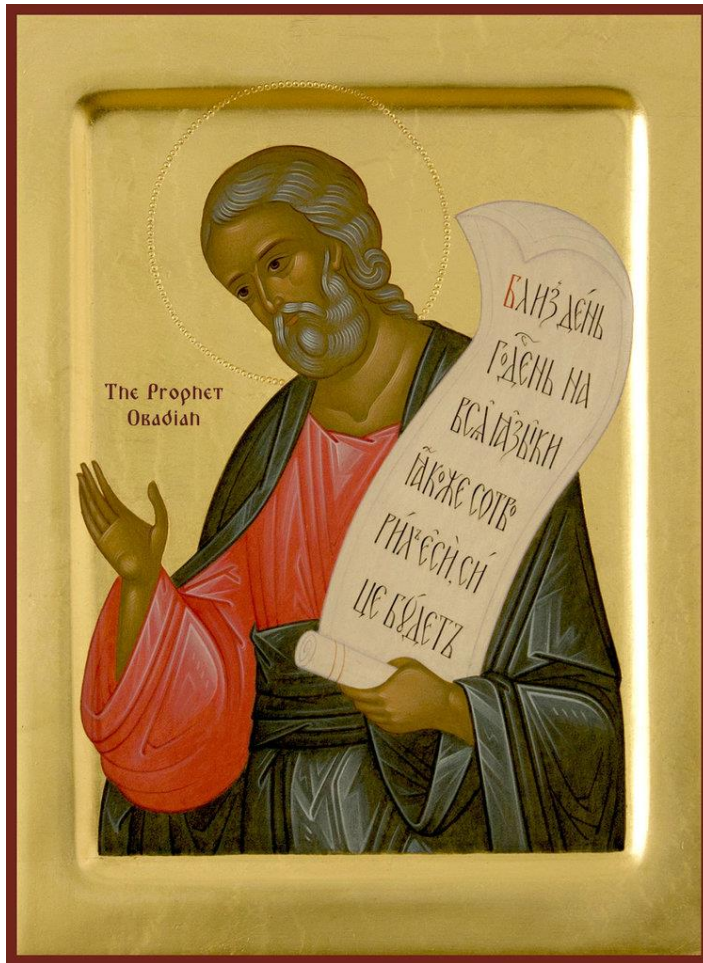


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 19, 2023 – Tone 7**

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

**St. Obadiah, the Prophet (9<sup>th</sup> c, BC) ♦ Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea (3<sup>rd</sup> c, AD)**

**St. Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow (11/19/1867)**

## **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!

***We are in the season of Advent, the 40-Day Nativity Fast in preparation for the Birth of 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 19

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

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, with Churching of Alia Taylor; After Liturgy: Mystery of Unction for Manya Turic

Followed by Fellowship Hour:

Packing Thanksgiving Baskets for Local Families

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

Teen Group Meets

## Monday, November 20

Daytime: Delivering Thanksgiving Dinners to Local Families

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

Daytime: Delivering Thanksgiving Dinners to Local Families

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 2:14-22** Brethren: Christ Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**GOSPEL Luke 12:16-21** The Lord spoke this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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

**We are continuing to take a Special Collection 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!**

## Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Protodeacon Nicholas Jannakos; Matthew; David, Tom; Elmer; Irina; Margaret, Beatrice; Michael; Robert; Margaret. Ever-memorable Elizabeth Holobinko (birthday, 11/19). All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Newly Chrismated Ian & child Elizabeth Adkins; Newly Baptized Alia Taylor; Manya, preparing for surgery Friday 11/25; recovering Denis & Rdr. Gabriel; 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; Robert, Michael & Natalie Karney; Paul, Jack & Denise; Shawn; Gregory; Patricia; Carl; Olga; Edward; Kathleen; Nancy; David, Penny; James; Julie; Antonina; Nancy Elizabeth; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; Kathryn Symons, Eyerin, and the children to be born of them; Deborah; Juliana; John; Christa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Child Hannah, Joshua, Ilsa, Erica, Caitlin, Helen, Ruth, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra; Nicholas, Sergei; Nancy; Anna; Catechumens Stephen, Raychel, Jason, Oliver & Emory.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbishop BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Archpriest Thomas Kadlec; Archpriest David Fox; Protodeacon John Morvay; Matushka Doreen Bartholomew; Rdr. Fredric; Lasha; 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. 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. **Name Day:** Alexander Charlanow, Sr. and Rdr. Alexander Charlanow (St. Alexander Nevsky, 11/23); Matushka Kathryn Karney, Kathleen Loveland, Katherine McKane, and Kathryn Payzant (St. Katherine the Great Martyr, 11/24). **Birthday:** Ezekiel King-Styles (11/19), Deborah King (11/20), Julie Devens (11/21), Leonidas Callas (11/22), John McKane (11/25). **Anniversary:** Dimitry & Rita Molodyko (Mat. Tamara's brother and sister-in-marriage, 11/23).

### **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. 18th – 25th: Reader William (Entrance of Theotokos – 11/20 & 21) • Nov. 25th – Dec. 2nd: Reader Dmitri  
Dec. 2nd – 9th: Mary-Carol Haluszczak (St. Nicholas 12/5 & 6) • Dec. 9th – 16th: Natalie Karney, Lydia Dudek & Emilia Karney  
Dec. 16th – 23rd: Reader Dmitri • Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dec. 30th: 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 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

**NEXT ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sat 12/2 after Liturgy

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS:** (These Saturdays, 3:30 PM) 12/2 • 12/9 • 12/16

## **COMING UP:**

- Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:00 PM: Adult Education Class – In Church, And By Zoom
- Thursday, Nov. 30, 6:30 PM: Parish Council Meeting – In the Church
- Friday, Dec. 1, 6:30 PM: Daily Vespers, Feasts of St. Porphyrios of Mt. Athos and the Prophet Habakkuk
- Saturday, Dec. 2: 9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy, Fr. David's 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
3:00 PM: Decorating the Church for St. Nicholas Day and the Nativity of Christ
- Sunday, Dec. 3, After the Liturgy: "Visit from Saint Nicholas!"
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 12:00 PM: Panikhida for the Departed Members of the Kappanadze Family

## NATIVITY PLAY & TALENT SHOWCASE

This year the Church School children will be performing "The Nativity Story" on Sunday, December 31, followed by the 2nd Annual Parish Talent Showcase.

The show will begin after Fellowship Hour.

All ages are welcome to participate and share their talents of musical instruments, singing, poetry, comedy, sport skills, etc.

Please sign up with Mat. Tamara or Mat. Katie if you would like to perform.

Dress Rehearsal for both the Nativity Play and the Talent Showcase will be Saturday, December 30, 3:00-4:45pm, in the Ministry Hall.

# ANNUAL Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday  
December 16

Pickup time 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



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### 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.***