

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 19, 2021

13th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 4

Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BEGINS TODAY

Today 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 19

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with the Churching of Evan VanLare, and Blessing of the New Church School Year
Followed by Fellowship Hour; Church School and Teen Group Begin

Tuesday, September 21

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

Saturday, September 25

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, September 26

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School and Teen Group

THANK YOU ...



... to everyone who cooked, baked, set up, and donated tents, food, and supplies, for last week's Parish Picnic and to *all* of you who came and graciously hosted our guests from the First Responder community. It was a wonderful day, greatly appreciated by our guests.

SAVE THE DATE!

FALL TEEN RETREAT

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 5-7, 2021
CAMP SHILOH - HEWITT, NJ



WHEN: Friday-Sunday, November 5-7, 2021

WHERE: [Camp Shiloh, 753 Burnt Meadow Road, Hewitt, NJ 07421](#)

OPEN TO: Teens in Middle School & High School

THEME: Discussions will be held around the topic of "Understanding Identity" as presented by [Faithtree Resources' Relationship Project](#)

QUESTIONS: Contact Danielle Geeza, at email danielle.geeza@gmail.com

REGISTER [HERE](#) BY OCTOBER 20TH!

COVID Precautions: Camp Shiloh has implemented many changes with visitors' safety & well-being in mind. You can review them [here](#), along with additional protocols and details [here](#).

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES Galatians 2:16-20 (Cross) Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

1 Corinthians 16: 13-24 Brethren: Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPELS Mark 8:34-9:1 (Cross) At that time, when Jesus had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Matthew 21:33-42 The Lord said this parable: "There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

PARISH NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, Sept. 27: Installation of the New Icons Begins!** Isn't that exciting?!
- **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.

*Prayer for the Blessing of Teachers and Students
(May Be Prayed at the
Beginning of the New Church School Year)*

O Lord, our God and Creator, Thou hast honored us men with Thine own image, and didst teach Thy chosen disciples that the fear of Thee is the beginning of true wisdom; Thou hast revealed Thy wisdom to children and didst teach Thy law to Solomon and to all those who have sought Thee in purity of heart. Open the hearts, the minds, and the mouths of these students, that they may perceive the power of Thy law, and successfully comprehend the useful things which will be taught them, so that they will understand Thy perfect will and contribute to the building up of Thy Holy Church. Deliver them from every snare of the enemy, preserve them in the true faith and in righteousness and purity all the days of their lives, that they may grow in wisdom and in the observance of Thy commandments, and may be revealed as worshipers of Thy Name and heirs of Thy Kingdom. Bless also us the clergy and faithful laypersons who teach them, O Lord; grant that our words may be free from every worldly deceit and vanity, and may always clearly proclaim the word of Thy truth.

For Thou art God, the Author of truth and the Fountain of wisdom, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Albert; the child Carson, Betty; Rocco, Emilia; 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. 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.

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; newly baptized Ivan; newborn Logan; Nadezhda; Lisa; 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; Khourieh Hend Kevorkian; Matushka Anica Damjanovski; Mat. Genevieve Glagolev; Mat. Ruth Federoff; Jack, Lisa, Michael, John; Eugenia; Louis; 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. 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. All of our Church School students, teens, teachers, and their families. **Name Days:** Jonah Charlanow (Prophet Jonah, 9/22). **Birthdays:** Jane VanLare (9/18); Rdr. Gabriel Cowan (9/23); Andrew Shazer (9/23); Jane Ann (Penny) Cowan (Fr. David's mom, turning 80 on 9/24). **Anniversary:** Fr. Nicholas Harris (Mat. Tamara's dad, 60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, 9/24).

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

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 Cowan Family
26 Cheplick Families

OCTOBER

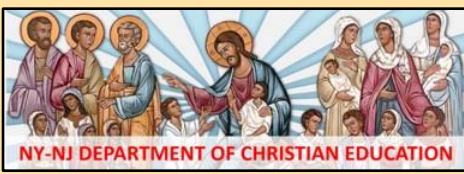
3 Cusick, Speen & Urda Families
10 Melnik, Turic & Weeks Families
17 Charlanow Family
24 Gomez & O'Brien Families
31 Karney Family

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

