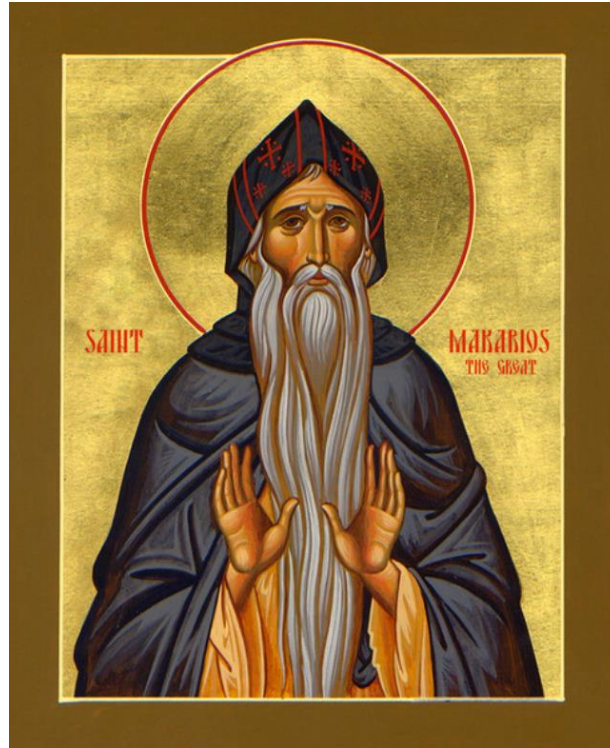


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, January 19, 2025 – Tone 5

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

Saint Macarius the Great

**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 Today – 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/@holyltrinitychurchelmirany>

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

**Today – 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

**Wednesday, January 22**

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

**Thursday, January 23**

6:30 PM *Service of Prayer for the Victims of Abortion*

**Friday, January 24: March for Life, in Washington, D.C.**

**Saturday, January 25**

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

**Sunday, January 26**

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

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*. Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School, Choir Rehearsal

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**EPISTLE Colossians 3:12-16** Brethren: As the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**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 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:** Sub-deacon Jacob; Amy; Richard, Paul; James; Matushka Eugenia; Pani Joan, Robert, Zoran, Dieter; Dorothy, Michael, Marie; Feodor, Seraphima, Luba; Rocco; Skylar, Rebecca. Ever-memorable Matushka Deborah Dahulich and Gregory Barabash. 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; Michael Karney; Matushka Kathryn & Natalie; Fr. Jason Kappanadze; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Subdeacon Walter; Olga; Joseph; Abigail; children Evita, Elliot, Jordyn & Julianna; Christopher & David; Ricky & John; Matrona; Patricia, Michael & Jacob; James; James; Antonina; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; expecting mothers Amanda, Carrie, catechumen Ana (Amy Rinchack's daughter) 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; Richard, Larissa; Dianne, Nicholas; Maryanne, John, Sergei; Trudy; Paraskevi; Seham; Patricia, Andrew, Jeffrey, Sean; Andrey, Alonya & Ivan. 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:** Fr. Timothy Hojnicky, Fr. Gregory White, and all those named for the Apostle Timothy (1/22) and St. Gregory the Theologian (1/25). **Birthdays:** Nathan Devens (1/21).

#### **Parish Children:**

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Ezekiel	Aalyiah	Sophia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Rdr. Dmitri	Jonah	Gabriel
John	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei	Justus	Elea	Samuel	Gabriel
Michael	Hannah	Raphael	Verity	Julie	Michelle	Aiden	Shea
Jack	Oliver	Elizabeth	Anthony	Evangeline	Alfred	Rosemary	James
Brigid	Dorothea	Josephine	Killian	Rory	Ethan	Asher	Gideon
Gabriel	Josephine						

**College Students:** Thomas Cheplick – Niagara College • Gabriel Cowan & Nadia Powers – Corning Community Coll. • 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.  
Typically, parish prayer requests remain on this list for 40 days.

### **READERS' SCHEDULE**

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,** the following Saturdays at 3:30 PM: Jan. 25 ♦ Feb. 1 ♦ Feb. 22 ♦ March 8

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE**

Jan 19 Haluszczak & Dudek Families ♦ Jan 26 Lamprinos Family ♦ Feb 2 Rinchack & Harvey Families ♦

Feb 9 Annual Meeting Chili Cook-Off (Clean up: Chwastiak, Follansbee & Fanaro Families) ♦ Feb 16 Karney Family ♦

Feb 23 Meatfare Potluck (Clean up: Charlanow & Gomez Families) ♦ March 2 Cheesefare Sunday: Cowan, Turic, Weeks Families

**FASTING (Great Lent):** March 9 Angelo & O' Brien Families ♦ March 16 Cusick & Hults Families ♦ March 23 Cheplick Families ♦

March 30 King Families ♦ April 6 Fanaro, Chwastiak, Follansbee Families ♦ April 13 Palm Sunday Potluck (Clean up: Lamprinos &

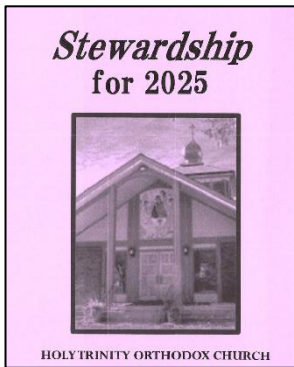
Gomez Families) ♦ **FEASTING:** April 20 PASCHA Agape Meal (Clean up: All Families) ♦ April 27 Charlanow Family

### **CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Jan 19 Sarah Harvey ♦ Jan 26 Amy Rinchack

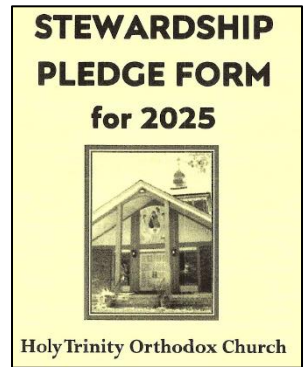
### **COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES – DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR:**

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



**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**