

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 28, 2021

23rd Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 6

Martyr St. Stephen the New of Mt. Athos

Welcome – Fr. Timothy Holowatch, celebrating the Liturgy today!

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED FOR LOCAL CHARITY

As our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, teaches: *“The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot.”* Please bring any coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, or boots that you can spare, and put them in the containers in the vestibule. *Thank you!*

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, November 28 – Please Welcome Fr. Timothy Holowatch, Celebrant

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour (Thanksgiving Break for Church School and Teens)

5:00 – 7:30 PM Calling Hours for + Nadia Melnik, in the Church

7:30 PM Panikhida for Nadia Melnik, in the Church

Monday, November 29

10:00 AM Funeral for Nadia Melnik, in the Church, Followed by Interment at the Parish Cemetery

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting, in the Church

Tuesday, November 30

7:00 PM “Thinking Orthodox” Adult Study Class – In Church, And By Zoom

Saturday, December 4

3:00 PM Decorating the Church for Advent and the Nativity

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, December 5

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by “Visit From Saint Nicholas” and Fellowship Hour

6:30 PM Great Vespers with Litya – Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker

Monday, December 6 – Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Please Note that on Saturday, December 11, Great Vespers will be celebrated at 6:00 PM, an hour later than usual – because we will be hosting a Diocesan Teen Get-Together that evening. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE Ephesians 2:4-10 Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17 At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

HOLY SUPPER

Friday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM at the Rectory

Let Mat. Tamara know you would like to come!

A traditional lenten Christmas Eve meal, it is the last meal of the Advent fast. Fasting foods served can include barley, honey, stewed prunes, pierogi, sauerkraut, potatoes, lima beans, garlic, Lenten bread, or mushroom soup.

A lit candle symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. The bread broken and shared symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. Foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ's birth and its sweetness after He came. After supper, all attend the Christmas Eve vigil. Hay under the tablecloth recalls the manger where Jesus' Mother placed Him. An extra place is always set -- for Jesus, either in Spirit, or in the form of a traveler or stranger, for none are turned away on this day without a warm invitation to partake!



DIOCESAN **TEEN GET-TOGETHER**

December 11, 2021

Host Parish:

Holy Trinity, Elmira Heights

Come Join Us!

**3-5pm: Baking Christmas Cookies
for St. Michael's Community Meal in Binghamton**

5pm: Dinner

6pm: Great Vespers

7pm: Q&A with Archbishop Michael and other parishes by Zoom
Participation certificates for Service Hours will be given afterward

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Nadia (Nadezhda) Melnik (+11/20); Sally, Thomas, Isaiah, Robert, Dennis; Olga; Jack; Victoria. Ever-memorable Katarina Nazarenko, infant Katarina, Catherine Tatusko, and all those named for St. Catherine the Great Martyr (11/24). All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Archbishop MICHAEL, Fr. Jason Kappanadze, Fr. Nicholas Harris, Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak, Fr. Herman & Mat. Cynthia Schick, Fr. Michael Oleksa; Fr. Moses Berry; Fr. Joseph Chupeck; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William; Mat. Anastasia; Presbyteria Maria; newly-baptized Samuel; recovering Thomas, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and their families; Emmett; Andrew; Natalia; Volker; Bridget; Danielle; Marion, Horatio, Gabriella; Judy; Ann; Christa; Joyce; Helen; Lisa; Michael; Peter; Ilsa; Nancy; Joan; Nicholas; Scott & Casey, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Ryan; newborn Ethan, his mother Matushka Lillian and family; Susan, James, Child Hannah, Sherry, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Kathleen, Erica, Sherri, Stella Anastasia, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Barry, Abigail, David.

Families Assisted by Parish Thanksgiving Baskets: Teresa and her family, Edward and his family, Nicole and her family, Robyn and her family, Pamela and her family, Kelly and her family, Pam and her family, Carole and her family, Alice and her family, Kimberly and her family, Angel and her family, and Cantrell and his family.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbishop BENJAMIN; Fr. John Bohush; Dn. John Holoduek; Reader John; Aleksei; Daniel & Lilly and their children Arthur & Holly; John; Olga; Tanya; Jane. All the clergy, faithful and their families of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. All those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them, those afflicted by sickness, violence, injury, and disaster. **Name Days:** Andrew Shazer (Apostle Andrew, 11/30). **Birthdays:** Julie Speen (11/21, Michael Speen (11/26).

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	Samuel	

College Students: Anna McKane – Duke University •

Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College Year Abroad at Oxford University, England •

Nathan Devens – Elmira College • Larissa Cheplick – Daemen College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, Subdcn. Walter, or a Reader.

Typically, parish prayer requests remain on this list for 40 days.

READERS' SCHEDULE

Nov. 27th – Dec. 3rd: Reader William

Dec. 4th – Dec. 10th: Reader Samuel

Dec. 11th – Dec. 17th: Mary Carol Haluszczak

Dec. 18th – Dec. 24th: Mat. Tamara & Rdr. Gabriel

Dec. 25th – Dec. 31st: Reader Alexander

Jan. 1st – Jan. 7th: Reader Samuel

FALL/WINTER 2021 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

NOVEMBER

28 Payzant & Dudek Families

DECEMBER

5 Cheplick Families

DECEMBER (continued)

12 Cusick, Speen & Urda Families

19 Karney Family

26 Turic & Weeks Families

COMING UP: A Few Items from the Parish Calendar

- Saturday, Dec. 11, 3:00 – 8:00 PM: Diocesan Teen Get-Together, Here
- Sunday, Dec. 12: Choir Rehearsal, After the Liturgy
- Friday, Dec. 17, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Dress Rehearsal for the Nativity Play
- Saturday, Dec. 18: Food Sale, 8 AM to 12 Noon
- Saturday, Dec. 18, 4:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, Dec. 19, After the Liturgy: Parish Nativity Play!

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NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>10/31</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour, Church School and Teen Group	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom, with Deacon Michael	<u>3</u> Diocesan Assembly – <i>Ft. David Away</i>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<u>7</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour & Church School 11:30-3 PM: Teen Hike 6:30 PM: Great Vespers & Litya: Feast of the Archangels	<u>8</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy, Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael and All the Bodiless Angelic Powers	<u>9</u> 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <i>Presbyters' Council</i> Meets, <i>Bronxville, NY</i>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<u>14</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour, Church School and Teen Group	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Altar Servers' Retreat, Wayne, NJ 5:00 PM Vespers: Entry of the Mother of God Into the Temple
<u>21</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy: Entry of the Mother of God, Fellowship Hour, Church School Families Make Thanksgiving Baskets	<u>22</u> Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries	<u>23</u> Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom	<u>24</u> 6:30 PM Akathist Service of Thanksgiving: <i>Glory to God for All Things</i>	<u>25</u> THANKSGIVING DAY	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 5:00 PM Reader Vespers
<u>28</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour (No Church School or Teen Group Today)	<u>29</u> 6:30 PM Parish Council Meets	<u>30</u> 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom	<u>DEC 1</u> 6:30 PM Daily Vespers: St. Porphyrios of Mount Athos and Habakkuk the Prophet	<u>DEC 2</u> Food Sale Prep Workshop Diocesan Council Meets, <i>Bronxville, NY</i> <i>Ft. David's 15th Anniversary</i> of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood	<u>DEC 3</u>	<u>DEC 4</u> 3:00 pm Decorating the Church for Advent and Nativity 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward

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DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>DEC 5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour; "Visit from St. Nicholas!" 6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya: St. Nicholas Day	8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy: Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonder-Worker	7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom				3:00 – 8:00 PM Diocesan Teen Get-Together 6:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward (Note Time Change)
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship, Church School, Teen Group Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya: St. Herman of Alaska	8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy: Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska, the Wonder-Worker	7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom			6:30 – 8:00 PM: Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal	Parish Take-Out Food Sale, 8 AM – 12 Noon 4:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions: Afterward
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> NATIVITY/CHRISTMAS
8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour, <i>Nativity Play</i>		6:30 – 7:30 PM Caroling in the Neighborhood			8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Eve of the Nativity 5:00 PM Holy Supper at the Rectory 7:00 PM Nativity Vigil	9:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Nativity of Christ CHRIST IS BORN! 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions: Afterward
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>JAN 1</u> +BASIL / CIRCUMCIS.
8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour: Christmas Pot Luck! (No Church School or Teen Group Today) Caroling to the Homebound					7:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya, Followed by New Year's Eve Fellowship Downstairs	9:40 AM Hours & Liturgy St. Basil's Day / Circumcision of Christ 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions: Afterward



BAKERS NEEDED!

Please contact Reader Alex Charlanow to offer your help with one or more of the following:

For our Christmas Fundraiser, on **Saturday, December 18**, we need **12 households to each bake 12 dozen cookies**.
Or, whatever amount you can bake, let us know.

On **Thursday, December 2, starting at 9:00 AM**, we will hold a **Nut Roll Baking Workshop** in the big Fellowship / Ministry Hall behind the Rectory. Volunteers are needed to assist.

Additional baking dates will be announced.

Contact Reader Alex:
Email ancharlanow@yahoo.com Phone (607) 973-0941

Thank you!