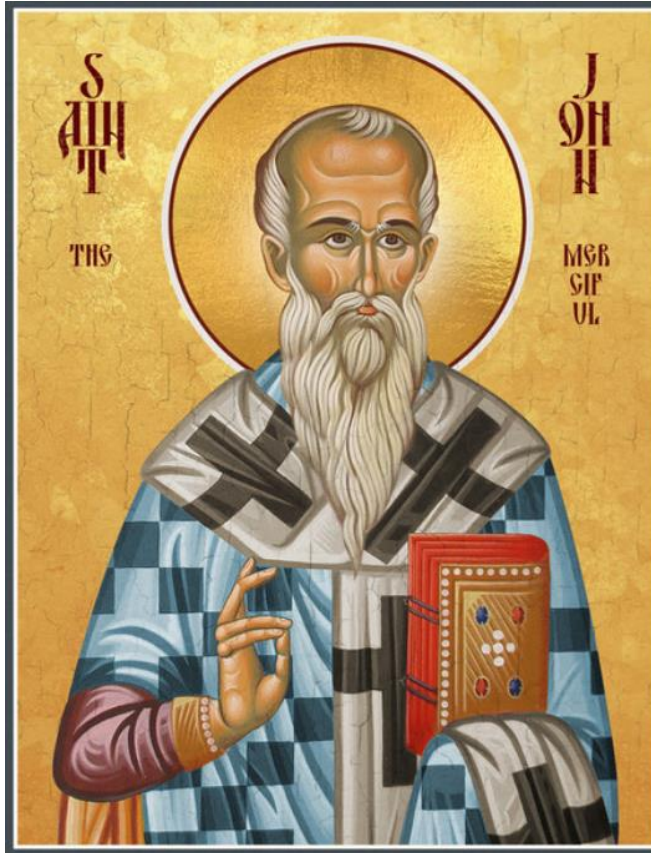


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 12, 2023 – Tone 6**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (620 AD)**

**St. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5<sup>th</sup> c. AD)**

**Many Thanks...**

To everyone who helped put on a very successful Slavic Sampler Food Sale on Nov. 9!

**ATTENTION BAKERS!**

Anyone who can: Please bake 12 dozen cookies for our Christmas Bake Sale, happening Saturday, December 16, 10 AM – 1 PM. Bring your cookies to the Ministry Hall by 9:00 AM that day. Please let Rdr. Alex Charlanow know what kind you are making. Thank you!

**Wednesday, Nov. 15 begins the 40-Day Fast in preparation for the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Fast ends with the participation in Holy Communion, at the Divine Liturgy of our Lord's Nativity (Christmas) on Dec. 25. During the Fast we strive to abstain from meat, from dairy as best we can, and from spiritually unproductive entertainment, conversation, and distraction. **And it is crucial to offer Confession during this season, as well.** Confession is available regularly on Saturdays after Vespers, or by appointment during the week.*

# 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, November 12

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 Choir Rehearsal

## Saturday, November 18

1:00 PM Baptism of Elea Taylor

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal, in the Church

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

## Sunday, November 19

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

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour

At Fellowship Hour: Assembling Thanksgiving Dinners for Local Families

Talk on "Money and Salvation" by Dn. Michael and Amy Rinchack

## Monday, November 20

6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Feast of the Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple

## Tuesday, November 21 – Great Feast, The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple

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

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

6:30 PM Akathist of Thanksgiving, "Glory to God for All Things"

## Saturday, November 25

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

## Sunday, November 26

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 Ephesians 2:4-10** Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37** At that time, behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**Read the Daily Scriptures: [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings)**

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** David Allington, Tom Rennie; Elmer; Irina; Margaret, Beatrice; Michael; Robert; Margaret. All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster; especially all of our departed Veterans and Soldiers on this Veteran's Day weekend.

**For Health:** Newly Christmated Ian & child Elizabeth Adkins; Newborn Elea Taylor and her parents, Brianna & Tyeler; Reader Eliaz and Morgan, newly Crowned in Holy Matrimony; Matushka Tamara, Matushka Kathryn; 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; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred; Michael & Natalie; Shawn; Gregory; Patricia; Carl; Edward; Kathleen; Nancy; 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; Gabriel; Nicholas, Sergei; Nancy; Anna; Catechumens Stephen, Raychel, Jason, Oliver & Emory.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Protodeacon John Morvay; Deacon John Komline; Matushka Doreen Bartholomew; Rdr. Fredric; infant Raphael, Mihail & Rina; Mary, Silviu; Olivia, Ann, Danuta, Kathy, Masha, Mary, Anna, Anastasia, Serge, Serge; Tina; Kathy, Annalise and her newborn daughter Ida, Kevin; Joseph, Iliya, Stephen, Elora, Maria; Eleni; Demetrios, Tamara; Cynthia, Denis, Igor, Ekaterina, Andrea & Viktor; Aleksandr, Lia, Viktor, Ludmila; Patricia; Graham, Michael, Christine, Olga & Dillon; soldiers Payton, Nathaniel & Jeremy. 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. All of our Veterans and Soldiers, remembered especially on this Veteran's Day weekend. **Name Day:** John McKane (St. John the Merciful, 11/12), Ian Adkins (St. John Chrysostom, 11/13). **Birthdays:** Natalie Karney (11/14); James Cowan (Fr. David's dad, 11/15); Zachariah Haluszczak (11/16).

#### 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	Brigid	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

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.**

Nov 12 Cheplick Families

Nov 19 (Nativity Fast) Karney Families ♦ Nov 26 (Nativity Fast) Cowan Family

Dec 3 (Nativity Fast and Sunday Before St. Nicholas Day) Davis Family

December 10 (Nativity Fast) Cowan Family ♦ December 17 (Nativity Fast) King Families

December 24 (Eve of Nativity) – Coffee Only, to allow Setup for Holy Supper

December 31 (New Year's Eve) Christmas Leftovers Potluck

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Sun 11/12 after Liturgy • Sat 11/18 after Vespers • Sat 12/2 after Liturgy

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS:** (These Saturdays, 3:30 PM)

11/11 • 11/18 • (No Rehearsal 11/25) • 12/2 • 12/9 • 12/16

# The Proclamation of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America on the Glorification of the Righteous Servant of God Matushka Olga

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To the beloved Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America

*God is wondrous in His Saints!* – November 8, 2023, Chicago, IL

- The [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) of the Orthodox Church in America has heard the petition of The Right Reverend ALEXEI, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, expressed in his November 2, 2023 letter to His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, concerning the glorification of the Servant of God, the Righteous Matushka Olga.
- In this letter, His Grace Bishop ALEXEI states: “I am writing to Your Beatitude with respect to the departed handmaiden of God and faithful Orthodox Christian, Matushka Olga (Michael) of Kwethluk, [well] known by the pious peoples of the Kuskokwim. Her humility, her generosity, her piety, her patience, and her selfless love for God and neighbor were well-known in the Kuskokwim villages during her earthly life. Her care for comforting the suffering and the grieving has also been revealed after her life by grace-filled manifestations to the faithful throughout not only Alaska, but all of North America. The first peoples of Alaska are convinced of her sanctity and the great efficacy of her prayers. For this reason, after prayerful consideration, I, Alexei, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, am hereby making the formal request to Your Beatitude as the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America to begin the process that, if it be in accord with God’s will, would lead to her glorification.”
- The Holy Synod, having prayerfully reflected upon this petition and having observed and acknowledged the sincere devotion among the faithful of Alaska and beyond, has unanimously determined that the time for the glorification of Matushka Olga has arrived, fulfilling the hopes and prayers of pious Orthodox Christians throughout Alaska and the entire world.
- THEREFORE, meeting in Solemn Assembly in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois, under the Presidency of The Most Blessed TIKHON, Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada, We, the Members of The Holy Synod of The Orthodox Church in America, do hereby decide and decree that the ever-memorable Servant of God MATUSHKA OLGA be numbered among the saints. With one mind and one heart, we also resolve that her honorable remains be considered as holy relics; that a special service be composed in her honor; that her feast be celebrated on November 10 (October 28, old style) and the Feast of All Saints of North America, the Second Sunday after Pentecost; that holy icons be prepared to honor the newly-glorified saint in accordance with the Canons of the Sacred Ecumenical and Regional Councils; that her life be published for the edification of the Faithful, that the name of the new saint be communicated to the Primates of all Sister Churches for inclusion in their calendars; and that the date and location of the Rite of Glorification be communicated to the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of our Church in due time.
- FURTHER, we entrust to the Canonization Commission of The Orthodox Church in America, under the Chairmanship of The Most Reverend DANIEL, Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest, with the honorable task of assisting The Right Reverend ALEXEI, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska, in preparing for the celebration of the glorification by providing an authorized *Life* of Matushka Olga for the education and edification of the Faithful, with overseeing the painting of holy icons of her, in keeping with the canonical iconographical tradition of the Church, with the composition of liturgical texts to be sung at the Divine Services in which she will be commemorated, and with assisting in the uncovering and recognition of her holy relics, and in promoting her veneration among all the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of our Church.
- We call upon the faithful to remember Matushka Olga at Memorial Services or Litanies for the Departed when appropriate until the day of her glorification.
- Through the prayers of Matushka Olga and of all the Saints who have shone forth in North America, may the Lord grant His mercies and blessings to all who seek her heavenly intercession with faith and love. Amen.



**Visit the Diocese of New York  
and New Jersey’s  
Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska  
Ministry, for women and families  
faced with crisis pregnancy,  
infant loss, or abuse:  
[https://nynjoca.org/  
blessedmatushkaolgaofalaskaministry](https://nynjoca.org/blessedmatushkaolgaofalaskaministry)**





# THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

On Sunday, November 19, after the Liturgy, our Church School and Teen Group families will pack Thanksgiving baskets for local families in need. Our goal this year is to make 10 baskets. Each family is asked to choose one of the following foods, to bring on or before Sunday, Nov. 19. See Matushka Tamara or Matushka Katie to sign up for the category of food that you wish to bring.

~~-Stovetop Stuffing, 20 boxes – Donated!~~

~~-Instant Mashed potatoes, 10 boxes – Donated!~~

-Gravy, 20 cans/jars

-Yams, 10 Large cans

-Mini Marshmallows, 10 bags

~~-Corn, 20 cans – Donated!~~

~~-Green Beans, 20 cans – Donated!~~

~~-French fried onions, 10 cans – Donated!~~

~~-Cranberry relish, 10 cans – Donated!~~

~~-Corn bread mix, 20 packages – Donated!~~

~~-Chicken broth, 10 cans – Donated!~~

-Funds for 10 Pre-Made Pumpkin Pies (\$5 each)

-Funds for 10 Turkeys (\$25 each)

**Thank you for being a part of this charitable effort ...**

giving thanks to God by enabling other families to celebrate a bountiful Thanksgiving!

**Join us Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 20-21,** between the Services for the

Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple, to pass out the

baskets to their recipients. If you know someone in need who could benefit

from one of these baskets, please let Fr. David or Mat. Tamara know.

**Let's ALL share in this important Labor of Love!**

**We will take a Special Collection the next three Sundays for the Alaskan Clergy Fund. Please be as generous as you can.**

**Consider offering the funds you save by eating out less during the Nativity Fast.**

**Thank you!**

## **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 taken to the hospital.

**Anointing In Sickness:** The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for any Orthodox Christian 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 cremated persons.***

A N N U A L

# Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday  
December 16

Pickup time 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



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