

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, November 27, 2022 – Tone 7

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Great Martyr James of Persia (c. 430 AD)

### ATTENTION BAKERS!

Anyone who can: Please bake 12 dozen cookies for our Christmas Bake Sale, happening Saturday, December 17, 10 AM – 1 PM.

Bring your cookies to the Ministry Hall by 9:00 AM that day.

Please let Rdr. Alex Charlanow know what kind you are making. Thank you!

## 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, November 27

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour & Choir Rehearsal (No Church School or Teen Group Today)

### Monday, November 28

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

### Wednesday, November 30

7:00 PM "Orthodoxy 101" Adult Study – In the Church and On Zoom

### Thursday, December 1

6:30 PM Daily Vespers, Feast of St. Porphyrios, Modern Elder of Mt. Athos, and Prophet Habakkuk

### Friday, December 2 – Ss. Porphyrios and Habakkuk (Fr. David's 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood)

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

### Saturday, December 3

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

### Sunday, December 4

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by "Visit from St. Nicholas," Fellowship Hour & Choir Rehearsal

## Stewardship for 2023



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

## PLEASE TURN IN YOUR 2023 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM TODAY.

Pledge forms will of course be gratefully received at any time, but turning in your pledge as soon as possible will greatly help the Parish Council to anticipate our parishioner support income in preparing the operating budget for 2023.

## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORM

for 2023



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

The purple **Stewardship Bulletin** offers information about what stewardship is (it is not just about money), our vision for what the parish can do in the short and long-term future with even stronger stewardship, and a "giving grid" to help calculate percentage giving.

Thank you!

### **We are in the Nativity Fast, in preparation for the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Fast ends with the participation in Holy Communion, at the Divine Liturgy of our Lord's Nativity (Christmas) on Dec. 25. During the Fast we strive to abstain from meat, from dairy as best we can, and from spiritually unproductive entertainment, conversation, and distraction. **And it is crucial to offer Confession during this season, as well.** Confession is available regularly on Saturdays before or after Vespers, or by appointment during the week.

# MISSION: INVISIBLE

Our Parish Christmas Play ♦ Sunday, January 8, Following the Liturgy

In the Ministry Hall, Behind the Rectory ♦ Mark Your Calendar and Be Here!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE Ephesians 2:14-22** Brethren: Christ Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**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.

**Read the Daily Readings at [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings)**

**LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE!**



**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**December 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**

**12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Join us for GLOW IN THE DARK**

**games, crafts, and fun during Christmas Vacation!**

**See Mat. Tamara or Mat. Katie for more information**

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Kim; Claudia; Victor, Anatolei; Zegahab; John; Alexander; Misrach; James; Paul Robinson; child MacKenzie; Robert; Fr. Andrew Diehl. Ever-memorable Daria Krawchuk (birthday 11/28), Nicholas Washenko (birthday 11/30/1919) All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Fr. Jason Kappanadze, Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak, Fr. Herman & Mat. Cynthia Schick, Fr. Moses Berry; Fr. Joseph & Matushka Ellen Chupeck; Matushka Patricia Mason, Matushka Kathleen White; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred; Catechumen Sue, preparing for surgery this Friday; Dorothy (Betty Holobinko's sister); Kathleen; Antonina; Paul; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke & Donald; Catechumen Sarah; Barbara; James; Dmitri; expecting mothers Krista, Larissa, Laura, and the children to be born to them; Julie; Julie; Many; John; Nancy; Christa; Ilsa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Ryan; Child Hannah, Joshua, Helen, Erica, Ruth, Harriet, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Kate, David, Nicholas, Natalya; Kyriakos; and catechumens Charles, Sue, Amy, Stephen, Sarah, and Verity.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Archpriest Michael Meerson; Archpriest Alexander Tandilashvili; Archpriest James Parsells; Sub-deacon John Holoduek; Matushka Barbara Searfoorce, Matushka Kathy Toroney; Matushka Faith Kuharsky; Matushka Anastasia Ramsey; Matushka Anastasia Richards; Matushka Barbara Suchernick; Rdr. Joshua, Rdr. Fredric; Caroline, Caleb; John, Anthony, Jennifer, Donna, Alan, Heather; Kelly and her newborn daughter Ingrid; child Joanna, Jean, Bill, Maryann, Lore, Vera, Tamara, William, Rachel; Juan; Juliana; child Ephraim; Sarah, John, Nikolai, Tatiana, Sergei, Oleg, Olga, Igor, Michael, Sergei, Lyudmila, Elijah; Tanya, Kathryn, Paul, Audrey & Isaac; Ioannis, Shawn; Christopher, 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:** Andrew Shazer (St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle, 11/30). **Birthday:** Sean Stevens (12/3). **Anniversary:** Fr. David (16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, 12/2).

#### 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 – 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

Nov. 26th - Dec. 3rd: Reader Dmitri ♦ Dec. 3rd - 10th: Rdr. Alexander (St. Nicholas 12/5 & 6)

Dec. 10th – 17th: Mary-Carol Haluszczak

Dec. 17th – 24th Reader Samuel ♦ Dec. 24th – 31st Reader William (Nativity 12/24 & 25)

Dec. 31st – Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Reader Dmitri (Circumcision 12/31 & 1/1, Theophany 1/5 & 1/6)

*Unless otherwise noted: Each week, the readers' schedule begins with Great Vespers on Saturday evening and continues through, and including, the following Saturday morning. If you cannot read for all services your assigned week, arrange a substitute yourself, and inform Fr. David or Dn. Michael who will substitute for you.*

## FALL 2022 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

**NOVEMBER:** 11/27 Cowan Family

## UPCOMING CHOIR REHEARSALS:

After Liturgy on Sundays 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

## YOUTH CHOIR FALL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals: Saturdays at 3:30 PM – 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

For more information, contact Matushka Tamara: tamarancowan@hotmail.com

## AN APPEAL FROM THE DEAN OF ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY

Five new priests and up to eight new deacons for the Orthodox Church in America over Christmas break! St Tikhon's Seminary is undergoing a remarkable metamorphosis, and *we ask and invite you to take part in all the good that God is doing here*. Will you please help St Tikhon's Seminary send laborers into the white-for-harvest fields of our dioceses and deaneries?

We need your help, please! Between now and St Nicholas Day, we hope to add 100 new monthly sustainers to our Seminary Family—those who give a regular, automated, monthly gift of any amount. Three minutes of your time will help bring a dozen or more clergy into the Church! If you have a priest—please consider a thanks-to-God gift to the Seminary to help those who don't. If you don't have a priest—please consider a please-Lord-help-gift that will help the seminary prepare those who may come to you! Here is the link: [www.stots.edu/donate](http://www.stots.edu/donate).

Thank you for your generosity! Please come and see!

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. John Parker

Dean

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**Advent & Nativity 2022-23 ♦ Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Elmira Heights ♦ [www.HolyTrinityOrthodoxChurch.org](http://www.HolyTrinityOrthodoxChurch.org)**

+SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>NOVEMBER 27</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour, Choir Rehearsal (No Church School or Teen Group Today)	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM Parish Council Meets	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM Orthodoxy 101, In Church and By Zoom	<b>DECEMBER 1</b> 6:30 PM Daily Vespers: Ss. Porphyrios of Mount Athos and Habakkuk the Prophet	<b>2</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy, Ss. Porphyrios and Habakkuk <i>Fr. David's 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood</i>	<b>3</b> 3:00 PM Decorating the Church for Advent and Nativity 3:30 PM Youth Choir 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<b>4</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour, "Visit from St. Nicholas!"	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya: St. Nicholas, the Wonder-Worker	<b>6</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy: Saint Nicholas, the Wonder-Worker 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> ; In Church and By Zoom	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>Fr. David Away – Diocesan Council Meets, Bronxville</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 3:30 PM Youth Choir 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<b>11</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship, Church School, Teen Group	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya: Saint Herman of Alaska, the Wonder-Worker	<b>13</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy: Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska, the Wonder-Worker	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Orthodoxy 101, In Church and By Zoom	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Christmas Bake Sale, Ministry Hall 3:30 PM Youth Choir 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<b>18</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship, Church School, Teen Group	<b>19</b> Wonder-Worker	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Caroling in the Neighborhood – Meet at Church	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Eve of the Nativity	<b>24</b> <b>EVE OF THE NATIVITY</b> 5:00 PM Holy Supper at the Rectory 7:00 PM Nativity Vigil
<b>25</b> <b>NATIVITY / CHRISTMAS</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Nativity of Christ CHRIST IS BORN! (No Church School or Teen Group Today)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12 PM – 3 PM Vacation Church School <i>Fr. David Away – Presbyters' Council Meets, Bronxville</i>	<b>30</b> 12 PM – 3 PM Vacation Church School	<b>31</b> 12 PM – 3 PM Vacation Church School 5:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya, St. Basil's Feast / Circumcision of Christ; Confessions Afterward; New Year's Eve Fellowship
<b>JAN 1 +BASIL / CIRCUMCIS.</b> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy St. Basil's Day / Circumcision of Our Lord; Fellowship Hour Play Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>EVE OF THEOPHANY</b> 6:30 PM Vigil of Theophany, with the Blessing of Water	<b>6</b> <b>THEOPHANY</b> 9:40 AM Hours & Liturgy of Theophany, with the Blessing of Water <i>Home Blessings Begin</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Home Blessings Continue</i> 3:30 PM Play Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward