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Sunday, January 16, 2022

30th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 5

Veneration of the Chains of the Holy Apostle, St. Peter

Sanctity of Life Sunday

WELCOME, ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL! "EIS POLLA ETI, DESPOTA!"

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, January 16 – Archbishop Michael, Celebrant

9:00 AM *Greeting and Vesting* of Archbishop Michael;
Third and Sixth Hours;
Divine Liturgy and the *Blessing of the New Icons*
of Christ the Pantocrator and the Four Evangelists;

Followed by Festive Luncheon with Archbishop Michael, Downstairs

Friday, January 21: *March For Life, in Washington, DC: Please pray for safe travels and a peaceful, spiritually profitable March for Life, witnessing in faith and love to the Sanctity of Life, from conception to natural death.*

Saturday, January 22

5:00 PM *Reader Vespers*, Led by Deacon Michael

Sunday, January 23

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE Colossians 3:12-16 Brethren: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **GOSPEL Luke 18:18-27** At that time, a certain ruler asked Jesus, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." **Daily Scripture Readings: www.oca.org/readings**

HOME BLESSINGS can be done, by request.

Please contact Fr David if you wish to schedule a home blessing visit.

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

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Fr. Michael Slovesko; Stephen; John; Fr. John, Fr. Michael, Fr. Michael; Fr. Igor; James; Luka, James, Charlotte; Thomas; Walter; Matushka Anne; Stella Anastasia. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, injury and disaster. All those children taken in the act of abortion; all those persons taken by euthanasia and assisted suicide; and those departed this life who have participated in these tragic acts.

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; Rdr. Alexander, Julie and Rdr. Dmitri; Christopher; Hannah; Nina, Lydia; Donald (Sue Hults's dad); John; Nancy, Belva; children Brooklyn and Brayden; child Olivia; John; Deborah; Andrew; Natalia; Volker; 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; Fr. Matthew & Mat. Barbara Searfoorce; Fr. Jason and Mat. Katia Vansuch, Fr. Christos; Protodeacon Paul and Diaconissa Patricia Sokol, Subdeacon Nilus & Juliana; Subdeacon Christopher; Gregory, Judith, June, Raymond, Katerina, Joyce, Chris, Fiona, Emily, Cameron, Joseph, DaEun, Tony, Josephine, Stephen, Gregory, Hector, Joanne, Constantina, Demetri, Michael, Craig, Laura, Cecilia, Mikaila & Craig Jr.; John, Danielle, Patricia; Laura and her child, Jacob, John; children Sophia and Elizabeth; Joseph; Sherry; Alexandra, Peter, Marlene, Elizabeth, Stephen; Roger, Sophia, Mary; Dominic, Eileen; Victoria, Derek; Luke, Katia; Edith. 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. All those who have participated in and advocated for abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia. **Name Day:** Anthony Lyon, Anthony Michalko, Ryan Anthony DeSocio (St. Anthony the Great, 1/17). Rdr. Gabriel Kyrill Cowan (St. Cyril of Alexandria, 1/18). **Birthdays:** Nathan Devens (1/21).

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

Jan. 15th – Jan. 21st (Sunday Epistle – 2nd Deacon)	Reader Alexander	Feb. 12th – Feb. 18th:	Reader Dmitri
Jan. 22nd – Jan. 28th:	Reader Dmitri	Feb. 19th -Feb. 25th:	Reader Alexander
Jan. 29th – Feb. 4th:	Reader Samuel	Feb. 26th -March 4th:	Reader Samuel
Feb. 5th – Feb 11th:	Mary Carol Haluszczak	(Memorial Liturgy 2/26)	

FALL/WINTER 2021 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

JANUARY

9 Cowan / Molodyko-Harris Families
16 Luncheon with Archbishop Michael
23 Gomez & O'Brien Families
30 Cowan Family

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!**

A PRAYER FOR SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who art in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who camest into the world to enlighten it: Thou wast pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Thine All-Holy Spirit. O Master, who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask Thee to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Thine image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For Thou art the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be Merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Thy divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Thy Truth and glorify Thee, the Giver of Life, together with Thy Father, and Thine All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Prayers for the Blessing of the New Icons

[For the Icons of the Pantocrator and the Angels, on the Ceiling of the Nave:]

Archbishop: O Lord Almighty, God of our Fathers, glorified and worshipped in the Holy Trinity, Whom mind is not able to comprehend and word cannot express, Whom no one among men has ever seen, as we have learned from the Holy Scriptures, thus we believe and thus we confess Thee: God the Father without beginning, and Thy Son one in essence, co-enthroned with Thy Spirit. Thou Who in the Old Law didst reveal Thyself unto Thy Patriarch Abraham in the image of the three Angels, and in the latter days after the Incarnation of the Only-begotten Son of God, Our Lord Jesus Christ, from the Ever-Virgin Mary, in the Baptism by John in the Jordan, in the truly-bright Transfiguration on Tabor, in the most-glorious Ascension on Olivet, didst show us the image of the Most-holy Trinity; Thou didst instruct us also to honor the wonderworking Image Not-Made-By-Hands of our Lord Jesus Christ depicted on the towel and sent to Abgar, the Prince of Edessa, which healed him and many others stricken with the wounds of sickness; Who dost not reject, but acceptest also the images and likenesses of Thy holy saints: Do Thou Thyself look down now also on this Icon of Thine Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Pantocrator, which Thy servants have fashioned in honor and glory of Thee, One in Trinity, the Holy and Glorious God, and Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless and sanctify this Icon, and grant it healing power, that this Holy Icon may drive away every snare of the devil, that it may cause the prayers of all diligently praying before it to be heard, that it may draw down Thy mercy and love toward mankind, and that those praying before it may receive Thy grace. For Thou art our sanctification, and unto Thee do we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Choir:** Amen.

Archbishop: This icon of the Pantocrator is blessed by the sanctification of the Most Holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

[For the Icons of the Four Evangelists, on the North and South walls of the Nave:]

Archbishop: O Lord Almighty, God of our Fathers: Thou didst command, in the Old Testament, that the likeness of cherubim of wood and gold and the work of weavers be fashioned in the Tent of Testimony; and now, Thou dost not reject, but acceptest, images and likenesses of Thy favorites, the Saints, so that Thy faithful servants, looking on them, might glorify Thee Who hast been glorified in them, striving zealously in life and deed to imitate them, and through them to be counted worthy to be receptacles of Thy Grace and Thy Kingdom. Do Thou look now, we pray Thee, upon these Icons, represented and written in honor and memory of Thy Holy, Glorious Apostles and Evangelists: St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John the Theologian. Through Thy heavenly blessing, bless and sanctify these icons, and all honoring them, worshipping Thee and praying to Thee before them, calling upon the Holy Evangelists to pray unto Thee; and as unto Thy servants and friends, hearken mercifully and be Thou a gracious and bountiful Bestower, delivering us from every sickness, both spiritual and bodily, granting unto all who desire it Thy grace and loving-kindness, through the prayers of Thy Holy, Glorious Apostles and Evangelists, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John the Theologian.

For Thou art the Fountain of Sanctification and the Giver of All Good, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thine Only-begotten Son, and Thy Most-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. (The Choir sings, "O Lord, save Thy people ..." as the Archbishop blesses the icons.)