

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, October 22, 2023 – Tone 3**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**The Seven Holy Youths “Seven Sleepers” of Ephesus**

**St. Abercius, Bishop of Hieropolis**

For the story of the Saints in this unusual icon, see Page 4 of the Bulletin.

# SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

*Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at Web Address [www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights](http://www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights) or go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for "Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY"*

**Today – Sunday, October 22**

8:40 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

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

**Saturday, October 28**

5:00 PM Great Vespers;

Followed by Reception Into the Church by Chrismation of Ian and Elizabeth Adkins

**Sunday, October 29**

8:40 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

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

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE: Galatians 1:11-19** Brethren: I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31** The Lord said: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

**Keep up with the Daily Scripture Readings at [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings)**

## PARISH FOOD SALE FUND-RAISING EVENTS COMING UP:

**Thursday, November 9 • Saturday, December 16**

Volunteers are gratefully welcomed to work at the sales.

Please speak with Reader Alex to offer your help. His email is [ancharlanow@yahoo.com](mailto:ancharlanow@yahoo.com).

which unfortunately was cancelled by the Village's organizers due to the rain.

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Margaret; Judy; John; Helen; Pani Mary; Carol, Joseph; Tamara; Konstantinos; Eric; John; Matushka Priscilla; Tatjana, Marie. All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Newborn Elea Taylor and her mother, Brianna Lyon; Newly Baptized Sophia Parker; Matushka Tamara, Matushka Kathryn; Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Fr. Jason Kappanadze, Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Fr. Ian Shipley and his children; Fr. Herman & Mat. Cynthia Schick, Fr. Moses Berry; Fr. Joseph & Matushka Ellen Chupeck; Pani Joan Mahler; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred; Paul & Mildred Urda; children Evangeline & Leonidas; Shawn; Gregory; Steven & Patricia Olson; Carl; Edward; Maurice; Kathleen; Nancy; David, David & Penny; James; Julie; Antonina; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; Eyerin and the child to be born of her; Deborah; Juliana; John; Christa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Child Hannah, Joshua, Ilsa, Erica, Caitlin, Helen, Ruth, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra; Nicholas, Sergei; Nancy; Anna; Shay & Jennifer; Catechumens Stephen, Raychel, Jason, Oliver, Emory & Ian.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Fr. John Shimchick; Fr. Alexander Smida; Protodeacon John Morvay; Sub-deacon Nektary & Susan Lukianov; Rdr. Fredric; Zacharay, William, Nicholas, John; Zoran & Rada; Walter, Taisa, David, Michael, Dave and his family; Alexandra, child Jake; Gregory; Dana, soldiers Jeremy & Nathaniel; George, Sonia; Gary; Paul; infant Rose; Robert; Rick; Anne; Vera; Maria, Herman, Candice, Nicholas. 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:** Rdr. Dmitri Charlanow (Great Martyr Demetrius, 10/26);

**Birthday:** Steven Cheplick (10/27). **Anniversary:** Amy & Andy Rinchack (30 years, 10/23). **Traveling:** Dn. Michael, preparing to travel; Kevin Stephen.

#### **Parish Children:**

|            |          |          |         |         |             |           |              |
|------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| Lucia      | Hannah   | Jeremiah | Andrew  | Myra    | Ezekiel     | Aalyiah   | Sophia       |
| Lydia      | Natalie  | Emilia   | Patrick | Sophia  | Rdr. Dmitri | Jonah     | Gabriel      |
| Angelina   | John     | Thomas   | Nikolai | Melania | Alexei      | Nadia     | Rdr. Gabriel |
| Justus     | Elea     | Samuel   | Gabriel | Michael | Hannah      | Raphael   | Verity       |
| Julie      | Michelle | Aiden    | Shea    | Jack    | Oliver      | Elizabeth | Anthony      |
| Evangeline | Alfred   | Rosemary | James   | Brighid | Dorothea    |           |              |

#### **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 • Julianna Cheplick – SUNY Delhi  
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**

October 21st -28th: Natalie Karney & Lydia Dudek • October 28th – Nov. 4th: Reader William

Nov. 4th -11th: Mary Carol Haluszczak • Nov. 11th -18th: Reader Alexander

Nov. 18th -25th: Reader William (Entrance of Theotokos – 11/20 & 21) • Nov. 25th -Dec. 2nd: Reader Dmitri

Dec. 2nd -9th: Natalie Karney & Lydia Dudek (St. Nicholas 12/5 & 6) • Dec. 9th – 16th: Mary Carol Haluszczak

Dec. 16th -23rd: Reader Dmitri • Dec. 23rd– Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> • Reader Alexander (Nativity 12/24 &25)

Dec. 30th – Jan. 6th Reader William (Circumcision 12/31 & 1/1, Theophany 1/5 & 1/6)

### **FALL 2023 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE**

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

Oct 22 Rinchack and Strichartz Families ♦ Oct 29 Speen Family

Nov 5 Cusick, Hults, and Urda Families ♦ Nov 12 Cheplick Families

Nov 19 (Nativity Fast) Karney Families ♦ Nov 26 (Nativity Fast) Weeks & Turic Families

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR FALL RE-STOCKING**

The following supplies are needed for Fellowship Hour, if you can donate:

**Hot cups, small plates, large plates, forks**

Thank you!

### **YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

**In the Church, Saturdays at 3:30 PM on these dates:**

October 28 • November 11 • November 18

November 25 • December 2 • December 9 • December 16

## THE SEVEN YOUTHS, OR “SEVEN SLEEPERS” OF EPHESUS

The Seven Youths of Ephesus: Maximilian, Iamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Constantine, and Antoninus, lived in the third century. Saint Maximilian was the son of the Ephesus city administrator, and the other six youths were sons of illustrious citizens of Ephesus. The youths were childhood friends, and all were in military service together. When the emperor Decius (249-251) arrived in Ephesus, he commanded all the citizens to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Torture and death awaited anyone who disobeyed. The seven youths were denounced by informants, and were summoned to reply to the charges. Appearing before the emperor, the young men confessed their faith in Christ.

Their military belts and insignia were quickly taken from them. Decius permitted them to go free, however, hoping that they would change their minds while he was off on a military campaign. The youths fled from the city and hid in a cave on Mount Ochlon, where they passed their time in prayer, preparing for martyrdom.

The youngest of them, Saint Iamblicus, dressed as a beggar and went into the city to buy bread. On one of his excursions into the city, he heard that the emperor had returned and was looking for them. Saint Maximilian urged his companions to come out of the cave and present themselves for trial.

Learning where the young men were hidden, the emperor ordered that the entrance of the cave be sealed with stones so that the saints would perish from hunger and thirst. Two of the dignitaries at the blocked entrance to the cave were secret Christians. Desiring to preserve the memory of the saints, they placed in the cave a sealed container containing two metal plaques. On them were inscribed the names of the seven youths and the details of their suffering and death.

The Lord placed the youths into a miraculous sleep lasting almost two centuries. In the meantime, the persecutions against Christians had ceased. During the reign of the holy emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450) there were heretics who denied that there would be a general resurrection of the dead at the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some of them said, “How can there be a resurrection of the dead when there will be neither soul nor body, since they are disintegrated?” Others affirmed, “The souls alone will have a restoration, since it would be impossible for bodies to arise and live after a thousand years, when even their dust would not remain.” Therefore, the Lord revealed the mystery of the Resurrection of the Dead and of the future life through His seven saints.

The owner of the land on which Mount Ochlon was situated, discovered the stone construction, and his workers opened up the entrance to the cave. The Lord had kept the youths alive, and they awoke from their sleep, unaware that almost two hundred years had passed. Their bodies and clothing were completely undecayed.

Preparing to accept torture, the youths once again asked Saint Iamblicus to buy bread for them in the city. Going toward the city, the youth was astonished to see a cross on the gates. Hearing the name of Jesus Christ freely spoken, he began to doubt that he was approaching his own city.

When he paid for the bread, Iamblicus gave the merchant coins with the image of the emperor Decius on it. He was detained, as someone who might be concealing a horde of old money. They took Saint Iamblicus to the city administrator, who also happened to be the Bishop of Ephesus. Hearing the bewildering answers of the young man, the bishop perceived that God was revealing some sort of mystery through him, and went with other people to the cave.

At the entrance to the cave the bishop found the sealed container and opened it. He read upon the metal plaques the names of the seven youths and the details of the sealing of the cave on the orders of the emperor Decius. Going into the cave and seeing the saints alive, everyone rejoiced and perceived that the Lord, by waking them from their long sleep, was demonstrating to the Church the mystery of the Resurrection of the Dead.

Soon the emperor himself arrived in Ephesus and spoke with the young men in the cave. Then the holy youths, in sight of everyone, lay their heads upon the ground and fell asleep again, this time until the General Resurrection.

There is a prayer of the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus in the GREAT BOOK OF NEEDS (Trebnik) for those who are ill and cannot sleep. The Seven Sleepers are also mentioned in the service for the Church New Year, September 1.



Basket Raffles  
too!



ST. ANDREW'S CAMP FUNDRAISER

Presented by orthodox Parishes of the Southern Tier

**SPAGHETTI & SONG**

**DINNER SHOW**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH // 5PM-8PM

***INCLUDES: APPETIZERS, SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS,  
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ST. ANDREW STAFF &  
CAMPER PERFORMANCES

TABLE SIDE:  
"BID FOR A BALLAD"  
SPECIAL GUEST SINGERS

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# **Spaghetti & Song Dinner Show Update...**

**This “fun-raiser” is being put on by our area parishes  
in Binghamton, Elmira Heights,  
Endicott and Lansing to benefit St. Andrew’s Camp.**

**There will be a number of Camp Directors, Priests, Counselors  
and Campers performing a wide array of music: Broadway, Pop,  
Jazz, Country and Slavic & Celtic Folk and Classical.**

**Performers so far...**

**Fr. David Cowan, Fr. Jason Vansuch, Fr. Joel Brady,  
Dn. Gregory Fedorchak, Kristy Zaitsev,  
Mat. Tamara Cowan, Mat. Krista Fedorchak,  
Lonn Bologna, Kaedon Campbell,  
Fr. Nicholas Molodyko-Harris, Carrie Hooper,  
Andrew Karlgut, and Lawrence Barlow.**

**Basket Raffles and “Bid for a Ballad” will add to the excitement!**

**Kids 12 and under are free!**

**Please join us for an evening not to miss!**

**See Matushka Tamara for tickets or  
to make a donation if you cannot attend.**

**Thank you for your support!!**

**With love in Christ,  
The Campers, Counselors, Camp Directors,  
Clergy, and Trustee Leaders of Saint Andrew’s Orthodox Camp**