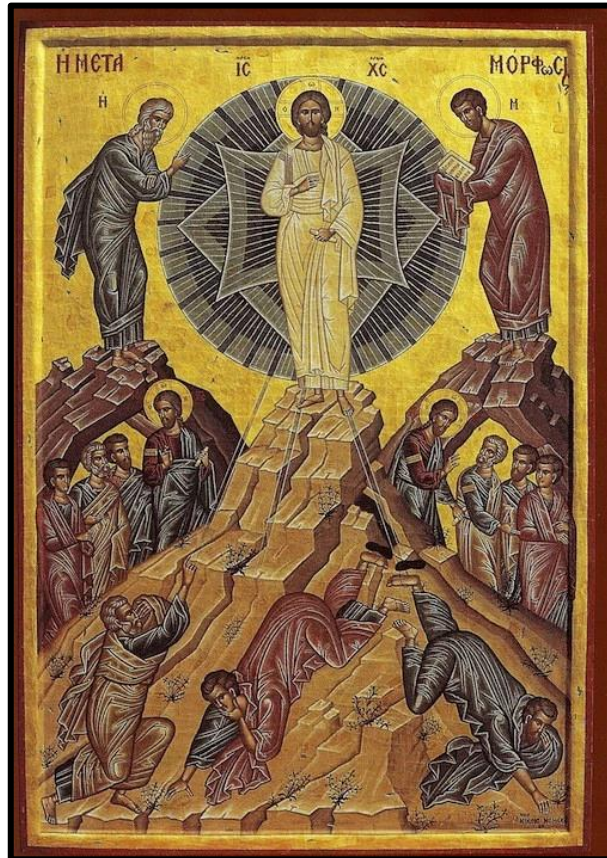


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Sunday, August 8, 2021 – Tone 6

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus



VEHICLE BLESSING

(Weather Permitting)

TODAY, 11:45 AM

Cars, trucks, boats, bikes (don't forget your helmet!), scooters, trikes, pogo sticks ...

Line them up outside, and we'll ask the Lord to bless whatever gets you from Point A to B!

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"

The Dormition Fast begins today and ends on Sunday, Aug. 15, with the reception of Holy Communion at the Divine Liturgy of the Great Feast of the Dormition of the

Most-Holy Theotokos. During the Fast we refrain from eating meat, from dairy as much as possible, and from unnecessary entertainment and distraction that are not spiritually productive.

Today – 7th Sunday After Pentecost; Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Followed By Fellowship Hour Downstairs

11:45 AM Blessing of Vehicles

The Parish Council Meeting originally scheduled

for Thursday, August 12 is re-scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, at 6:30 PM.

Saturday, August 14

5:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya, with the Blessing of Flowers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, August 15 – Great Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God; 8th Sunday After Pentecost

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with the Blessing of Flowers; Followed By Fellowship Hour Downstairs

Wednesday, August 18

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting, in the Church

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE: Romans 15: 1-7 Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:27-35 At that time, when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

PARISH NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, Sep. 12, 12:00 PM: Blessing of Local Public Safety Personnel and Vehicles.** Details soon.
- **Candle Price Changes:** In order to break even on our candle supply purchases, we must increase the prices of some of our candles.

Effective September 1, our candle prices will be as follows:

5-Day Vigil Candles, \$5.00 • 12-Hour Beeswax Candles, \$3.00 • Taper Candles, still \$1.00

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at 732-3980, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick, however severe. If you are preparing for surgery (or recovering from it), please call Father.

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates, choosing sponsors, and reserving reception halls.

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians who have not declined the Sacraments. ***The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.***

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I COME TO CONFESSION AND COMMUNION?

From Archbishop Michael's Address to the 2016 Diocesan Assembly

When I was a child, we went to Communion this way: One Confession, one Communion, once a year. I was terrified of it – of committing a sin between the two Sacraments, of swallowing water if I brushed my teeth – but I took it seriously. Today, I fear, we are too cavalier with Communion. We just get into line with everybody else, and receive the Holy Eucharist.

Sacramental reception is a good thing indeed; BUT are we properly prepared to receive the Very Body and Blood of Our Lord? Have we gone to Vespers? Have we read the Canon of Preparation or at least said the prayers of preparation for Holy Communion in the Liturgy book? Have we made a daily confession in our icon corner at home, come to General Confession if it is offered, and given our private Confession in the church at least once each fasting season? Have we fasted properly? I visit some parishes outside of the fasting seasons, and I hardly ever see anyone going to Confession that weekend. Is that the norm? Has it become Casual Communion?

I hope and pray that this is not the case. St. Paul warns us sternly in I Cor. 11:27-29: "Therefore whoever eats this Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's Body."

The Church wants all of us to receive Holy Communion frequently, regularly. That's why She recommends Confession every month to six weeks, and always [at least] during each of the fasts. (The idea of going to confession once a year is from the Roman Council of Trent; it is not an Orthodox teaching.) ... Let us renew our Sacramental way of life, by receiving the Sacraments with proper preparation and greater enthusiasm!

**Confession is regularly available on Saturdays after Great Vespers,
and by appointment when you can't come on a Saturday evening.**

AN ONLINE ANCIENT FAITH RETREAT FOR WOMEN



The Joy of
RESOLVING
the Unresolved:

Navigating Life's Stages More

PEACEFULLY

An Online **WOMEN'S RETREAT** from Ancient Faith Ministries

Retreat Leader: Father Joshua Makoul; \$35.00 to Register

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm ET

It is hard to get through life without accumulating life experiences that leave a mark on us. If we move through our lives and those life experiences remain unresolved, they can resurface later and make our transition into later life stages more painful and difficult. By learning to unpack and heal from painful life experiences, we will be able to make life stage transitions more easily, peacefully, and joyfully. By embracing humility, insight, self-awareness, and no small amount of motivation, we can learn to navigate any life crisis.

Details: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/2021-womens-retreat/>

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Mitred Protospresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky (+ 8/3); Lorraine Brown (Mat. Tamara's father's sister, + 8/3); Stephen; Michael Kozemko; Jaime Gomez; Victor; Barbara; Joseph & Olga; John. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and injury.

For Health: Fr. Jason, Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra, Fr. Gregory White, recovering from surgery; Fr. Herman & Mat. Cynthia, Fr. Ken James; Fr. Michael; Rdr. Alexander, Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William; Mat. Anastasia; Nadezhda; Deborah, recovering from surgery; Jack; Rachel & Justin; Kristy, Mary Ann; Jeremy; Gregory & Margaret; Peter; Ilsa, Michelle, Joan; Nancy; Joan; Nicholas; Scott, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Ryan; expecting mothers Kelly & Matushka Lillian; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Kathleen, Erica, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Barry, Abigail, David. **Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop BENJAMIN; Fr. Joseph Lickwar, Fr. Joseph (Hoffman); Fr. Sergei & Matushka Genevieve Glagolev; Fr. Moses Berry; Fr. Jason Vansuch; Fr. Michael Dudas, Fr. Joseph Chupeck; Matushka Doreen Bartholomew; Mat. Dunia Hubiak; Mat. Lesya Dubee; Mat. Christine Hoepflinger; Matushka Jeanne Zablotsky; Mat. Elizabeth Maliniak; Reader Peter; Reader Joshua; Mark; Jon; George, Anna, Ann; Loraine; Carmen, James, Byron, Ellie, Irene, Kathy, Nina, Galina, Anastasii, Anastasia, Andrei; Tatiana, Elaine, Anna; Pauline, Mark, Diane, Finnegan, Michael, Lore, Irene, Ludmilla; Alexandra; Cynthia, William; Julia; Nicholas; Julian; Tamara, Anastasia; Iuliya, Mihail, Ioann; Krista, Vincent, Ioannis, Maria. 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, violence, and injury. **Name Day:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan HERMAN (St. Herman of Alaska, 8/9). **For Blessed Travels:** Rdr. Gabriel & Penny Cowan; Kevin Stephen.

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Ezekiel	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Gabriel	Justus		

College Students: Anna McKane – Duke University • Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College • Nathan Devens – Elmira College • Larissa Cheplick – Daemen College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, Subdcn. Walter, or a Reader. Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

READERS' SCHEDULE

August 7th – Aug 13th:	Reader Samuel
August 14th – Aug 20th:	Mary Carol Haluszczak (Dormition – August 14/15)
August 21st – Aug 27th:	Matushka Tamara and Reader Gabriel
August 28th – Sept. 3rd:	Reader Alexander
Sept. 4th – Sept 10th:	Reader Samuel (Nativity Theotokos – Sept. 7/8)
Sept. 11- Sept. 17th:	Reader William (Exaltation of the Cross – Sept. 13/14)
Sept. 18th – Sept. 24th:	Reader Dmitri
Sept. 25th – October 1st:	Mary Carol Haluszczak (Pokrov – Oct 1st)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

Contact Mat. Tamara or Mat. Katie if you need a different date.

AUGUST

8 Cusick and Karney Families
15 Cowan, Gomez, O'Brien Families
22 Haluszczak-Holobinko Families
29 Payzant & Dudek Families

SEPTEMBER

5 Cowan Family

