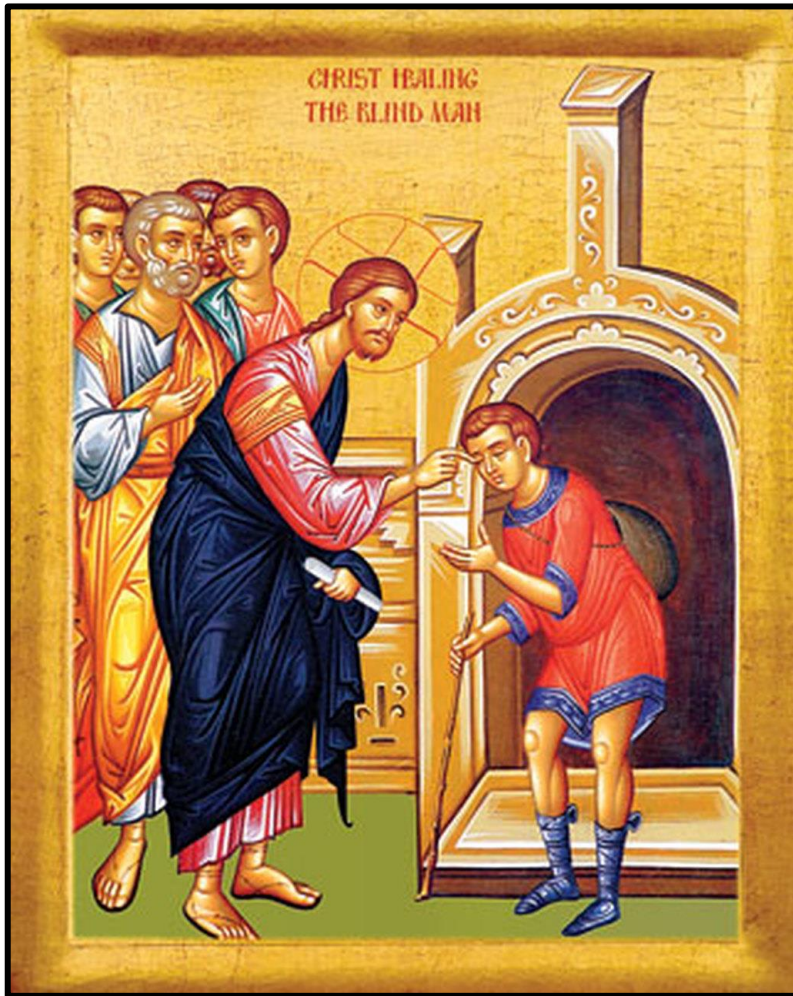


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Sunday, May 21, 2023 – Tone 5

Sixth Sunday of Pascha – The Blind Man

Saints Constantine the Great, Emperor; and

Helen, the Mother of Constantine

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

NEXT SUNDAY: MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS FOR VETERANS, LIVING AND DEPARTED

Please write your loved ones' names on the PRAYERS FOR VETERANS & SOLDIERS list on the candle desk; and we will pray for them next Sunday, in honor of Memorial Day.

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 – 6th Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Blind Man

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Reception as a Catechumen of Ian Adkins

Divine Liturgy; Fellowship Hour; Church School; Teen Group; Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 PM Vespers for the Leavetaking of Pascha; and

Reception as Catechumens of Zachary, Jessica, Anthony, Evangeline, Alfred, Rosemary and James Fanaro

Wednesday, May 24

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Leavetaking of Pascha

6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Great Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thursday, May 25 – The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, May 27

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, May 28 – 7th Sunday of Pascha; The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Memorial Day Prayers for Veterans & Soldiers; Fellowship Hour;
Last Church School Class for the School Year



The poster features a background image of people kayaking on a lake. On the left, there is a green tree icon with a cross on top. The text 'St. Andrew's Camp' is written in green and blue. 'Summer 2023' is in blue. 'Save the Dates!' is in large white letters. A yellow starburst contains the text: 'Volunteers are ALWAYS needed before, during and after the camping season! Contact us for more information.' Below the image, a green box contains the following text:

Week 1: Sunday, July 2 - Saturday, July 8 -- Horse Week 1
Week 2: Sunday, July 9 - Saturday, July 15 -- Mish Mash Week 1
Week 3: Sunday, July 16 - Saturday, July 22 -- Horse Week 2
Week 4: Sunday, July 23 - Saturday, July 29 -- Teen Week 1
Week 5: Sunday, July 30 - Saturday, August 5 -- Teen Week 2
Week 6: Monday, Aug. 7 - Friday, Aug. 11 -- Family Week
standrewscamp.org

LAST TEEN GROUP SESSION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:

Sunday, May 21 – at the Rectory

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE Acts 26:1-5, 12-20 In those days: Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: "I think myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, because you are especially familiar with all customs and controversies of the Jews; therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently. My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and at Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. Thus I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen Me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles--to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance."

GOSPEL John 9:1-38 At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Michael; Roberta; Irene; Rostislav; Frances; Carolyn; Irene, Ludmilla; Crispina; Barbara; Luis; Sylvia; Matushka Carol; Reader Paul; Barbara; Andrew, George, Natalie. All the departed named for Ss. Constantine & Helen, whose feast we celebrate today. All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Newly Illumined Verity, Sarah & Juliana; Matushka Kathryn Karney; Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; 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; Edward Hojnicky; Andy Rinchack (Amy's husband); Stephen; Maurice; Nancy; Richelle; Carrie Matrona; Helena; Elizabeth (Sue) Hults; David & Christopher; Eric & Bridget; Stephen; James; Julie; Kathleen; Antonina; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; James; Dmitri; Jessica & Alyssa and the children to be born of them; Deborah; Juliana; Many; John; Nancy; Christa; Ilsa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Ryan; Child Hannah, Joshua, Helen, Erica, Caitlin, Ruth, Harriet, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Kate, David; Marina; Michael, Holly; Nicholas, Natalya; Sergei; Nancy; Anna; Kyriakos; Catechumens Stephen, Raychel, Jason, Oliver, Emory & Ian.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbishop BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Mitred Archpriest George Hasenecz; Matushka Tamara Skvir; Rdr. Fredric; Michael; Sarah; Patricia; Joanne; child Michael, Matthew. 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:** All named for Ss. Constantine & Helen; Helena King (5/21). **Birthdays:** Dmitri Charlanow (5/23).

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Ezekiel	Aalyiah
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Julianna	Nadia	Gabriel	Justus	Samuel	Gabriel	Michael
Hannah	Raphael	Verity	Anna	Julie	Michelle	Aiden
Shea	Jack	Oliver				

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 • Anastasia Shikula & 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

May 20th – May 27th: Matushka Tamara & Parish Youth (Leavetaking Pascha 5/24, Ascension 5/25)

May 27th – June 3rd: Reader Alexander ♦ June 3rd – June 10th: Reader Dmitri (Pentecost 6/3& 6/4)

June 10th – 17th: Reader William ♦ June 17th – 24th: Mary Carol Haluszcak ♦ June 24th – July 1st: Mat. Tamara & Parish Youth

July 1st – 8th: Reader Alexander ♦ July 8th – 15th: Reader William ♦ July 15th – 22nd: Mary Carol Haluszcak

July 22nd – 29th: Reader Dmitri ♦ July 29th – August 5th: Parish Youth & Reader William to assist.

August 5th – 12th: Reader Alexander (Transfiguration 8/6) ♦ August 12th – 19th: Reader William

August 19th – 26th: Mary Carol Haluszcak ♦ August 26th – September 2nd: Matushka Tamara

SPRING 2023 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

May 21 Haluszcak & Dudek Families ♦ May 28 King Families

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Father 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.***