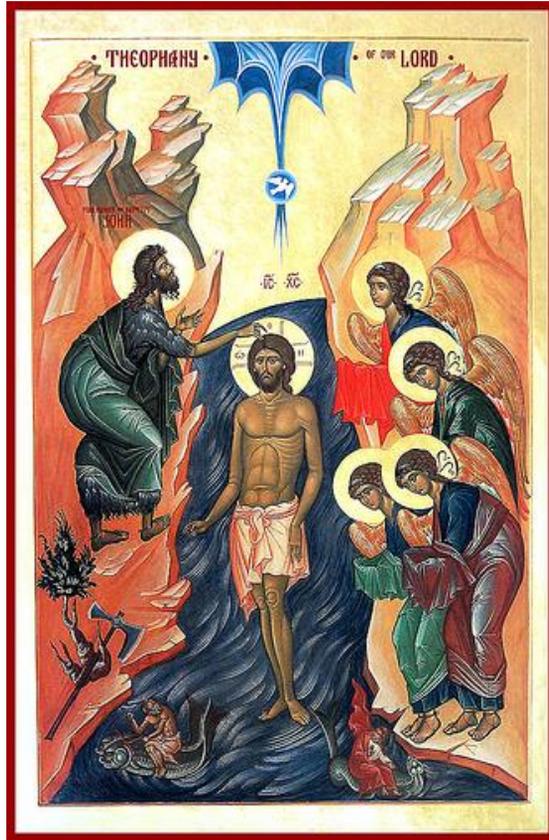


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 3, 2021: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5**  
**Sunday Before the Theophany of Our Lord · Prophet Malachi · St. Genevieve of Paris**  
**“Group A” Church Attendance**

## *MEMORY ETERNAL – SHIRLEY KOHENA*

Shirley fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, December 30.

She will be buried Monday at the parish cemetery; the burial service will be private, in consideration of the needs of the family. A Panikhida for Shirley will be celebrated in the church Saturday, January 9, at 4 PM, for all who wish to pray for Shirley and greet her family.

Our sincere sympathies are expressed to John, Loueva, Kathleen and Kristin.

***May + Shirley's memory be eternal!***

## **A NOTE ON THE BLESSING OF WATER AND THE BLESSING OF HOMES**

**Holy Water** will be blessed and made available to everyone on the Feast of Theophany this Tuesday at the 6:30 PM Vigil Service, and Wednesday at the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Please bring a container with you if you can, and it will be filled for you.

We will have empty bottles here as well, if you don't have one.

**Home Blessings** will be postponed until after Pascha, with a start date to be set closer to that time.

These decisions, announced by Archbishop Michael to the Diocesan clergy this past week, were made in consultation with the Diocesan Chancellors and Deans, in an effort to best ensure the safety of the clergy and faithful across the Diocese of New York and New Jersey.

Thank you for your understanding. May God bless us with many opportunities to gather together in 2021!

## 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 Sunday Before Theophany

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

### Monday, January 4

1:00 PM Burial of + Shirley Kohena, at the Parish Cemetery

*Due to family considerations, this service is private. The Panikhida on Jan. 9, 4 PM, is open.*

### Tuesday, January 5 – Eve of the Great Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

6:30 PM Vigil (Compline & Blessing of Water) for the Great Feast of Theophany

### Wednesday, January 6 – Great Feast of the Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9:50 AM Third Hour

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – The Theophany Of Our Lord

### Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM Panikhida for + Shirley Kohena

5:00 PM Great Vespers – Confession Available Before By Appointment or After Vespers By Request

### Sunday, January 10

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

1:00 PM Church School Meets – By Zoom; Parents, check your email for instructions

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 4:5-8** My son Timothy: As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me Who is mightier than I, Whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### REMINDER – PLEDGE COMMITMENTS FOR 2021 REQUESTED TODAY

It will be helpful if pledge forms for 2021 are turned in by **today, January 3, 2021.**

This will help the Parish Council to anticipate the amount of income for the new year from parishioner support. Of course, pledge commitments will be gratefully received after today.

Please forward your Stewardship Pledge Form to Fr. David in person or by mail.

It should have reached you by mail. It has also been emailed

to parishioners and can be printed, filled out, and returned in person,

by mail, or by scanning and emailing the completed form to Fr. David at [frdavidcowan@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidcowan@gmail.com).

See the back page of the Bulletin for suggestions

on how to calculate your pledge based on a percentage of your means. *Thank you!*

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** John Scholl; Krislyn Manwaring; Fr. Eugene Pianovich; Shirley Kohena; Jeffrey; Catherine; Maryanne, Marijana, Carlos; Donald; Dana; Wendy; Yuri; Fr. James Laliberte, Fr. Ernesto Rios, Archbishop David of Alaska; Archpriest Demetrios; Anna; Marie; George. 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; newly baptized Ezekiel; newly Chrismated Elizabeth Holobinko; newborn Michael & mother Elena; Nicholas; Scott, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Rachel; Ferrol; Ryan; expecting mothers Ashley, Lauren & Matsushka Margaret; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Erica, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Fr. Leonid Kishkovsky, Fr. Emil Hutnyan, Fr. Matthew Markewich, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Peter, Fr. Nilus, Dn. John, Mat. Tamara Skvir, Reader John, Reader Peter, Monk James Silver, Larry; Thomas; Joan; Marion; Nikolai, Margaret, George, John, Michael, Nadine, Dasha, Roman, Patricia, Lydia, Alexis, Marion, Terrance, Joel, Caroline, Anthony, Robert, Cheryl, Theodore, Loretta. 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. **Birthdays:** Reader Thomas Cheplick (1/6); Nicholas Hojnicky (1/7).

#### **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 were mailed out Saturday 12/12;  
look for yours in your mailbox.**

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

**With love in Christ,  
Fr. David**

\*\*\*\*\* **Regular Deadline: February 16** \*\*\*\*\*

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

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  - **Priority deadline January 4, 2021**
  - **Regular deadline: February 16, 2021**
- Website: <https://www.crossroadinstitute.org/apply>
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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.