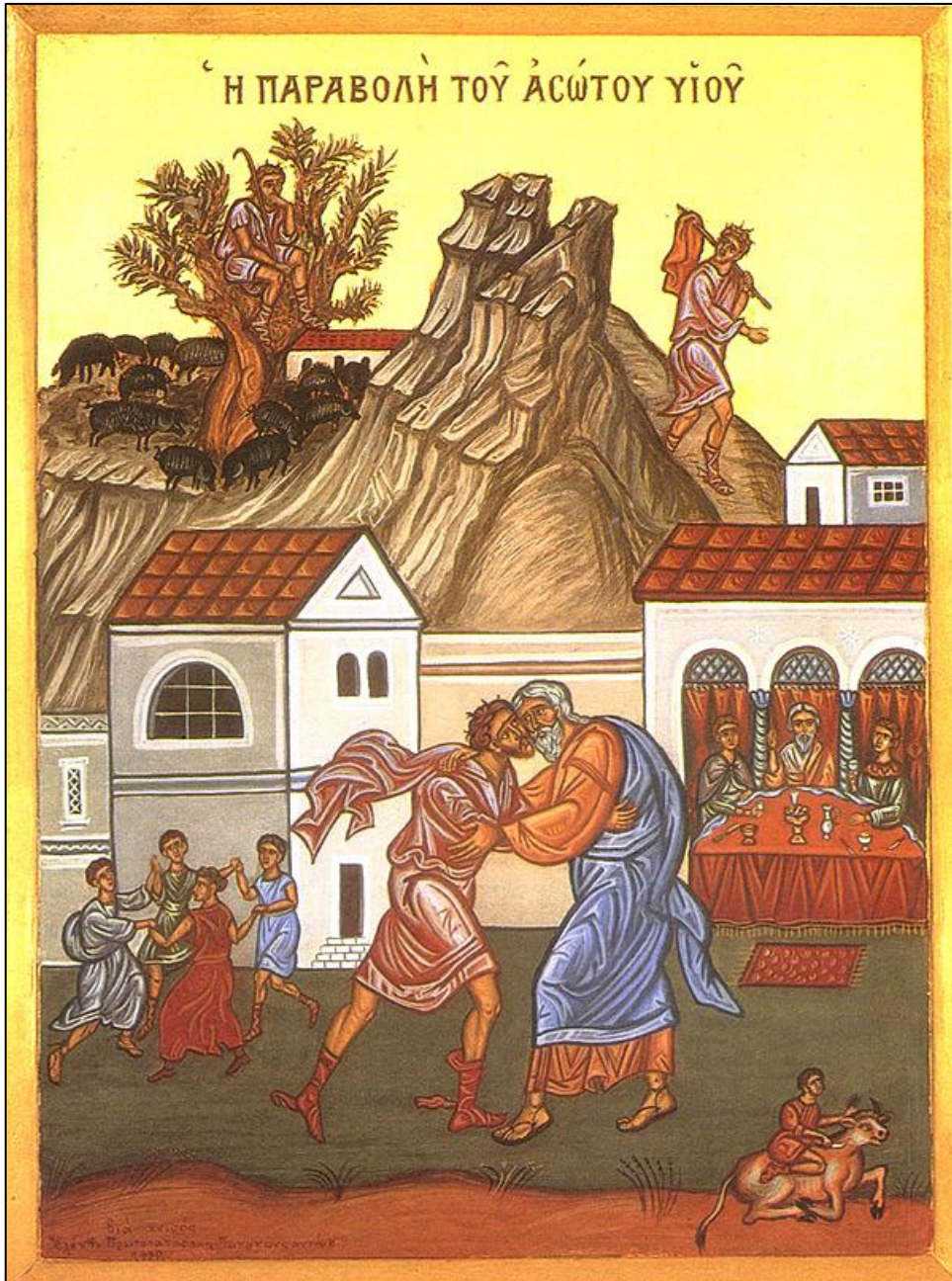


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Sunday, February 12, 2023

**The Prodigal Son • Beginning of the Lenten Triodion
St. Alexei, Metropolitan of Moscow (+1378)**

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 12

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

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

Divine Liturgy; Followed by Fellowship, with Chili Cookoff! – and Church School
Annual Parish Meeting – All Welcome to Attend; See Below for Details

Sunday, February 19

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

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

Saturday, February 18

9:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

10:00 AM *Memorial Divine Liturgy* of Meatfare Weekend

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR 2023: TODAY, 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.

– With love in Christ, Fr. David

The Great Fast of Lent begins on Monday, February 27, and continues until Holy PASCHA (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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Brethren: All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 15:11-32 The Lord told this parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Infant Isaiah Luke Fedorchak (+2/6); Archpriest Daniel Rentel (+2/7); Bishop TIKHON (Retired Bishop, OCA Diocese of the West); Bob Slater; Edward; Mark; Edward, Jeff; June; Jeremy; James, Joan, Tatiana; Fr. Sergius; John; Mark; the soldier Alexander. Ever-memorable Twila (Sue Hults' mother, +9/13/89) and Daniel (+9/13/22). All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Newly received Catechumen Raychel Benedict; newborn Elizabeth Catherine Rose Adkins (born to Laura & Ian, 2/9); 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-Christened 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, 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 Mark Solomon; Dn. Gregory & Matushka Krista Fedorchak; Protodeacon John Morvay; Rdr. Fredric; Rdr. Vasily; Barbara; 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. **Name Day:** Alexei Cheplick (St. Alexei, Metropolitan of Moscow, 2/12). **Anniversary:** Luka & Elena Herman (2/12).

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