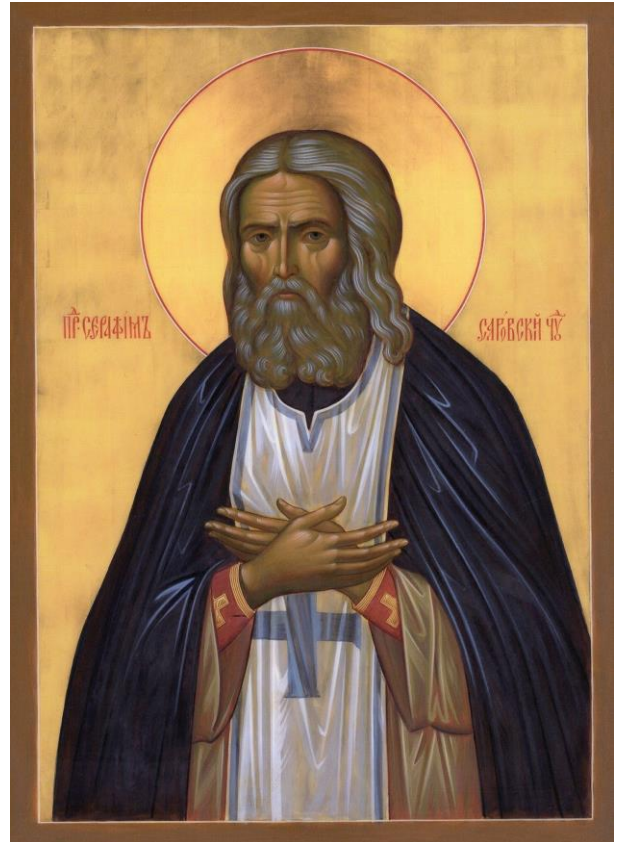
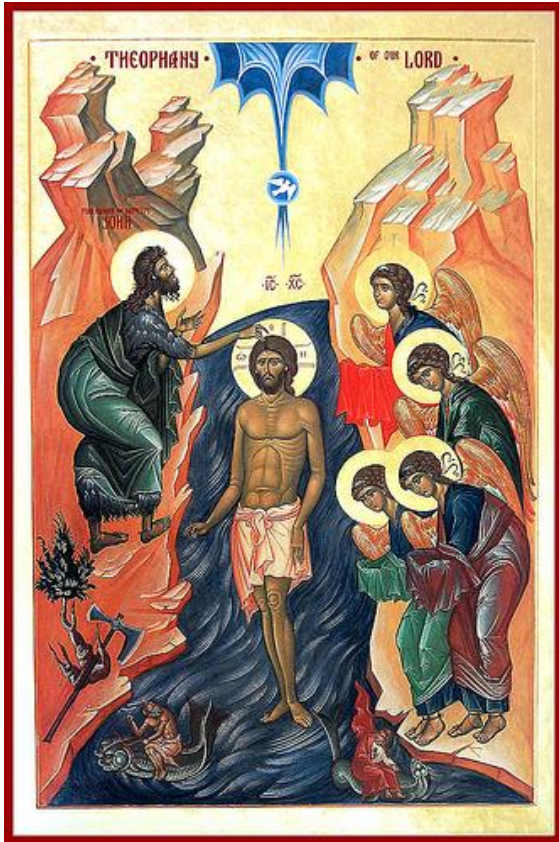


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 2, 2022**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 3**  
**Rest of Saint Seraphim of Sarov**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL VISITING OUR PARISH**  
**SATURDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 15-16, 2022**

Please mark your calendars and  
plan to be here! More details will be announced soon.

**HOME BLESSINGS** begin on the Feast of Theophany, Thursday, January 6.  
Fr. David will bless your home upon your request. Please contact him if you wish to set a date.

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

**Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at Web Address [www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights](https://www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights) or go to [www.YouTube.com](https://www.YouTube.com) and search for "Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY"**

**Today – Sunday, January 2, 2022 – Happy New Year!**

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour and Nativity Play, "A Charlie Brown Christmas!"

**Wednesday, January 5 – Eve of the Great Feast of Theophany**

6:30 PM Vigil of Theophany, with the Blessing of Water – Bring a Bottle and Take Holy Water Home!

**Thursday, January 6 – Great Feast of the Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ**

9:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with the Blessing of Water – Bring a Bottle and Take Holy Water Home!

**Saturday, January 8**

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

**Sunday, January 9**

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

**Tuesday, January 11**

7:00 PM "Thinking Orthodox" Adult Education – in Church, and on Zoom

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLES 2 Timothy 4:5-8** My son Timothy: As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Galatians 5:22-6:2** Brethren: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**GOSPELS: Mark 1:1-8** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me Who is mightier than I, Whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Luke 6:17-23** At that time, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Stephen; John; Fr. John, Fr. Michael, Fr. Michael; Fr. Igor; James; Luka, James, Charlotte; Thomas; Walter; Matushka Anne; Stella Anastasia; Tate, Madisyn, Hana, Justin; Yuliana; Elaine, Yuri, Elizabeth. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** 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, Reader William & Joshua Haluszczak; Donald (Sue Hults's dad); John; Nancy, Belva; children Brooklyn and Brayden; Presbyteria Maria; child Olivia; recovering Altar Servers Thomas, Jeremiah, and John; recovering Deborah, Larissa & Ezekiel, Dominick Dimitry and their families; Andrew; Natalia; Volker; Horatio, Gabriella; Ann; Christa; Ilsa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Ryan; James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Kathleen, Erica, Sherri, Mary; Ruth, Harriet, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Kate, David.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop BENJAMIN; Archimandrite Christopher (Calin), Fr. Maryan Chakivsky, Archdeacon Michael Suvak, Fr. John & Matushka Eleanor Pribish; Presbyteria Irene, Luke, Katia; Edith; Irina, Grace, child Mia, Ray, Caleb, Megan; Stephanie. 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:** All those named for St. Seraphim of Sarov and St. Juliana of Lazarevo (1/2).

**Birthdays:** Julie Charlanow (1/2), Carrie Matrona Hooper (1/3), Reader Thomas Cheplick (1/6), Nicholas Hojnicky (turns 16 on 1/7).

#### 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.

## FALL/WINTER 2021 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

### JANUARY

2 Christmas Leftovers Potluck

9 Charlanow Families

16 Luncheon with Archbishop Michael

23 Gomez & O'Brien Families

30 Cowan Family

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR 2022: SUNDAY, JAN. 30, AFTER THE LITURGY

Orthodox Christian adult members of Holy Trinity Church who are active in the Sacraments may participate in voting and discussion on matters affecting the life of the parish.

We have many blessings to reflect upon and many opportunities to build both our parish particularly, and the Body of Christ in general. I look forward to discussing them with you, and I look forward to planning with you to wisely steward the resources and ministries of Holy Trinity Church in 2022!

– With love in Christ, Fr. David

## DONATIONS WELCOME FOR OUR NEXT FOOD SALE

To help offset expenses for our next Food Sale, coming up this Spring, please consider donating **large cans of tomato soup** and **large cans of tomato juice**.

Please see Rdr. Alex Charlanow if you have questions, and to find out where to bring your donated goods. *Thank you!*

**THINKING ORTHODOX Adult Study Sessions Resume, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 7 PM!**

**Please consider your financial PLEDGE  
to the parish for 2022.**

**THE “GIVING GRID”**

Our 20 pledgers for 2021 pledged an average of \$61/week. If everyone who pledges were to increase their pledge by even 1 percent of their income; and if those households who aren't yet pledging (many of whom already give!) could commit to a pledged amount for 2022, then we could raise that average amount to at least \$75/week per pledging household ...

*Then, we could meet our anticipated budgeted Parishioner Support for the year 2022, just through the fulfilling of pledges!*

That would be another great step in the maturing **stewardship** of our parish family!

So, ask yourself: **Where am I on the grid?**  
**If I'm not at 10%, can I move 1 square to the left and pledge that amount for 2022?**

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Beyond a Tithe		Weekly Tithe	Weekly Upper Range of Giving			Weekly Middle Range of Giving			Weekly Lower Range of Giving		
		15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$51	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19

**Pledge Commitment Forms will be mailed out soon.**

**Thank you for your generous stewardship  
of the ministries of Holy Trinity Church!**

**With love in Christ,  
Fr. David**