

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 12, 2021

12th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3

Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Mother of God

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

On Sunday, Sep. 19, at the end of the Liturgy, we will have a special Prayer of Blessing for our Church School students and our Teen Group. The first meetings of the year for both groups will follow, during Fellowship Hour.

Families Learning Together: New this school year - Parents, teens, and young students all join together for a game or an activity, the 3rd Sunday of each month, starting October 17.

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, September 12

- 8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Setup for First-Responder Blessing Event
12:00 Noon Service of Blessing for First Responders – Police, Fire, Ambulance Personnel & Vehicles,
Followed by Parish Picnic!

Monday, September 13

- 6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Tuesday, September 14 – Great Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

- 8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – The Exaltation of the Cross

Saturday, September 18

- 2:00 PM Baptism of Evan VanLare
5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, September 19

- 8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with Prayer and Blessing for the Beginning of the Church School Year
Followed by Fellowship Hour; Church School and Teen Group Begin

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The local Oakwood United Methodist Church Food Pantry, presently serving at 210 Oakwood Ave., Elmira Heights, welcomes additional volunteers, setting up and hosting their weekly food pantry for neighbors in need. Any Thursday, between 3PM – 6 PM, volunteers are welcome! Just show up, or for more information call Sue Hults at 333-0396.



FALL TEEN RETREAT

November 5-7, 2021 | Grades 7-12
Camp Shiloh - Hewitt, NJ

Save the Date! Registration Forthcoming!

YOUTH IN GRADES 7 TO 12, AND PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before the Feast of the Cross) Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Brethren: Now I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

GOSPELS John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before the Feast of the Cross) The Lord said: "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Matthew 19:16-26 At that time, one came and said to Jesus, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

PARISH NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Today, 12:00 PM: Blessing of First-Responder Personnel and Vehicles AND Parish Summer Picnic!**
- **Sunday, Sep. 19: First Day of Church School and Teen Group**
- **Sat 9/25, Tues 9/28, Sat 10/2: Church School Online Workshops.** Details on back page of this Bulletin.
- **Saturday, Oct. 9: Diocesan Altar Server Retreat, Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne NJ.** Details have been emailed to altar server families.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 3: 2021 Diocesan Assembly,** being held by video conference.
- **Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7: Diocesan Teen Retreat, Camp Shiloh, Hewitt NJ.** Details are coming soon from the Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry.
- **Sat., Nov. 13 & Sat., Nov. 20: Diocesan Parish Council Conferences, by Zoom.** Parish Council members are encouraged to participate in one of these two events.

Remembering 9/11: Twenty Years Later

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, we remember the day as a tragedy in the truest sense of the word. It is fitting to reflect on this catastrophe with great sorrow, sobriety, and prayer.

We remember the lives that were cut short in the collapse of the towers of the World Trade Center, the damage to the Pentagon, and the wreckage of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. There were almost three thousand people who never came home, taken from their family and friends who were left to grieve and try to make sense of their loss. Many more were injured and forever scarred, both physically and emotionally. Even those who were not present at the sites of the attacks have vivid imagery of that day come into their minds unbidden. The repercussions of that terrible day have unfolded and consequences have been felt in all corners of the world. The pain of the terrorist attacks has led to the pain of the past two decades where we have seen “wars and rumors of wars” (Matt. 24:6).



On this somber occasion I encourage you to consider with renewed faith the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Soon we will celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

Look to the Life-giving Cross for healing, as God told the Hebrew people to look to the bronze serpent in the wilderness (Num. 21:4-9). Fixing our gaze on the Cross cures the serpent’s bite and reminds us that even great suffering cannot separate us from the love of God.

Recall that the Cross, an instrument of death, was revealed by God as the “invincible trophy” (Kontakion of the Cross) which puts evil to flight. By virtue of the Cross, the power of God is manifest and enables us to do difficult things — even forgiving those who carried out these appalling attacks.

Great tragedies in our world call us to repentance, and anniversaries like today remind us that we are sojourners and exiles here on earth (1 Pet. 2:11). We look with hope towards the Kingdom of God. Always do we, as St. Paul remarked, “desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one” (Heb 11:16).

Let us continue to remember in prayer all those who lost their lives, the survivors who continue to live with disability, the first-responders who carry emotional burdens of that day, and the families and friends of the victims who have suffered their grief over these twenty years.

May the Lord bring His comfort to all.

Yours in Christ,

+ *Tikhon*

Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada
The Orthodox Church in America



Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Mitred Archpriest Sergei Glagolev (+9/1); Matushka Anisia Boldireff (+9/1); Ludmilla Branzow (+8/29); Catherine; Stella Lytwan; James Worthington, Sr. (Jim Worthington's father); Fr. Michael Koblosh; Matushka Tresja Denysenko; Catherine; James; infant John; John; Connie; Fr. Leonid Kishkovsky; Lorraine; Stephen. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and injury; all those taken from us by the violence in Afghanistan and by the recent tropical storms and floods in our region.

The Orthodox Christian Victims of 9/11/01: Joanna Ahladiotis, Anastasios (Ernest) Alikakos, Alan Bondarenko, Katerina Bantis, Lieutenant Peter (Panagiotis) Brennan, Anthony Demas, Kontantinos Ekonomos, Anna Fosteris, Peter Hansen, Vassilios Haramis, John Katsimatidis, Danielle Kousoulis, Eskedar Melaku, George Merkouris, Peter Constantine Moutos, James Nicholas Papageorge, George Paris, Theodore Pigis, Daphne Pouletsos, Anthony (Tony) Savas, Derek James Statkevics, Andrew Stergiopoulos, Michael Tarrou, William Tselepis, Prokopios (Paul) Zois. May God remember them and *all* the fallen of 9/11/01 in His Heavenly Kingdom!

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; newborn Logan; Nadezhda; Deborah, recovering from surgery; Sherry; Jack; Rachel & Justin; Gregory & Margaret; Peter; Ilsa; Nancy; Joan; Nicholas; Scott & Casey, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Ryan; expecting mother Matushka Lillian; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Sherry, 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. Moses Berry; Fr. Michael Dudas, Fr. Joseph Chupeck; Fr. Cyprian; Matushka Anica Damjanovski; Mat. Genevieve Glagolev; Mat. Ruth Federoff; Mat. Doreen Bartholomew; Louis & Betty; child Luka, Gregory, Peter, Matthew, Tanya, Yulia, Dimitri, Constantine, Alexandra, Claire, Helen, Nicholas, Lucy, Anthony, Marian; Jessica & Daniel and the child lost to them; Marty, Susan; Mark; Jon; George, Anna, Ann. 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. All those afflicted by the violence in Afghanistan and by the recent tropical storms and floods. **Name Days:** Sophia Karney & Nadia Powers (St. Sophia & St. Hope, 9/17). **Birthday:** Melania Cheplick (9/18). **Anniversary:** Deacon Michael Karney (Ordination to the Holy Diaconate, 9/12/2020).

Parish Children:

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| 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

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| 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) |

FALL/WINTER 2021 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

SEPTEMBER

19 Angelo, McKane & Loveland Families
26 Cheplick Families

OCTOBER

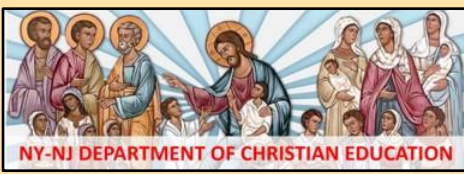
3 Cusick, Speen & Urda Families
10 Melnik, Turic & Weeks Families
17 Charlanow Family
24 Gomez & O'Brien Families
31 Karney Family

NOVEMBER

7 Haluszczak-Holobinko Families
14 Angelo, McKane & Loveland Families
21 Cowan Family
28 Payzant & Dudek Families

DECEMBER

5 Cheplick Families
12 Cusick, Speen & Urda
19 Karney Family
26 Melnick, Turic & Weeks Families



The Department of Christian Education
announces...

Re-Claiming Our Children For Christ

**A Series of *FREE Online Workshops*
for Diocesan Church School Teachers and Clergy**

SATURDAY, September 25

A Whole New Language: Working Online with Youth in Small Groups

Teacher Training to learn to connect and deepen fellowship with small groups of youth

Presenter: Kristina Anastasiades, former Student Leader for the Northeastern Region of OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship). Kristina serves as a Youth Ministry Leader in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Certificate Program, at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

10:00 am – 11:30 am To Register, click [HERE](#) or email TamaraNCowan@hotmail.com

TUESDAY, September 28

Success Stories: Christian Education During the Pandemic

A sharing of successful Christian Education classes and activities from this past year

Presenters: Archpriest Eric Tosi and Archpriest Timothy Hojnicki

Fr. Eric is Rector of St. Gregory the Theologian Church, Wappingers Falls, NY.

Fr. Timothy is Rector of Holy Apostles Church, Mechanicsburg, PA.

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm To Register, click [HERE](#) or email TamaraNCowan@hotmail.com

SATURDAY, October 2

Back To Basics: Getting to Know Each Other Again

Learning to reunite with our youth and help bring them back to church

Presenter: Natalie Kapulek-Nixon, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA since 2000. Natalie is Chairman of the Orthodox Youth Directors in North America and serves on the OCF Board of Directors.

10:00 am – 11:30 am To Register, click [HERE](#) or email TamaraNCowan@hotmail.com

