

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 11, 2022 – Tone 4

13th Sunday After Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

Saint Theodora of Alexandria

Saint Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria

Today, 12:00 Noon:

A PRAYER SERVICE & VEHICLE BLESSING

For Our LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

POLICE • FIRE • AMBULANCE

AND – OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

(Downstairs in the Lower Level, Due to Expected Rain)

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 11

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour Downstairs and Preparation for Our Guests

12:00 Noon Service of Blessing for First Responders – Police, Fire, Ambulance Personnel & Vehicles,
Followed by Parish Picnic!

Tuesday, September 13 – Eve of the Elevation of the Cross

6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya

Wednesday, September 14 – Great Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Creating Cross

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Thursday, September 15

5:00 – 7:00 PM "Slavic Sampler" Take-Out Food Sale, in the Ministry Hall

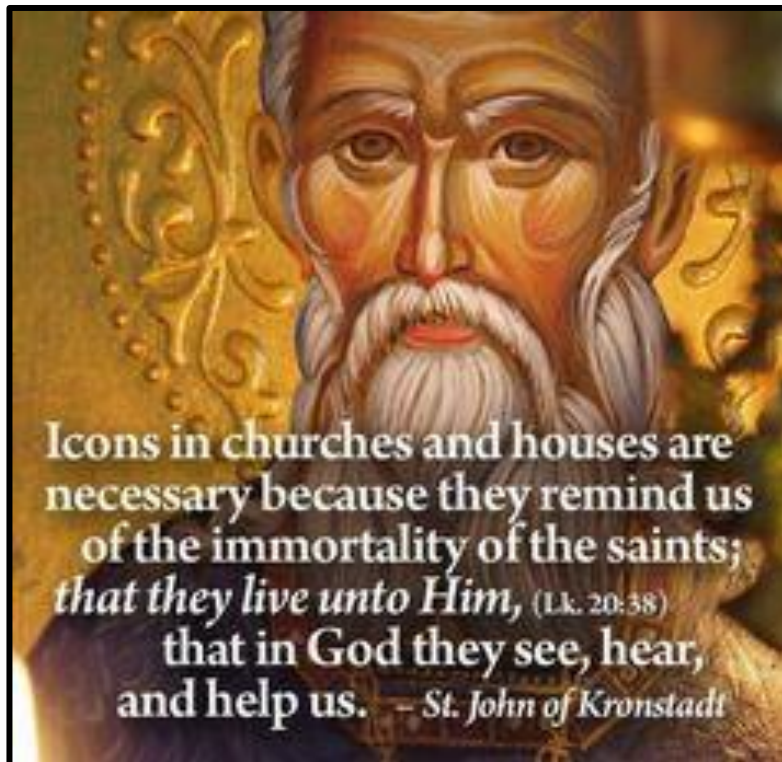
Saturday, September 17

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, September 18

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with Blessing for the Beginning of the Church School Year;
Followed by Fellowship Hour Downstairs, Church School and Teen Group



Church School and Teen Group will Start Sunday, September 18

At the end of the Liturgy that day, students and teachers will gather for a Blessing to Begin the School Year. Families, please mark your calendars!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES 1 Corinthians 16: 13-24 Brethren: Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before the Feast of the Cross) Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

GOSPELS Matthew 21:33-42 The Lord said this parable: "There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before the Feast of the Cross) The Lord said: "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: His Beatitude, Metropolitan HERMAN; His Eminence, Metropolitan KALLISTOS; Archpriest John Reeves; child Sophia; child Harry; Brian; Reader Michael Mellin; David and his daughter Mackenzie; Dora; soldier Andrej; Reader John Economou; Matushka Patricia Bohush; Matushka Anne Hopko, Helen; Mary Ellen; Simona; Monk Arseny; Isabel, Patricia, Rahmin. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, injury and disaster. All the departed named for Saints Sophia, Vera, Nadezhda, Lyuba, and Agape; or Wisdom, Faith, Hope, and Love; among them + Nadezhda Melink (Name Day, 9/17).

The Orthodox Christian Victims of 9/11/01: Joanna Ahladiotis, Anastasios (Ernest) Alikakos, Alan Bondarenko, Katerina Bantis, Lieutenant Peter (Panagiotis) Brennan, Anthony Demas, Kontantinos Ekonomos, Anna Fosteris, Peter Hansen, Vassilios Haramis, John Katsimatidis, Danielle Kousoulis, Eskedar Melaku, George Merkouris, Peter Constantine Moutos, James Nicholas Papageorge, George Paris, Theodore Pigis, Daphne Pouletsos, Anthony (Tony) Savas, Derek James Statkevics, Andrew Stergiopoulos, Michael Tarrou, William Tselepis, Prokopios (Paul) Zois. May God remember them and *all* the fallen of 9/11/01 in His Heavenly Kingdom!

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 Patricia Mason, Matushka Kathleen White; Matushka Rebekah; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Mother Nektaria; Catechumen Sarah; Veronica; Luka & Elena; Natalie; Bo & Caitlyn; Arnold; James; Dmitri; Deborah; Kathleen; Despina, George, Konstantinos, Mikaela & Danaie; expecting mothers Larissa, Laura, and the children to be born to them; Rachel and newborn daughter Avery; 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, Nicholas, Kyriakos; and catechumens Charles, Sue, Amy, Stephen, and Verity.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbishop MELCHISEDEK; Archbishop BENJAMIN; Archpriest John Kowalczyk; Protodeacon Gabriel Petorak; Protodeacon John Morvay, Matushka Kathy Toroney; Matushka Olga Andrejuk; Subdeacon Yakov; Rdr. Fredric; David, Christina, Germain, Tahara, Matthew, Mekai, Noali; Tracy; Rose Anne, Gertrude; Christine, Evelyn, Rachel; Peter, Patricia, Tony, Candice, Nicholas; Sandy, James, child Evelyn; Anna; child Gideon. 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 Day: All those named for Saints Sophia, Vera, Nadezhda, Lyuba, and Agape; among them the children Nadia Powers & Sophia Karney (9/17). **Birthdays:** Catechumen Charles Hults (9/10). **Anniversary:** Deacon Michael Karney (ordination to the Holy Diaconate, 9/12/2020).

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 – SUNY Cobleskill • 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

Sept. 10th – 16th: Reader William (Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 9/13 & 9/14)

Sept. 17th – 23rd: Reader Dmitri ♦ Sept. 24th – 30th: Reader Alexander

October 1st – 7th: Mary Carol Haluszczak ♦ October 8th – 14th: Reader Samuel

October 15th – 21st: Reader William ♦ October 22nd – 28th: Reader Dmitri (Memorial Demetrius Saturday – 10/22)

October 29th – Nov. 4th: Reader Alexander

FALL 2022 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

SEPTEMBER: 9/11 Parish Picnic;

9/18 Urda, Cusick & Speen Families; 9/25 Cowan Family

OCTOBER: 10/1 Cheplick & Cheplick Families; 10/8 Haluszczak & Holobinko Families;
10/15 King, King-Styles & Lyon Families; 10/22 Charlanow Family; 10/29 Gomez & O'Brien Families

NOVEMBER: 11/5 Weeks & Turic Families; 11/12 Angelo & McKane Families;

11/19 Karney Family; 11/26 Cowan Family

HOLY TRINITY FALL HIKE **at Watkins Glen Gorge**



Saturday, October 1

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Meet at Watkins Glen Gorge

After Hike: Pudgies Pizza

Everyone Welcome!

This Tuesday and Wednesday, Come Celebrate the Second Great Feast of the Church Year – the Elevation of the Cross!

Great Vespers & Litya, Tues., 9/13, 6:30 PM; and
Divine Liturgy, Wed., 9/14, 9:00 AM (Hours at 8:40)



The Symbol of Our Victory

No one could ever accuse an Orthodox Christian of not having symbols.

In fact, it's probably more frequent we get lost in the multitude of our symbols, making it difficult to explain what we believe about God, and the central focus and beliefs of Orthodoxy, as compared to other religions.

But there is one symbol which stands at the heart of our Orthodox Faith: the Cross. It provides a clear understanding for us of what we believe about God and our relationship with Him.

↪ Raised on High

What used to be a cruel form of punishment for criminals used by the Romans, today, the Cross is our symbol of victory. It no longer is something of shame, but of triumph.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God was not a criminal, but accepted a voluntary death on the cross as a means of redemption for us. His death destroyed the power Satan, sin, and death had over humanity.

Wonderful News

Remember when, while hanging on the Cross, Jesus says, "It is finished."? He wasn't talking about only the crucifixion.

Jesus was telling us that His death completed the Father's plan of salvation which began in the Garden of Eden. The Father did what only He could do, restoring for us the means to be in Paradise with Him.

Weapon of Peace

By preaching Christ crucified (and raised from the dead), the Cross is the symbol revealing God's love for the world. The death of Christ on the cross washes away the sin of Adam, giving us an example of love, restoring humanity to full communion with God.

What used to be an instrument of torture has become a symbol of God's victory for millions of Christians over the last two millennia.

The cross is also the symbol of *our* victory. As members of His Church, we wear the cross. We make the sign of it on our selves, over food, our pets, over anything important in our lives. Because, the cross is the most important symbol in our life!

↪ Festal Hymns

*to be sung or read on the feast of the
Exaltation of the Life-Giving Cross
September 14*

Troparion — Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people, and bless
Your inheritance.

Grant victories to the Orthodox
Christians over their adversaries.

And by virtue of Your Cross, preserve
Your habitation.

Kontakion — Tone 4

As You were voluntarily raised upon
the cross for our sake, grant mercy
to those who are called by Your
Name, O Christ God;

Make all Orthodox Christians glad
by Your power, granting them
victories over their adversaries, by
bestowing on them the Invincible
trophy, Your weapon of Peace.



Scripture Readings

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20,
25-28, 30-35

Parents, Church School Teachers & Youth Directors:
Watch for the ↪ to indicate topics/questions you
can use to inspire conversations with youth. Or use
the corresponding study guide for this resource.