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Sunday, July 31, 2022 – Tone 6

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Forefeast of the Procession of the

Honorable and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord;

Hieromartyr Benjamin,

Metropolitan of Petrograd, and those martyred with him (1922)

Food Sale Planning Meeting –

Next Sunday, August 7, During Fellowship Hour

Please see Reader Alex Charlanow if you have questions ahead of time. Thank you for your participation!

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

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Choir Rehearsal and Fellowship Hour Downstairs

Friday, August 5 – Eve of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya, with the Blessing of Fruit

Saturday, August 6 – Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

9:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with the Blessing of Fruit

Sunday, August 7

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour Downstairs And Food Sale Planning Meeting

Remember: The Dormition Fast begins tomorrow, Monday, August 1, and continues until the Divine Liturgy on Monday, August 15, the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Most-Holy Theotokos, the Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God. During the fast we are called to abstain from meat, from dairy as best we can, and from unnecessary partaking of food, drink, entertainment, and spiritually unproductive conversation and conduct.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE: Romans 15:1-7 Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:27-35 At that time, when Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.



What do these two pictures have in common? Find out in today's sermon!

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Kathleen Behuniak (+7/29); Elinor; Elfriede; Elaine; Paul, Susan; Valeriy; John, Kevin, Dorothy, Ann, Nadja, Nadja, Charatina, Mary, Mary; Nikolai; Edward; Reader Symeon; Matushka Marion; Mary; Kathy. Ever-memorable Charles & Lorraine Brown (birthday, 8/2). 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. Moses Berry; Fr. Joseph Chupeck; Matushka Kathleen White; Fr. Arseny, Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. Samuel & Kathryn; Catechumen Sarah; Mary, James; Dmitri; Deborah; Kathleen; Larissa, Laura, Rachel and the children to be born to them; Julie; Julie; Michael & Many; John; Nancy; Christa; Ilsa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Antonina; Ryan; Child Hannah, Joshua, Helen, Kevin, Erica, Sherri, Ruth, Harriet, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Kate, David, Kyriakos; and catechumens Charles, Sue, Amy, Stephen, and Verity.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbishop BENJAMIN; Fr. Joseph & Matushka Shirley Lickwar; Fr. John Shimchick; Fr. John Morris; Fr. Michael & Mat. Olga Meerson; Fr. David & Matushka Shari Garretson; Fr. Dennis Swencki; Fr. Eric Tosi; Fr. David Fox; Fr. Volodymyr & Matushka Jeanne Zablotzky; Fr. Dennis Swencki; Fr. David Fox; Fr. Nicholas, Matushka Charlene, and children Quentin, Clement & Felix Garklavs; Fr. John Duranko; Fr. Samuel & Mat. JoAnne Kedala; Fr. Paul Witek; Protodn. John Morvay; Dn. Mark Buchman; Matushka Margaret Brady and the child to be born to her; Matushka Patricia Bohush; Matushka Kathy Kowalczyk; Nicholas Kowalczyk; Subdn. Julio; Rdr. Fredric; Monk James Silver; Ava and her newborn daughter, Annabret; Carol; child Gideon; Deborah; Peter & Julia; Maria; Anna; Kathleen; child Daniel; Amy; Constantine; Ray; Catechumen Laura; Sheldon, David, Mary, Margaret, John, Elizabeth; Vladimir, Candice, Mary Margaret. 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. **Birthday:** Jeremiah Shazer (7/31). **Anniversary:** Fr. David and Matushka Tamara – 30 years (8/2).

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	Gabriel
Michael	Hannah	Raphael	Verity	Anna	Julie	Michelle

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 • Magdalena Botrous – LECOM Elmira

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

July 30 – August 6: Reader Alexander (Transfiguration – August 5-6)

August 7-12: Reader Dmitri • August 13-19: Reader Samuel (Dormition – August 14-15)

August 20-26: Reader William • August 27 – September 3: Mary Carol Haluszczak

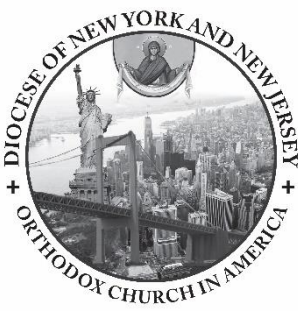
SUMMER 2022 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

JULY: 7/31 Gomez & O'Brien Families

AUGUST (August 1-14 is the Dormition Fast; no meat or dairy at Fellowship Hour except for small children):

8/7 Weeks & Turic Families; 8/14 Angelo & McKane Families; 8/21 Cowan Family; 8/28 Karney Family



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To All of the Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey:

Dearly Beloved in the Lord: *Christ is in our midst!*

As you may recall, at our most recent Diocesan Assembly, held last November in Wayne, New Jersey, and via Zoom, the Diocesan charity this year was designated as **Saint Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania.**

Those of you who have visited St. Tikhon's Monastery know what a beautiful and serene place it truly is. It is one of the great spiritual centers of Orthodoxy in the world ... the oldest Orthodox Monastery in the western hemisphere ... a place "where Saints have lived and walked, and prayed and taught."

Founded by Saint Tikhon when he was Archbishop of New York, and consecrated by the future Patriarch and his auxiliary bishop, future Saint Raphael of Brooklyn, the Monastery has celebrated all the prescribed divine services of the Church every day since 1905. Under the leadership of the Abbot of the Monastery, Archimandrite Sergius, Saint Tikhon's has grown remarkably in recent years, and now is home to 19 monastics, most of whom are young men.

They care for the graves of many loved ones of our diocesan parishes – our parents and grandparents, husbands and wives, children and grandchildren – in what has become a national Orthodox cemetery! But most importantly, every prayer request ever offered to the monks is honored daily, without fail; no prayer list is ever discarded, but all our beloved departed ones are prayed for by name in the Proskomedie every day the Liturgy is celebrated!

Because of the growth of the monastic community, a new Monks' House was recently built. Besides bedrooms, the facility includes 3 offices, kitchen space, a workout center, a library, and a common room. As Father Sergius tells us, "It is a miracle indeed," but "we would never have been able to do it without taking out a loan." They faithfully pay down that loan each month; what was a \$575,000 debt is currently about \$450,000. Great strides indeed, but we need to help them! ... mindful of the words of Saint Paul, "**Let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith**" (Galatians 6:30).

I am appealing to our churches, parish organizations, and individuals who have been blessed by God in their lives to unite together this year – and help support the loan reduction of the St. Tikhon's Monks' House! Over the next three months, I ask that our clergy announce this special appeal from the pulpit, in the bulletin, and on the parish website, and encourage donations from the parish, its organizations, and other benefactors. Knowing we are the beneficiaries of the monastics' daily prayers, let us give as generously as we can to this noble cause!

Checks should be made payable to "Diocese of New York and New Jersey" and designated for "**Monks' House.**" They should be sent by October 1 to: *Diocesan Chancery, 33 Hewitt Avenue, Bronxville, NY 10708.*

Thank you in advance for your support, and may God bless you for your kindness, love, and generosity to St. Tikhon's Monastery and the monastics who pray for us there!

With my humble prayers, my sincere blessing, and my archpastoral love,

+ Archbishop Michael

There will be a special basket on the Candle Desk starting next week for donations made out to the Diocese of NY NJ, with "Monks' House" in the Memo section of the check. Thank you!