

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, May 12, 2024 – Second Sunday of Pascha**

**St. Thomas, The Believing Disciple**

***Happy Mother's Day!***

**Welcoming His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

*Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at our YouTube Channel:*

<https://www.youtube.com/@holytrinitychurchelmirany>

*or go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for “Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY”*

**Today – Sunday of St. Thomas; Archbishop Michael, Celebrant – Mother’s Day**

9:00 AM *Greeting* and *Vesting* of Archbishop Michael

*3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours:*

*Divine Liturgy;* Followed by Festive Mother’s Day Brunch, Hosted by the Parish Men’s Group

**Tuesday, May 14**

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

**Saturday, May 18**

5:00 PM *Great Vespers;* Confession Available Afterward

**Sunday, May 19 – Myrrh-Bearing Women; Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus; St. Tamara of Georgia**

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

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy;* Fellowship Hour, Church School

3:00 PM *Wedding* of Justin O’Brien and Madelon Arroyo

### UPCOMING EVENTS ... MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Wedding of Justin O’Brien and Madelon Arroyo Samodal**, Sunday, May 19, 3:00 PM
- **Luncheon in honor of Newly Married Justin & Madelon O’Brien**, Sunday, June 9, After the Liturgy – Hosted by Jessica Fanaro & Anna Neidig
- **Altar Server Retreat**, Saturday, June 15, Saints Peter and Paul Church, 210 Hill Avenue, Endicott

### 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.***

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE Acts 5:12-20** In those days, through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

**GOSPEL John 20:19-31** At that time, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Bishop MATTHIAS; Sub-deacon Peter Eagler; Maryanne; Jon; Bonnie; Daniel; infant Daniel; Timothy; George; Protodeacon Joseph; Eugenia; Barbara; Edward; Matushka Anastasia Chupeck; Simeon; John; Stephen & Deborah. All of our departed Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Wives and Daughters on this Mother's Day. Ever-memorable Reader Thomas and all those named for the Apostle Thomas on this, his Feast Day. All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Newly-Baptized and Chrismated Stephen Constantine Rustyak; Paul & Mildred Urda; Michael Karney; Matushka Kathryn; Fr. Jason Kappanadze; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Fr. Joseph & Matushka Ellen Chupeck; Pani Joan Mahler; Mat. Cynthia Schick; Mat. Gretchen Maciolek; Kathleen; John; child Abby, Helen; Matrona; Eileen; Don; Michael; Richelle; Dennis; Veronica; Sebastian & Victoria; Margaret; David, Shelley; Roberto; Jim; Shawn; Gregory; Patricia; Carl; Olga; Nancy; David; James; Julie; Antonina; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; expecting mothers Matushka Krista, Matushka Mihaela, Anastasia, Elena, Kathryn, Lauren, and the children to be born of them; Rachel and her newborn daughter Gemma; Deborah; Juliana; John; Christa; Scott & Casey, Child Hannah, Joshua, Ilsa, Erica, Caitlin, Helen, Ruth, Katherine, Sierra; Nicholas, Sergei; Nancy; Anna; Catechumens Raychel, Jason & Oliver.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbp. NATHANIEL; Archbp. BENJAMIN; Fr. Terence Baz; Fr. John Holoduek; Fr. Peter and Mat. Sophia Ries; Fr. David; Protodeacon John Morvay; Matushka Shirley Lickwar; Mat. Jeanne Zablotzky; Mat. Nancy Gilbert; Jack, Elena, John, Serge, Vasylya, Andre, Alex, child Michael; Vincent; Vera; George; Robert, Patricia, Anastasia and her sons; Paul; June, Elizabeth, Margaret, Daria; John, Yvonne, Elaine, John, Don, Robert, Casey, Gabriel, Christina, Peter, Theresa, Vera. All the clergy, faithful and their families of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. All of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Wives and Daughters on this Mother's Day. **Name Day:** Thomas Cheplick, Altar Servers Thomas Cheplick and Alfred Thomas Fanaro on this, the Feast of the Apostle Thomas.

**Birthdays:** Meredith Lamprinos (5/4), Elizabeth Sue Hults (5/13), Claudia Hendershot (5/16).

#### **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	Brighid	Dorothea		

#### **College Students:** Nathan Devens – SUNY Cobleskill

Larissa Cheplick – Daemen College • Julianna Cheplick – SUNY Delhi

Mihaela Toader, 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.

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE**

May 5 PASCHA Agape Meal

May 12 Mother's Day Brunch; Visit of Archbishop Michael ♦ May 19 Angelo, Gomez, and O'Brien Families

May 26 Cheplick Families ♦ June 2 Karney Families ♦ June 9 Fanaro & Neidig Families

June 16 Cusick & Hults Families ♦ June 23 Pentecost Parish Potluck ♦ June 30 King Families

### **CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

May 12 Matushka Katie ♦ May 19 Nina Dudek ♦ May 26 Toni Weeks