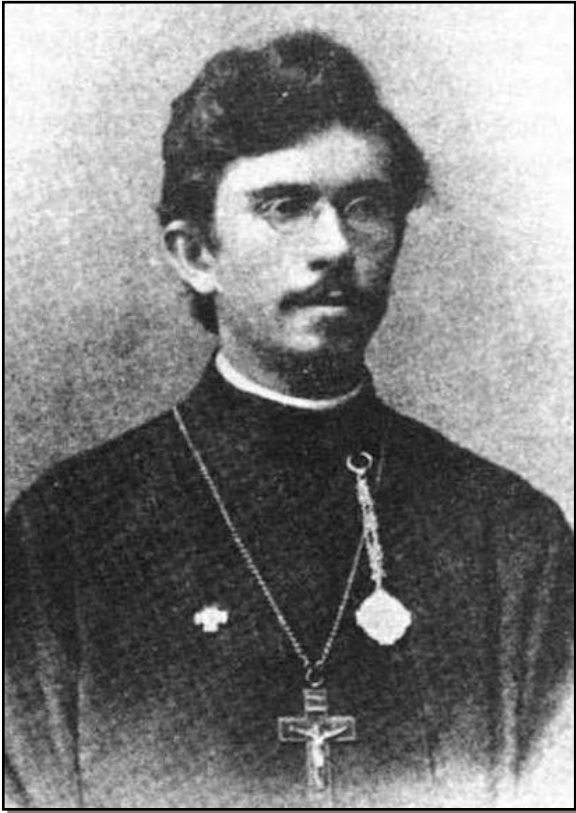


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Tone 8

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### Greatmartyr Barbara & Martyr Juliana / Saint John of Damascus

### Priest-Martyr St. Alexander Hotovitzky

**CONGRATULATIONS to the KING-STYLES FAMILY: NEWBORN AAYLIAH!**

Congratulations to Larissa and Brighton King-Styles, with Jeremiah, Andrew, Myra and Ezekiel, on the birth of their new daughter and sister, Avari Najeè Aaliyah King-Styles, on Saturday, December 3.

Grant, O Lord, a prosperous and peaceful life, health, salvation, visitation and the furtherance in all good things, to Thy newborn handmaiden, Aaliyah,

her parents Larissa and Brighton, and their family, and protect and preserve them for *Many Blessed Years!*

**THANK YOU to all the children, and the adults who assisted, in decorating the church this past week for the Nativity Season!**

## 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, December 4

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

### Monday, December 5

6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya, St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker

### Tuesday, December 6 – Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker, Bishop of Myra in Lycia

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM "Thinking Orthodox" Adult Study – In the Church and On Zoom

### Saturday, December 10

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

### Sunday, December 11

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour, Church School, Teen Group & Choir Rehearsal

### **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.*

### **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!

# **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!

### **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!**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE Ephesians 4:1-6** Brethren: I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**GOSPEL Luke 17:12-19** At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." **Read the Daily Readings: [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**

### **PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Emergency Sick Calls** can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at 732-3980, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

**Anointing In Sickness:** The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick, however severe. If you are preparing for surgery (or recovering from it), please call Father.

**Marriages and Baptisms** require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates, choosing sponsors, and reserving reception halls.

**Funerals** are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians who have not declined the Sacraments.

***The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.***



### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Leon; Mary, Jason; Kim; Claudia; Victor, Anatolei; Zegahab; John; Alexander; Misrach; James; Paul Robinson; child MacKenzie; Robert. Ever-memorable Ann Dahulich (Abp. Michael's mother, +12/6/17). All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Newborn Aaliyah King-Styles (born 12/3); 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; Dorothy; Kathleen; Antonina; Paul; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke & Donald; recovering Catechumens Sue & Sarah; Chester (Chuck Hults' dad); Tyler (Julie Charlanow's cousin); Anna; Barbara; James; Dmitri; expecting mothers Krista & 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; Archimandrite Joseph (Hoffman); Fr. John Nightingale; Fr. Michael Meerson; Fr. Alexander Tandilashvili; Fr. 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; Ronald; 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. 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:** Fr. Nicholas Harris, Nikolai Cheplick, Nicholas Lyon (12/6). **Birthday:** Jam (Maria) Cheplick (12/5), Larissa Cheplick (12/10).

#### **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

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 of who will substitute for you.*

## **WINTER 2022-23 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE**

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

Dec. 4 Hults & Cowan Families ♦ Dec. 11 Payzant & Dudek Families

Dec. 18 Urda, Cusick & Speen Families ♦ Dec. 25 Nativity of our Lord – No Coffee Hour

Jan. 1 Christmas Leftovers Potluck ♦ Jan. 8 Haluszczak & Holobinko Families

Jan. 15 Charlanow Family ♦ Jan. 22 Cheplick & Cheplick Families

Jan. 29 Angelo, Gomez & O'Brien Families ♦ Feb. 5 Weeks & Turic Families

Feb. 12 Cowan Family ♦ Feb. 19 Meatfare Potluck ♦ Feb. 26 Cheesefare: Karney Family

## **UPCOMING CHOIR REHEARSALS:**

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

## **YOUTH CHOIR FALL SCHEDULE**

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

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



The clergy and faithful of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey  
are called upon to honor

**THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**  
**AS PRIEST OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL (DAHULICH)**

on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 10:00 am  
at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church,  
365 Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey.

A commemorative buffet luncheon will be held at 1:00 pm at the  
Brownstone, 351 West Broadway, Paterson, New Jersey 07522.

The luncheon donation is \$50 payable to the Diocese of New York  
and New Jersey and is to be forwarded to Mitred Archpriest Joseph  
Lickwar, 109 Grand Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302. Include the  
names of those for whom the reservations are made.

The deadline for reservation is January 20, 2023.

For additional information call or email Mitred Archpriest Joseph  
Lickwar at (201) 892-7233 or [josephlickwar@gmail.com](mailto:josephlickwar@gmail.com).

Father David has Reservation Forms  
for this very special event. Please see him to request one.

**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>DECEMBER 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>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Orthodoxy 101, In Church and By Zoom	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Carolling in the Neighborhood – Meet at Church	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Eve of the Nativity	<b>24 EVE OF THE NATIVITY</b> 5:00 PM Holy Supper at the Rectory 7:00 PM Nativity Vigil
<b>25 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
<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 EVE OF THEOPHANY</b> 6:30 PM Vigil of Theophany, with the Blessing of Water	<b>6 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