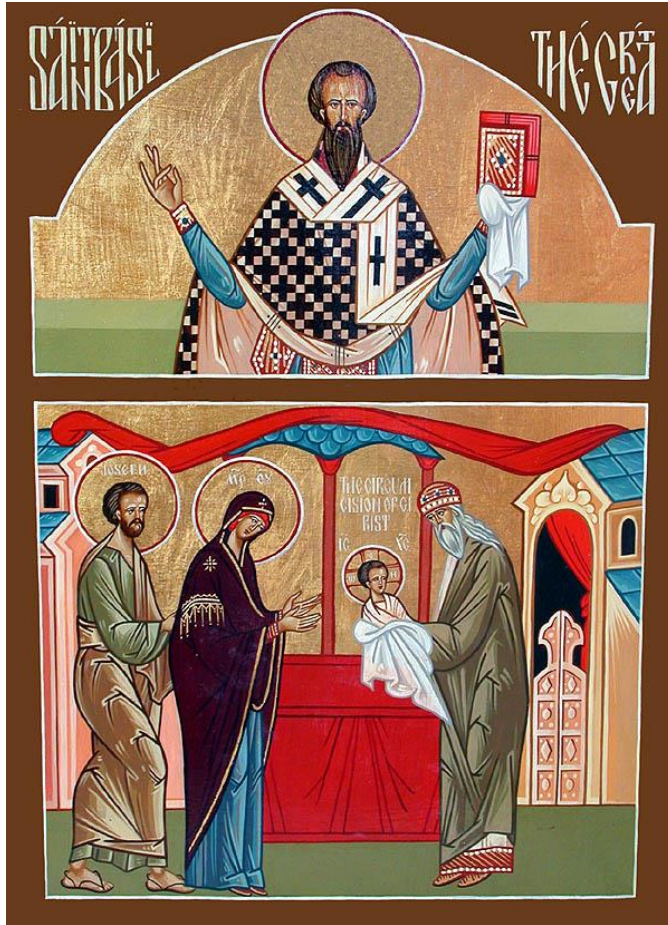


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, January 1, 2023

Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord  
St. Basil the Great, and St. Emmelia,  
the Mother of St. Basil the Great  
Sunday Before Theophany

**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# **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!

## 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, January 1, 2023**

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy; Followed by Fellowship Hour and Nativity Play Practice

### **Tuesday, January 3**

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

### **Thursday, January 5**

6:30 PM Vigil for Theophany, with the Blessing of Water

### **Friday, January 6**

9:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

*~ Home Blessings Begin on January 6, the Feast of Theophany. Please speak with Fr. David to schedule yours! ~*

### **Saturday, January 7**

3:30 PM Nativity Play Practice – in the Ministry Hall, Behind the Rectory

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

### **Sunday, January 8**

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy; Followed by Fellowship Hour and Nativity Play in the Ministry Hall

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**TODAY'S EPISTLES** **2 Timothy 4:5-8** My son Timothy: Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. **Colossians 2:8-12** Brethren: Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

**TODAY'S GOSPELS** **Mark 1:1-8** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." **Luke 2:20-21, 40-52** Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

## Many thanks to all those who participated in and supported our First Vacation Church School!



Check out the fun we had on Thursday & Friday learning to “Let Our Lights So Shine”!  
Special thanks to our parents, and Toni Weeks for helping with cool crafts!



## **RE-CLAIMING OUR HOMES FOR CHRIST: A NOTE ON HOUSE BLESSINGS**

When our homes are blessed, we reclaim our homes, and everyone and everything in them, for Christ: our wives, our husbands, our marriages... our children... our working and studying... our worrying and our struggling... our decisions and our dilemmas... our successes and our rejoicing: we reclaim all of our lives for Christ, by inviting Him into our inner sanctum.



The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. We show the Lord – and the devil – that we wish for God to physically expel every trace of sin, anger, bitterness, and worry that has invaded our homes and our families over the past year!

Plan your home blessing to happen at a time when **all family members can be present**, if at all possible.

When Father comes to bless the home, these things should be prepared:

- A lit candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for Holy Water should be on the table.
- All present in the house should participate. If kids are present, an icon for each child to carry (who is big enough to carry one) should also be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- Lists of Deceased and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Benedict, Seward; Tom; Mary Ann, William; John, Violet; Chester; Valerii, Valentina, Evgenii, Roman, Mata; Walda; Leon; Petro; Mary, Jason; Kim. Ever-memorable William Meade, William Haluszczak, Sr., Amelia Kosty (Mka. Tamara's grandmother); and all the departed named for St. Basil the Great and his mother, St. Emmelia (name day 1/1). 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; Pani Joan Mahler; Matushka Patricia Mason, Matushka Kathleen White; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred; Julie; Dorothy; Kathleen; Antonina; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke & Donald; recovering Catechumens Sue & Sarah; child Oliver; Tyler; Sue; Anna; James; Dmitri; expecting mothers Matushka Alexandra Karlgut, Matushka Margaret Brady, Krista, Laura, and the children to be born to them; Julie; Many; John; Nancy; Christa; Ilsa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Ryan; Child Hannah, Joshua, Helen, Erica, Ruth, Harriet, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Kate, David, Nicholas, Natalya; Anna; Kyriakos; and catechumens Charles, Sue, Amy, Stephen, Sarah, and Verity.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky; Fr. George & Matushka Paula; Archimandrite Joseph; Archpriest Anastasy Yatrelis; Fr. Sergius; Fr. John Kluchko; Dn. Alexander & Matushka Teresa Anderson; Matushka Hope Boback; Matushka Barbara Searfoorce, Matushka Kathy Toroney; Rdr. Vasily; Rdr. Joshua, Rdr. Fredric; Mykola; June, Mary, Steve, Michele, Alexandra, Gabriel; Maria; Zachary, Victoria, Joel; Kaitlin; Sean; Ann, Edward, Gleb, Dongguan, Michael; Maria, Oleg, Sergei, Marina, Valentina, Elena, Victor, Diane, Gergana, Dimo, Nadezda, Timothy, Rania; Anita, George; Aleksei. 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:** Rdr. William Haluszczak, Rdr. William Bolinsky, Emilia Karney, Amelia Harris, Emmelia Potteiger & Emmelia Rucks (St. Basil the Great & his mother, St. Emmelia, 1/1). **Birthdays:** Veronica Pearce (Fr. David's godmother, 1/1); Julie Charlanow (1/2), Carrie Matrona Hooper (1/3), Rdr. Thomas Cheplick (1/6); Nicholas Hojnicky (1/7). **Anniversary:** Rdr. Gabriel (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Tonsuring, 12/29).

#### **Parish Children:**

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Ezekiel	Aalyiah
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. 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.**

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