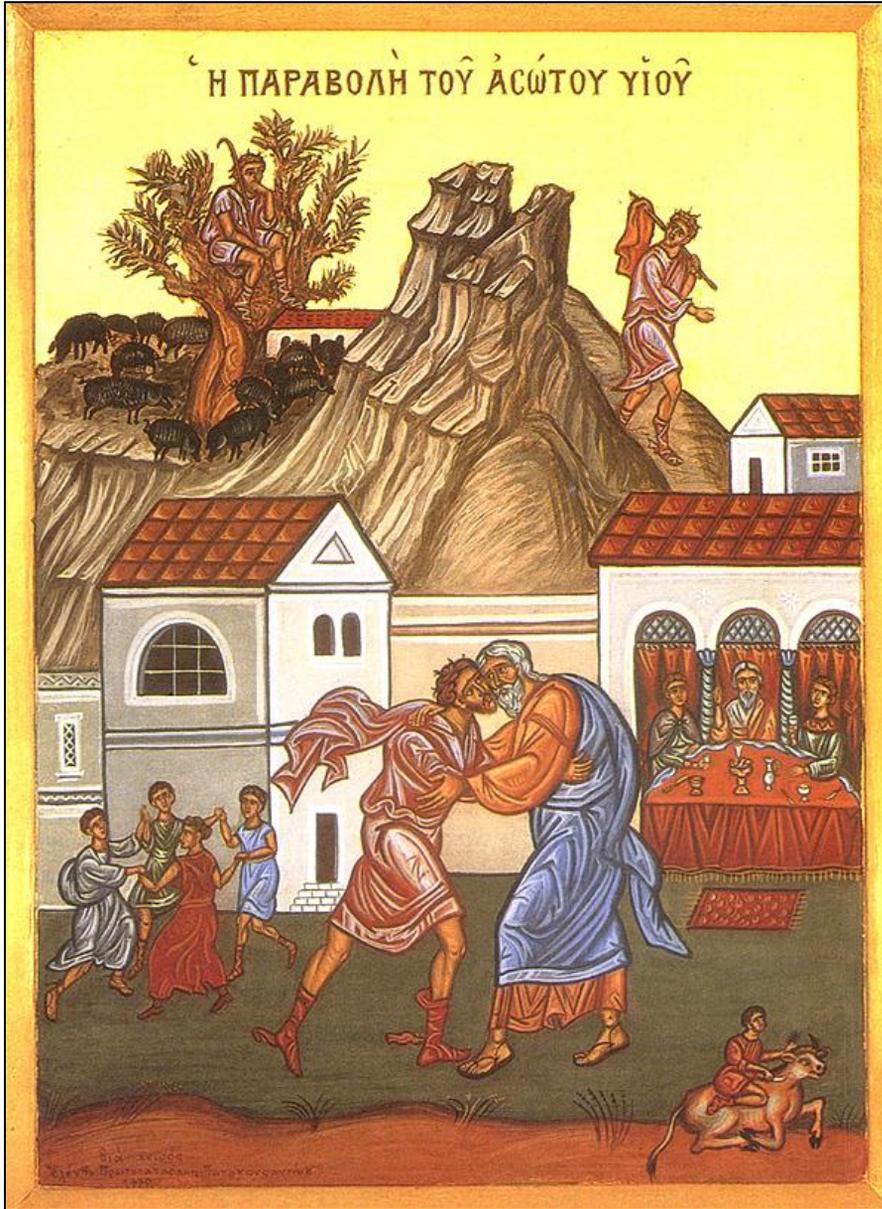


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Elmira Heights, NY – 607-732-3980 – www.holytrinityorthodoxchurch.org



Sunday, February 28, 2021: The Prodigal Son
Second Sunday of the Lenten Triodion – Tone 5
St. John Cassian (+435); St. Basil the Confessor (+750)

PLEDGE UPDATE FOR 2021: So far, for 2021, 16 parish households have turned in pledges, and \$59,000 has been pledged. That's 81 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:

frdavidcowan@gmail.com · 140 Horseheads Bl., Elmira Hts NY 14903 – *Thank you and God Bless!*

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 – The Prodigal Son: Second Preparatory Sunday for Lent

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour Downstairs

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

Wednesday, March 3

7:00 PM “Orthodox Journeys” Adult Education & Fellowship, by Zoom – Instructions by Email

Saturday, March 6

9:50 AM Third Hour

10:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy – Meatfare Saturday

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Private Confession Available Before Vespers by Appointment or Afterward By Request

Sunday, March 7 – The Last Judgment / Meatfare Sunday: Third Preparatory Sunday for Lent

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by “Meat-Farewell Sunday” Fellowship Hour Downstairs

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

LET US PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES – MEMORIAL LITURGY, SAT., MARCH 6

According to Church Tradition for Meatfare weekend, we will celebrate a Memorial Liturgy, or “Soul Saturday” Liturgy, this coming Saturday, March 6. The Third Hour is at 9:50 AM.

Please be sure to give a list of your departed loved ones to Fr. David or Dn. Michael as soon as possible, or have it brought into the Altar, no later than the Third Hour on Saturday.

We will use the Departed Lists from Lent 2020 and add anyone else whom you give to us.

May your loved ones’ memory be eternal!



ANCIENT FAITH MINISTRIES HAS A NEW ALL-ENGLISH MUSIC CHANNEL!

If you particularly love Orthodox music sung in English, then visit this site ... bookmark it ... and make it a part of the “soundtrack” of your day! Especially helpful for Great Lent, coming soon!

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LOOKING AHEAD: THREE VISITS FROM ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL THIS SPRING

- **Sunday Evening, March 21:** Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers
- **Friday Evening, April 16:** Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- **Saturday and Sunday, May 8-9:**

St. Thomas Weekend / Mother’s Day / Archbishop Michael’s 11th Anniversary of Episcopacy

Service times and other details will be announced soon.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be here, as we continue to rejoice in the opportunity to gather again with our Archbishop and with each other!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Brethren: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32 The Lord told this parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Barbara, Elizabeth, Job, Alan, Nina, Miguelina, Archpriest John Tkachuk, Archpriest John Chupeck; Mitred Archpriest Daniel, Protodeacon John, John; the infant lost to the Kirtland family; Martha, Nicholas, Christopher, 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. 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 & Mat. Cynthia, Archpriest Ken James; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William, Mat. Anastasia; Nancy; Robert Karney; Eileen, David, Samantha; 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, Barry, Abigail. **Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop ALEJO, Bishop ALEXIS; Bishop DANIEL; Metropolitan ATANASIJE, Bishop LAVRENTIJE and Bishop MAXIM (Serbian Orthodox Church), Fr. Joseph Chupeck (having major surgery 4/1); Fr. John; Fr. Terenti; Fr. Michael; Fr. Igor, Fr. Stephen and Nicholas Loposky; Dn. Edward & Mat. Holly; Mat. Judith; Subdeacon Victor; Reader Mark; Matushka Jan Orlic; Mat. Theodora Ressetar; Mat. Eleanor; Mat. Nancy; Alexander, Virginia, Andrei, Gerald, Szczepan, Dasha; Michael, Loraine, Wasyl, Anna; Alan, Lynn, Robert; Kelly, Paula, Evelyn and her daughters Holly & Madison; Kelly, Irma, Olha; child Anna; Olha; Ivan; George & Victoria; Brian, Joanne and her unborn twins, Jackson; Stephanie; 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. Drs. Mary 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. **Name Day:** Antonina Weeks (Martyr Antonina of Nicea, 3/1). **Birthdays:** Matushka Tamara (3/3), Gloria Ewsuk (3/6).

Parish Children:

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| 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.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

| SUNDAYS | THEMES / GOSPEL READING | HOW TO PARTICIPATE: |
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| Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 21st |  <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 | Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week. |
| Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 28th |  The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 | Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week. |
| Meatfare MARCH 7th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY |  The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 | Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week. |
| Cheesefare MARCH 14th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY |  Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 | Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed. |
| 1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 21st |  <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51 | Bring an icon to church for a procession. |
| 2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 28th |  ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 | Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week. |
| 3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 4th |  VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 | Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow! |
| 4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 11th |  ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 | Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross! |
| 5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 18th |  ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 | Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week. |
| FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 25th GREAT WEEK BEGINS |  <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18 | Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car! |
| GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 30th |  GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE | Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death. |
| FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 2nd NO FASTING! |  <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17 | Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight! |

SPRING FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

It's time – *again* – to resume our great tradition of hospitality!

FEBRUARY

28 Karney Family

MARCH

7 Meatfare Sunday - Charlanow Families

14 Forgiveness Sunday – “Cheese Farewell Sunday”

Parish Potluck

21 Haluszczak, Holobinko Families

28 King, King-Styles, Lyon Families

APRIL

4 Payzant & Dudek Families

11 Urda, Cusick & Speen Families

18 Cheplick Families

25 Palm Sunday – Melnik, Turic & Weeks Families

MAY

2 PASCHA AGAPE

9 St. Thomas Sunday – Archbishop Michael's Visit – Parish Potluck

16 Angelo, McKane, Loveland Families

23 Charlanow Families

30 Cowan Family



**SUPPLIES NEEDED –
CONTRIBUTIONS APPRECIATED!**

*Milk
Juice
Coffee Cups
Paper Lunch Plates
Paper Cake Plates*