turic, Toni Weeks & John Terry
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

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; Anna; 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. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and accidents. All the departed named for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.

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; 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, Lorraine, Abigail.

In the Diocese: Fr. Nilus, Fr. Nikolas, Fr. Cyprian, Dn. Alexander, Mat. Tamara Skvir, Reader John, Reader Peter, Alexis, Marion, 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. 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:** Fr. Nicholas and Nicholas Molodyo-Harris (Mat. Tamara's dad & brother), Nikolai Cheplick, Nicholas Hojnicky (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, 12/6). **Birthday:** Larissa Cheplick (12/10).

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.

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

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.