

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Sunday After Theophany

St. George the Chozebite (6th century)

Today, After Liturgy, Enjoy A Delicious Coffee Hour –

Then Come Over to the Big Ministry Hall for Our Christmas Showcase!

Featuring Our Nativity Play:

MISSION: INVISIBLE

And Special Musical Performances

Everyone is Invited!

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, January 8

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy; Followed by Fellowship Hour and Our Parish Christmas Showcase in the Ministry Hall
~ *Home Blessings Continue. Please speak with Fr. David to schedule yours!*~

Saturday, January 14

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, January 15

8:45 AM Chrismation of Catechumens Charles Patrick and Suzanne Elizabeth Hults

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School, and Teen Group

During Coffee Hour: Planning Meeting for Upcoming Fundraising Events – See Rdr. Alex for Details

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 4:7-13 Brethren: To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-17 At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

PLANNING FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2023: MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 15

The food sales we held in 2022 brought great energy and life to our parish family – partly of course because they helped very much with our regular expenses, but also in the fellowship enjoyed among our volunteers and the smiles you shared with our hundreds of guests! Please come to our next Fundraising Planning Meeting, next Sunday, January 15, at Fellowship Hour, and offer your talents and your enthusiasm to the events that we plan to hold during 2023. Thank you!

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 Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

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: Mitred Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky (+1/5); the soldier Alexander; Benedict, Seward; Tom; Mary Ann, William; John, Violet; Chester; Valerii, Valentina, Evgenii, Roman, Mata; Walda; Leon; Petro; Mary, Jason; Kim. 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; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred; Julie; Kathleen; Antonina; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke; recovering Catechumens Sue & Sarah; Robert; 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; Catechumens Charles and Sue, preparing to be received by Chrismation next Sunday; Catechumens 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. John Kluchko; Dn. Alexander & Matushka Teresa Anderson; Matushka Hope Joback; Matushka Barbara Searfoorce, Matushka Kathy Toroney; Rdr. Vasily; Rdr. Joshua, Rdr. Fredric; Alexei; Anastas and children; Mykola; June, Mary, Steve, Michele, Alexandra, Gabriel; Maria; Zachary, Victoria, Joel; Kaitlin; Sean. 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:** Nina Dudek (St. Nina of Georgia, 1/14)

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

Jan 7-14: Mary Carol Haluszczak ♦ Jan 14-21: Rdr. Samuel ♦ Jan 21-28: Rdr. Alexander ♦ Jan 28 – Feb 4: Rdr William (Three Hierarchs 1/29-30 & Meeting of the Lord 2/1-2) ♦ Feb 4-11: Mat. Tamara ♦ Feb 11-18: Mary Carol Haluszczak (Memorial Saturday 2/18) ♦ Feb 18-25: Rdr Gabriel ♦ Feb 25 – Mar 4: Rdr William (Week 1 of Lent) ♦ Mar 4-11: Rdr Dmitri (Week 2 of Lent & Memorial Saturday 3/11) ♦ Mar 11-18: Rdr Alexander (Week 3 of Lent & Memorial Saturday 3/18) ♦ Mar 18-25: Mary Carol Haluszczak (Week 4 of Lent & Annunciation 3/24-25) ♦ Mar 25 – Apr 1: Rdr Samuel (Week 5 of Lent) ♦ Apr 1-8: Mat. Tamara (Week 6 of Lent & Lazarus Saturday 4/8) ♦ Apr 8-9: Rdr Alexander (Saturday Vespers; Palm Sunday Hours & Epistle)

Holy Week 2023: Palm Sunday, Apr 9: Rdr Gabriel – Bridegroom Matins;

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, Apr 10, 11, 12:

Rdr Samuel – Bridegroom Matins & Presanctified Liturgy on 4/12;

Holy Thursday, Apr 13: Mat. Tamara – Vespertal Liturgy;

Holy Friday, Apr 14: All Readers – Royal Hours, Rdr Alexander – 3pm Vespers,

Rdr William – 7pm Lamentations;

Holy Saturday, Apr 15: Parish Children and Readers – Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil with 15 Old Testament Readings;

PASCHA, Apr 16: Reader William – Compline, Epistle at the Pascha Liturgy

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