

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **Sunday, February 7, 2021: 35<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 2 Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple**

### ***The “Group A” and “Group B” restrictions have been lifted!***

We have received permission to increase our attendance at the services – to one-half of the church’s capacity. This means that we no longer need to be limited to alternating Groups A and B for Liturgies. All parishioners who wish to come and are not at special risk of having or contracting Covid, may come.

We are still required to keep social distancing in church. The faithful are also to wear masks, while entering and leaving the church, and at any time you are less than 6 feet from someone who is not of your own household.

We will still keep a list of persons who come to each service, in case contact tracing should become necessary. When we enter the church, all are still instructed to sanitize our hands, make sure we have a mask, and take a place in the church at least 6 feet from the next household. If that place is not the place where you are used to being when you're in church, I ask for your patience, as we do our best to reunite our parish family together again for the Liturgy!

With love in Christ, Fr. David

## 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**

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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

### **Wednesday, February 10**

7:00 PM "Orthodox Journeys" Adult Education & Fellowship – On Zoom; Check Email for Instructions

### **Thursday, February 11**

7:00 PM Akathist: The Iveron Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos

### **Saturday, February 13**

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Private Confession Available Before Vespers by Appointment or Afterward By Request

### **Sunday, February 14 – Zacchaeus Sunday**

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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

**TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:15-17** My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28** At that time, Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2021:** So far, for 2021, 14 parish households have turned in pledges, and \$53,880 has been pledged. That's 74 percent of the stewardship income we will need to meet our budgeted amount for 2021 Parishioner Donations.

In 2020, 20 households pledged. We hope that at least as many will turn in a 2021 pledge form.

Please submit your 2021 pledge by email, US mail, or in person:

Email [frdavidcowan@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidcowan@gmail.com) · 140 Horseheads Blvd., Elmira Heights NY 14903 – *Thank you!*

## Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Mitred Archpriest Daniel Hubiak, Protodeacon John Eby, Sotirios, Kenneth, Gregory, Vladimir, John, Gerard, Luba, Anatole, Volodymyr, Olga, Kenneth, James, Helena, Tedros, Joseph, Dorothy, Nicholas, Jay; Mary; Fr. Joseph Gibson; Fr. Daniel Ressetar; Sharon; Fr. Joseph Irvin; Fr. James Doyle, Andrew; Joan; Helen, Josephina; John; John; Krislyn; Ralitsa Maltabes; Fr. Eugene Pianovich; Shirley Kohena; Jeffrey; Catherine; Maryanne, Marijana. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and accidents.

**For Health:** Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Daniel & Mat. Myra, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James; Matushka Kathryn & Natalie; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia; Robert Karney; Eileen, David, Samantha; newborn Michael & mother Elena; Joan; Nicholas; Scott, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Ryan; expecting mothers Ashley, Lauren & Matushka 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. **Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop ALEJO, Bishop ALEXIS; Bishop DANIEL; Fr. Terenti; Fr. Michael; Fr. Igor Yakunin, Fr. Stephen and Nicholas Loposky; Dn. Edward & Mat. Holly Dawson; Subdeacon Victor; Reader Mark; Reader John; Mat. Theodora Ressetar; Mat. Eleanor; Mat. Nancy; Mat. Julitssa; Monk James; Scott, Rebecca, Hannah, Elisabeth, Nathan, Zachary, Sophie; Nancy; Nicholas; Merrill; Nikita, Michael, Dianna, McKendamin, Danica, Stacia, Sonia, Joseph, Joseph; child Mark, John, Kathleen, Melanie, Diana, Stephanie; Maria; Andrew, Liudmilla, Pamela, Alexis, Krista, William; George, Jessica; Roel, Wendy, Juliana, Alex, Emilia, Thomas, Joanne, George, James; Nicholas; Cheryl; John; Anna; Donna; Larry; Thomas; Joan; Marion; Nikolai, Margaret, George, Patricia. Drs. Carol & Steven, Dn. Michael, Adam; Dennis; 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:** John Terry (2/4), Archpriest Gregory Safchuk (2/5), John Kohena (2/5), Toni Weeks (2/13). **Anniversaries:** Archbishop Michael (48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood, 2/4); Fr. David Cowan (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of Diaconate, 2/4); John & Loueva Kohena (2/5).

### **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**