

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, January 12, 2025 – Tone 4

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord – Martyr St. Tatiana of Rome

**JOIN US FOR THE  
NATIONAL MARCH  
FOR LIFE**

**Washington, DC  
Friday, Jan. 24, 2025**

  
**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**[www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)**

- **Here: Prayer Service for the Victims of Abortion – Departed and Living  
Thursday, January 23, 6:30 PM**
- **Starting Next Sunday, January 19 – Baby Bottle Fund Drive  
for Elmira’s MOSAIC Pregnancy Resource Center**

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

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

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

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

**Today – Sunday, January 12**

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

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour – Luncheon In Memory of + Paul Urda,  
Offered By His Family; And Church School

**Tuesday, January 14**

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

**Wednesday, January 15**

7:30 PM “What is Orthodox Christianity?” – Adult Education Session, by Zoom

**Friday, January 17**

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM “OMG” Mom’s Group – at the Church

**Saturday, January 18**

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

**Sunday, January 19**

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE Ephesians 4:7-13** Brethren: To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.” (Now this, “He ascended” – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-17** At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” **Daily: [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings)**

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR 2025: SUN., FEB. 9, AFTER 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 Thursday, Jan. 30.** 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 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

### REMINDER: Pledge Forms Appreciated for 2025!

Normally about 20 households turn in Annual Pledge Forms for “time / talent / treasure” support of the parish in the coming year. We have not reached that goal yet. Please remember to turn in your pledge; and if you haven’t pledged before, please consider doing so!

For guidance on calculating Percentage Giving, see the back page. Questions? See Fr. David.

## Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Amy; Richard, Paul; James; Matushka Eugenia; Pani Joan, Robert, Zoran, Dieter; Dorothy, Michael, Marie; Feodor, Seraphima, Luba; Rocco, Skylar, Rebecca; Jeannie Sura; Kathy, Travis; Chris; Michael, Lydia, Paul. All the departed named for St. Tatiana of Rome (1/12). All the departed named for St. Nina of Georgia (1/14), among them the ever-memorable Nina Melnik & Nina Kirsanoff. The departed victims of the fires in California, and all those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Recovering Shirley Cheplick & Fr. David Cowan; Michael Karney; Matushka Kathryn & Natalie; Fr. Jason Kappanadze; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Subdeacon Walter; Children Evita, Elliot and Jordyn; Janet; Christal; Olga; Joseph; Abigail; Christopher & David; Ricky & John; Matrona; Patricia, Michael & Jacob; James; James; Antonina; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; expecting mothers Amanda & Carrie and the children to be born of them; Emily and her newborn son; Mildred Cheplick; Mildred Urda; Deborah; Juliana; John; Scott & Casey, Child Hannah, Joshua, Ilsa, Erica, Caitlin, Helen, Ruth, Katherine, Sierra; Nicholas, Anna; Catechumens Raychel, Jason, Oliver, Madeline, Steven, Jeremiah, Sarah & Zachary.

**Diocesan Prayer Requests:** Archbp. ANASTASIOS; Archbp. NATHANIEL; Archbp. BENJAMIN; Fr. Samuel & Mat. JoAnne Kedala, Fr. John & Matushka Katherine Kowalczyk; Fr. Paul Kucynda; Fr. Thomas Soroka; Dn. David Chow; Dn. Stephan Karlgut; Mat. Naomi Takahashi; Mat. Frances Vansuch; Trudy; Paraskevi; Seham; Patricia, Andrew, Jeffrey, Sean; Andrey, Alonya & Ivan; Miguel, Maher, Nashwa, Thomas; Annie, Yuri, Patricia, Gail; Ludmilla, Stephen, Zinaida, Anastasia and her family, Michael, Maria. All the clergy, faithful, their families and those who are ill, of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. All those afflicted by the fires in California. **Name Days:** Nina Dudek & Nina Paolercio (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:** Julie Davis (1/16); 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
John	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei	Nadia	Justus	Elea	Samuel
Gabriel	Michael	Hannah	Raphael	Verity	Julie	Michelle	Aiden
Shea	Jack	Oliver	Elizabeth	Anthony	Evangeline	Alfred	Rosemary
James	Brighid	Dorothea	Josephine	Killian	Rory	Ethan	Asher
Gideon	Gabriel	Josephine					

**College Students:** Thomas Cheplick – Niagara College • Gabriel Cowan – Corning Community College  
Angeline McKane – West Point Academy • Nathan Devens – SUNY Cobleskill • Madeline Cieslak – Elmira College  
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.

### READERS' SCHEDULE

Jan. 4th – Jan. 11th: Reader William (1/5 & 1/6: Theophany) • Jan. 11th – Jan. 18th: Mary Carol Haluszczak  
Jan. 18th – Jan. 25th: Reader Dmitri • Jan. 25th- Feb. 1st: Reader Alexander

Feb. 1st – Feb. 8th: Emilia Karney, Natalie Karney, and Lydia Dudek (Meeting of our Lord – Feb. 1st & 2nd)

Feb 8th: - Feb. 15th: Matushka Tamara & Reader Gabriel • Feb. 15th – Feb. 22nd: Rdr. William (Memorial Saturday, Feb. 22nd)

Feb. 22nd – March 1st: Mary Carol Haluszczak • March 1st & March 2nd: Reader Dmitri

### CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Adult Choir: Sunday, Jan. 26 ♦ Saturday, Feb. 8, 3:30 PM ♦ Saturday, Feb. 15, 3:30 PM ♦ Sunday, Feb. 23  
Youth Choir: Spring Schedule Coming Soon

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE

Jan 12 Memorial Meal In Memory of Paul Urda, Offered By His Family ♦  
Jan 19 Haluszczak & Dudek Families ♦ Jan 26 Lamprinos Family

### CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Jan 12 Nina Dudek ♦ Jan 19 Sarah Harvey ♦ Jan 26 Amy Rinchack

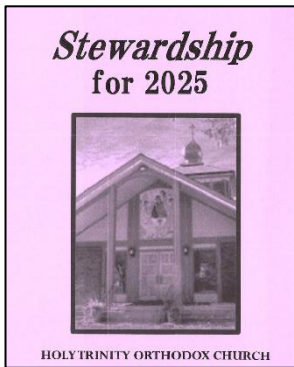
### COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES – DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR:

Juices ♦ Coffee Creamers ♦ Paper Towels ♦ 8-Oz. Cold Cups ♦ Bowls ♦ Napkins ♦ Spoons



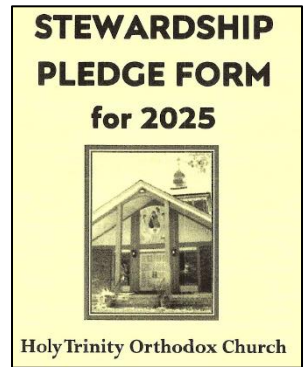
## ORTHODOX MOMS' GROUP

*Moms with Little Ones – join us for our Next Meeting!*  
*Friday, Jan. 17, 10:30 – 12:30,*  
*in the Fellowship Hall, Downstairs – Snacks provided*



**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR  
2025 STEWARDSHIP  
PLEDGE FORM TODAY.**

Pledge forms will of course be gratefully received at any time, but turning in your pledge as soon as possible will greatly help the Parish Council to anticipate our parishioner support income in preparing the operating budget for 2025.



The purple **Stewardship Bulletin** offers information about what stewardship is (it is not just about money), our vision for what the parish can do in the short and long-term future with even stronger stewardship, and a “giving grid” to help calculate percentage giving.

**Thank you!**

Please consider your financial PLEDGE to the parish for 2025.

**THE “GIVING GRID”**

Ask yourself: **Where am I on the grid?**

**If I’m not at 10%, can I move 1 square to the left and pledge that amount for 2025?**

	Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Beyond a Tithe		Weekly Tithe	Weekly Upper Range of Giving			Weekly Middle Range of Giving			Weekly Lower Range of Giving		
			15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
A	\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$51	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4
B	\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
C	\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
D	\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
E	\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
F	\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
G	\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
H	\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15

**Pledge Forms are on the candle desk and on the tables downstairs.**  
**You can put your completed form in the ANNUAL PLEDGE box, or give it to Fr. David or to Toni Weeks, our Parish Treasurer.**

**Thank you for your generous stewardship  
of the ministries of Holy Trinity Church!**  
**With love in Christ,**  
**Fr. David**