

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 15, 2021 – Tone 7

8th Sunday After Pentecost

**The Dormition (“Falling Asleep”) of our
Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**

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.***

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 – 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

Saturday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 22 – 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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Brethren: I appeal to you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Philippians 2:5-11 Brethren: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPELS: Matthew 14:14-22 At that time, when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 At that time, Jesus and His disciples entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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

On the Feast of the Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

From *The Orthodox Faith, Vol. II (Worship: The Church Year)*

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

The services of the Feast of the Dormition repeat the main theme, that the Mother of Life has “passed over into the heavenly joy, into the divine gladness and unending delight” of the Kingdom of her Son (Vesperal hymn). The Old Testament readings, as well as the gospel reading for the Divine Liturgy, are exactly the same as those for the feast of the Virgin’s nativity and her entrance into the Temple. ... At the Divine Liturgy we hear the letter to the Philippians where Saint Paul speaks of the self-emptying of Christ who condescends to human servitude and ignoble death in order to be “highly exalted by God his Father” (Phil 2.5–11). And once again we hear in the Gospel that Mary’s blessedness belongs to all who “hear the word of God and keep it” (Lk 11.27–28).

Thus, the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the celebration of the fact that all men are “highly exalted” in the blessedness of the victorious Christ, and that this high exaltation has already been accomplished in Mary the Theotokos. The feast of the Dormition is the sign, the guarantee, and the celebration that Mary’s fate is, the destiny of all those of “low estate” whose souls magnify the Lord, whose spirits rejoice in God the Saviour, whose lives are totally dedicated to hearing and keeping the Word of God which is given to men in Mary’s child, the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

Finally it must be stressed that, in all of the feasts of the Virgin Mother of God in the Church, the Orthodox Christians celebrate facts of their own lives in Christ and the Holy Spirit. What happens to Mary happens to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience, and love. With her all people will be “blessed” to be “more honorable than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim” if they follow her example. All will have Christ born in them by the Holy Spirit. All will become temples of the living God. All will share in the eternal life of His Kingdom who live the life that Mary lived.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Fr. Stephen Janos (+8/7); Fr. Leonid Kishkovsky (+ 8/3); Lorraine Brown (Mat. Tamara's dad's sister, +8/3); Stephen; Michael Kozemko; Jaime Gomez; Victor; Barbara; Joseph & Olga; John. Ever-memorable Evelyn Meade (Nancy Karney's mother, +8/16/2014). 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; Gregory & Margaret; Peter; Ilsa; 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. Michael Dudas, Fr. Joseph Chupeck; Matushka Doreen Bartholomew; Mat. Dunia Hubiak; Mat. Lesya Dube; Mat. Christine Hoeplinger; Matushka Jeanne Zablotskyy; Mat. Elizabeth Maliniak; Reader Peter; 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. 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:** Rdr. Samuel Payzant; child Samuel (Prophet Samuel, 8/20). **Birthdays:** Nikolai Cheplick (8/16); Deacon Michael Karney (celebrating his 40th Birthday, 8/18).

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 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

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

SEPTEMBER

5 Cowan Family

