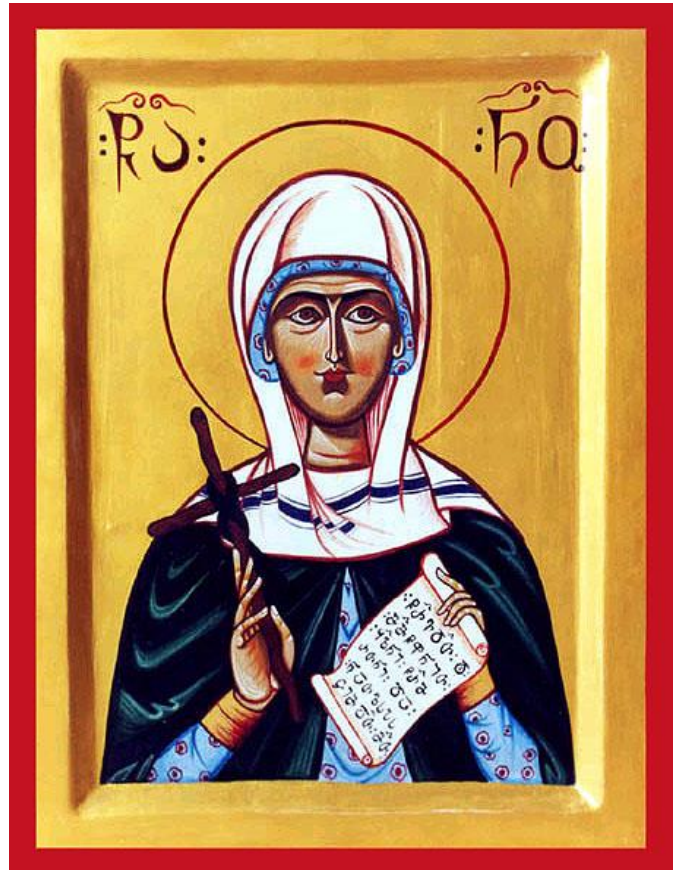
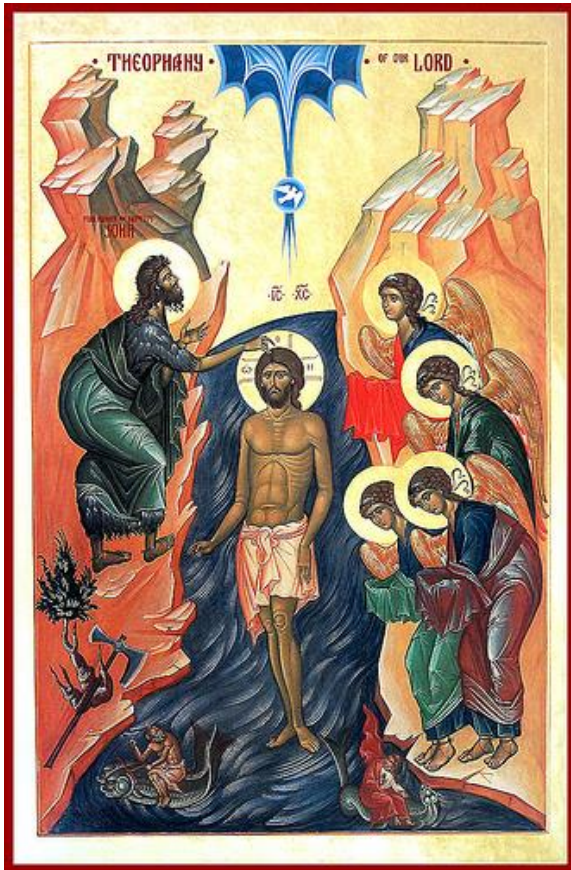


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**Sunday, January 14, 2024 – Tone 7**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Leavetaking of the Feast of Theophany**

**St. Nina of Georgia, Equal-to-the-Apostles**

**It's TODAY!**

**NATIVITY PLAY & TALENT SHOWCASE**

**The show will begin after Fellowship Hour.**

**Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the show!**

**HOME BLESSINGS Are Happening!**

Contact Fr. David to schedule yours, at 732-3980 or [frdavidcowan@gmail.com](mailto:frdavidcowan@gmail.com)

If you're reading this by computer or phone,  
click [here](#) to schedule your home blessing online.

# 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, January 14**

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

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour Downstairs, and then, All Are Invited to --  
The Annual Parish Christmas Showcase! – in the Ministry Hall

**Tuesday, January 16**

6:30 PM Prayer Service for the Victims of Abortion

**Friday, Jan. 19 – March for Life in Washington DC; Find “March for Life” on Facebook or YouTube to Watch!**

**Saturday, January 20**

5:00 PM Reader Vespers

**Sunday, January 21**

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

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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**TODAY’S EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10-17** Brethren, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**TODAY’S GOSPEL Luke 18:35-43** At that time, it happened, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God. **Daily Readings: [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings)**

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR 2024: SUNDAY, FEB. 4, AFTER THE LITURGY

We’ve been so blessed with growth and new people again 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.

**If you are interested in serving on the Parish Council, please speak to Fr. David by Wednesday, Jan. 23.**

To serve on the Parish Council, you must be an Orthodox Christian 18 years of age or older, have been an Orthodox Christian at least **two** years, 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





# MARCH FOR LIFE

**FRIDAY, JAN. 19, WASHINGTON, DC**

## **WHY WILL WE STILL MARCH? – from the March For Life Website**

Even with the wonderful blessing of Roe v. Wade being overturned, which allows more freedom at the state level to enact pro-life laws, the necessary work to build a culture of life in the United States of America is not finished. Rather, it is focused differently. Sadly, the number of abortions annually is still well over 900,000 each year, and that number is expected to decrease only by roughly 200,000 each year in a post-Roe America. Many national legislative battles loom, including even keeping longstanding Hyde protections, which limit government funding for abortion on annual appropriation bills. The Hyde Amendment has saved over 2 million lives and is arguably the most impactful pro-life policy in our nation's history, but now cannot be taken for granted. Last, our most important work is changing hearts and minds. The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture to ultimately make abortion unthinkable.

With the role of the states being more important, we are also growing a strong state march for life initiative quickly, however, we will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

For more information on the March for Life, visit [www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)

Zoe For Life Southern Tier, led by Matushka Marge Kappanadze: <https://zoeforlifestier.org/>

Diocesan Pro-Life Ministry of Blessed Matushka Olga:

<https://nynjoca.org/blessedmatushkaolgaofalaskaministry>



### **Prayer List**

**Memory Eternal:** Archpriest Moses Berry; Helen; Thomas, Josie; Joseph, Michael; Anna; Frances; Robert Karney; Peyton; Randy; Steve; Geiza; Sonia. All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Reader Thomas Cheplick; recovering Verity, Leonidas & Many; Matushka Kathryn; Matushka Tamara, Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Fr. Jason Kappanadze; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Fr. Herman & Mat. Cynthia Schick; Fr. Joseph & Matushka Ellen Chupeck; Pani Joan Mahler; Janine; Nancy, Charles & Jason; Brandy; Shawn; Gregory; Patricia; Carl; Olga; Edward; Kathleen; Nancy; David; James; Julie; Antonina; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; expecting mothers Elena, Rachel, Kathryn, Eyerin, and the children to be born of them; Deborah; Juliana; Ian; 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:** Archbp. BENJAMIN; Bishop MATTHIAS; Fr. Timothy Holowatch; Dn. John Komline; Matushka Donnalynn Morvay; infants Sophia & Gabriel; Christine; Ellen, Laura; infant Mikayla, Mary, Ronald, Andrew; Paul, Nadezda, Anastasia, Alexandra, Denis, infant Daniel; Loraine; Richard, Bonnie; William; child Elizabeth; Linda, Richard; Dennis, Frances. All the clergy, faithful and their families of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey.

**Name Day:** Nina Dudek (St. Nina of Georgia, 1/14); Anthony Fanaro; Anthony Lyon (St. Anthony the Great, 1/17); Rdr. Gabriel Kyrill Cowan (St. Cyril of Alexandria, 1/18). **Birthdays:** Ronald Hooper (Carrie's dad, 1/17).

#### **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:** 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**

Jan. 13th – Jan. 20th: Emilia Karney, Natalie Karney & Lydia Dudek

Jan. 20th -Jan. 27th: Reader Alexander; Jan. 27th – Feb. 3rd: Reader William (Three Hierarchs 1/30 & Meeting of Lord 2/2)

Feb. 3rd – Feb. 10th: Mat. Tamara & Reader Gabriel

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE**

Jan 14 Haluszczak and Dudek Families ♦ Jan 21 Charlanow Family ♦ Jan 28 Angelo, Gomez, and O'Brien Families

Feb 4 Parish Chili Cook Off & Potluck (Annual Meeting) ♦ Feb 11 Rinchack and Strichartz Families

Feb 18 Cusick, Hults, and Urda Families ♦ Feb 25 Cheplick Families ♦ March 3 Karney Families

March 10 Meatfare Potluck ♦ March 17 Weeks, Turic & Cowan Families (Cheesefare)

March 24 Fanaro & Speen Families (Great Lent) ♦ March 31 King Families

### **CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

Sunday, January 21, After Liturgy ♦ Saturday, January 27, 3:15 PM ♦ Sunday, February 10, After Liturgy

### **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.***