

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, February 5, 2023

The Publican and the Pharisee • Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord
Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernigov

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, February 5

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*; Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School & Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

Saturday, February 11

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM *Great Vespers*; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, February 12

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

9:00 AM *Reception into the Catechumenate* of Raychel Benedict

Divine Liturgy; Followed by Fellowship and Church School

Annual Parish Meeting – All Welcome to Attend; See Below for Details

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR 2023: SUNDAY, FEB. 12, AFTER THE LITURGY

We've been so blessed with growth and new people this past year ... Your Parish Council invites you to come and see what is involved in sustaining and growing a parish family! All parishioners, catechumens and inquirers are welcome to attend and observe.

For a voice and a vote in the meeting, you must be an Orthodox Christian 18 years of age or older, have been an Orthodox Christian at least one year, have belonged to this parish for at least one year, partake of the Sacraments of Confession and Communion at least once a year, live in a manner consistent with the Orthodox Faith, and be a pledging steward of the parish.

If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please speak to Father David right away. To serve on the Parish Council, you must be an Orthodox Christian 18 years of age or older, have been an Orthodox Christian at least **two** years, have belonged to this parish for at least one year, partake of the Sacraments of Confession and Communion at least once a year, live in a manner consistent with the Orthodox Faith, and be a pledging steward of the parish.

– With love in Christ, Fr. David

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David at 732-3980, when a family member has been taken 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 My son Timothy: You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14 The Lord told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Great Fast of Lent begins on Monday, February 27, and continues until Holy PASCCHA (Easter), Sunday, April 16, with the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

During Lent we are called to abstain from meat and dairy products and from spiritually unproductive entertainment... so that we control our appetites, and our appetites do not control us!

Remember that this coming week, from today through Sunday, Feb. 12, is **fast-free**.

Meat and dairy may be enjoyed all this week, even on Wednesday and Friday.

This is not intended so that we can be gluttons, but so that we can start emptying out our pantries and freezers of foods from which we will fast when Lent comes.

UPCOMING CHOIR REHEARSALS:

After Liturgy on Sundays 2/5, 2/19

UPCOMING YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS:

At 3:30 PM on Saturdays 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Bishop TIKHON (Retired Bishop, OCA Diocese of the West); Mark; Edward, Jeff; June; Jeremy; James, Joan, Tatiana; Fr. Sergius; John; Mark; the soldier Alexander. All those taken from us 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; Pani Joan Mahler; Matushka Patricia Mason; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred; newly-Christmated Patrick and Elizabeth; Denis Kingsley, recovering from surgery; Christopher; Natalie; Bridget; Elleana; Jeanine; James; Julie; Kathleen; Antonina; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke; Catechumen Sarah; Elena; Robert; Tyler; Sue; Anna; James; Dmitri; expecting mothers Matushka Alexandra Karlgut, Matushka Margaret Brady, Matushka Krista Fedorchak, Laura, Jessica, 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; Sergei; Anna; Kyriakos; Catechumens Amy, Stephen, Sarah, and Verity.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbishop BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Fr. Angelo Artemas; Newly-ordained Priest Solomon Longo & Deacon Gregory Fedorchak; Protodeacon John Morvay; Seminarian Mark Solomon, preparing for ordination to the Holy Diaconate (Sat., 2/11); Rdr. Fredric; Rdr. Vasily; William; Vela, Sam, Patricia; Raymond, Anastasia, Anastas, Anastasia, Sergey, Margarita; Joseph, Ginger, Julia, Randy. All the clergy, faithful and their families of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. All those afflicted by sickness, violence, injury, and disaster.

Birthdays: Nancy Karney (2/4); Archpriest Gregory Safchuk (2/5); John Kohena (2/5). **Anniversary:** John & Loueva Kohena (2/5).

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

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 – Vespers 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 – Vespers 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.

Feb. 5 Weeks & Turic Families

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