

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 26, 2021

14th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5

Saint John the Evangelist and Theologian

This is the sketch of the icons that will be installed in our church this week! St. John is at the bottom right.

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 26

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

Note: From Monday – Saturday afternoon, Sep. 27 – Oct. 2,

the church building will be occupied with the installation of the new Icons, especially upstairs.

Saturday, October 2

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, October 3

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – FOOD SALE THIS FALL

As you know, we have been discussing a Food Sale Fundraising event – both to welcome newcomers to our parish, and to raise funds for our ministries. For now, we will plan for "take-out" sales, not dine-in events, using the Ministry / Fellowship Hall as our base. Please sign up on the sheet downstairs to offer some of your time and talents to make our first Food Sale in many years, a success. *Thank you!*

PARISH NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.**

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](#).

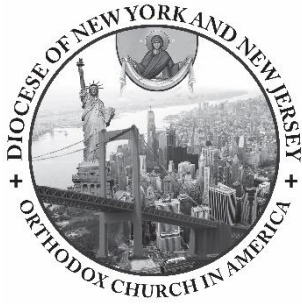
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Brethren: He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

1 John 4:12-19 (St. John) My beloved: No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

GOSPELS Luke 5:1-11 At that time, as the multitude pressed about Jesus to hear the word of God, He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 (St. John) At that time, there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.



AN APPEAL FROM ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL

Beloved Members of our Diocesan Family:
Christ is in our midst! – He is and ever shall be!

Almost all of us, no doubt, watched in horror and prayed with zeal as **Hurricane Ida** made its way across the south and up the east coast of our country. In its path, Ida wreaked devastation to property and, most unfortunately, claimed the lives of scores of victims.

Our Diocese of New York and New Jersey was, thanks be to GOD, spared loss of lives. However, we were not exempt from destruction of church property and the homes of faithful parishioners. In our Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Brooklyn, the entire basement – which was beautifully furnished as the parish hall – was ravaged by flood waters. The flooring and wall paneling, major appliances and furniture, and valuable parish artifacts were all destroyed. In our Princeton parish of the Mother of God, families experienced total loss of basement and first floor possessions. In Yonkers, five feet of water in garages destroyed the family vehicle. And I am sure that there are more cases of which we are not yet aware.

In the face of disaster and need, the Sacred Scriptures call us to respond with self-sacrificial love, after the example of Our Lord and Savior Who gave so much to so many in His ministry and gave His very life on the Cross for the salvation of us all. When people were hungry, it was a little boy who offered five loaves and two fishes to help Christ feed the multitude (John 6:1-15) ... in the only miracle of Jesus' ministry recorded in all four Gospels. Barely a decade later, the Antiochian Christians were inspired to take up a collection and send it to the poor of the Jerusalem church (Acts 11:28). We are called by the Gospel to do the same.

I am appealing to all our parishes to take up a special collection for “Hurricane Ida Relief,” which will be distributed to those in need across the Diocese. This should be done within the next few weeks, with a target date of completion of November 1, so that aid can be offered in a timely manner to those in need. One parish check, totaling all the contributions, should be written to the Diocese and sent to the Diocesan Chancery, 33 Hewitt Avenue, Bronxville, New York 10708.

If your parish has already taken a collection and offered funds to aid your local community or to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), or that is what you have planned to do, thank GOD. Sacrificial love knows no boundaries. Our SS. Peter and Paul Church in Manville, for example, has offered its parish hall to a sister Orthodox community in the city that was totally devastated. Whatever you can do **“for the least of My brethren,”** Our Lord tells us, **“you have done it for Me”** (Matthew 25:40). My prayer is that He will bless you all abundantly, as only He can, for whatever support each of you is able to offer.

We are in the month of celebrating the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Let us not only lift up the Sign of our salvation, but let us take up our cross and follow Our Lord Himself in offering tangibly a gift of self-sacrificial love to those who have lost so much in the devastating waters of Hurricane Ida. Those of us who were blessed not to have suffered significant damage, in gratitude to Almighty GOD, should consider giving of ourselves to helping others in this time of tragic disaster.

Grateful for your response of kindness and generosity which are a reflection of your faith and love, I am
Devotedly yours in His service,

f Michael

Archbishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Michael, the child Sofia; Albert; the child Carson, Betty; Rocco, Emilia; Fr. Sergei Glagolev; Matushka Anisia Boldireff; Ludmilla Branzow; Catherine; Stella Lytwan; James Worthington, Sr.; 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: Archbishop MICHAEL; 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; Helen; Nadezhda; Lisa; Sherry; Jack; Rachel & Justin; Gregory & Margaret; Michael; 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. John Jillions, Fr. David Garretson, Deacon Stephan Karlgut; Fr. Daniel Degyansky, Fr. Maryan Chaykivsky; 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; Alexis, child Lucy; Kyra, Macrina, Rob; 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 Day:** Archbishop Michael (St. Michael, Metropolitan of Kiev, 9/30)

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. 25th – Oct. 1st:	Mary Carol Haluszczak	Nov. 20th – Nov. 26th:	Reader Alexander
Oct. 2nd – Oct. 8th:	Reader William	Nov. 27th – Dec. 3rd:	Reader William
Oct. 9th – Oct. 15th:	Reader Alexander	Dec. 4th – Dec. 10th:	Reader Samuel
Oct. 16th – Oct. 22nd:	Mat. Tamara & Rdr. Gabriel	Dec. 11th – Dec. 17th:	Mary Carol Haluszczak
Oct. 23rd – Oct. 29th:	Reader Dmitri	Dec. 18th – Dec. 24th:	Mat. Tamara & Rdr. Gabriel
Oct. 30th – Nov. 5th:	Reader Samuel	Dec. 25th – Dec. 31st:	Reader Alexander
Nov. 6th – Nov. 12th:	Mary Carol Haluszczak	Jan. 1st – Jan. 7th:	Reader Samuel
Nov. 13th – Nov. 19th:	Reader Dmitri		

FALL/WINTER 2021 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

SEPTEMBER

26 Cheplick Families

OCTOBER

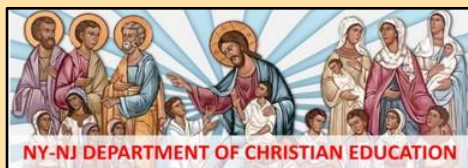
3 Cusick, Speen & Urda Families
10 Melnik, Turic & Weeks Families
17 Charlanow Family
24 Gomez & O'Brien Families
31 Karney Family

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 Melnik, 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**

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

resumes on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, beginning October 5.

Class will be held in church, and also webcast on Zoom.

We will be focusing for the coming weeks on the new book,
***THINKING ORTHODOX: Understanding and
Acquiring the Orthodox Christian Mind,***
by Presbytera Dr. Jeannie Constantinou.

It is a thick book, but fear not! It is easy to read, and we'll take
our time, section by section, topic by topic.

The book can be purchased in print or audiobook at Ancient Faith
Bookstore, <https://store.ancientfaith.com/thinking-orthodox/>
... or at any major bookseller – or on Amazon Kindle.

You can hear Presbytera Jeannie's podcasts on Ancient Faith:
www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/searchthescriptures

