

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, February 2, 2025 – Tone 7

31st Sunday After Pentecost

Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Zacchaeus Sunday

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

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 and search for "Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY"

Today – Sunday, February 2 – Zacchaeus Sunday; The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Candles, Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School & Teen Group

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 PM "What is Orthodox Christianity?" – Adult Education Session, by Zoom

Saturday, February 8

3:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, February 9

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School,
and the Annual Parish Meeting and Chili Cookoff!

what is

Orthodox Christianity?

Wednesdays, 7 PM on Zoom

Dr. Mary-Carol is leading 20-30 minute Zoom chats. All are welcome!

2/5 What is Fasting? (w/ Fr. David)

2/12 The Services of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Bridegroom Matins

2/19 The Mystery of Confession (w/ Fr. David)



SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S EPISTLES: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 My son Timothy: This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. **Hebrews 7:1-17** Brethren: Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

TODAY'S GOSPELS Luke 19:1-10 At that time, Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." **Luke 2:22-40** At that time, when the days of [Mary's] purification according to the law of Moses were completed, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Juliya, Elias, Alexandra, Olivia; Lorraine; Gregory; Mikhail, Simon; Eddie, Carolyn; Archbishop Anastasios of Albania; Cynthia; Dean; Roger; Richard; Gail, Nikolai, Dusan; Sub-deacon Jacob; Amy; Richard, Paul; James; Matushka Eugenia; Pani Joan, Robert, Zoran, Dieter; Dorothy, Michael, Marie; Feodor, Seraphima, Luba. Ever-memorable + Reader Thomas Cheplick (+2/3/24), Archpriest John Udics (+2/3/16) and Archimandrite Athanasy (+2/5/16). The departed victims of the airplane collision in Washington, and the fires in California, and all those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Shirley Cheplick; Michael Karney; Matushka Kathryn & Natalie; Fr. Jason Kappanadze; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Subdeacon Walter; Matthew; Jeanine; Frances; Olga; Joseph; Abigail; children Lydia, Evita, Elliot, Jordyn & Julianna; Christopher & David; Ricky & John; Matrona; Patricia, Michael & Jacob; James; James; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; expecting mothers McKayla, 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. NATHANIEL; Archbp. BENJAMIN; Fr. Terence Baz; Fr. Volodymyr Zablotsky; Dn. David Chow; Dn. Stephan Karlgut; Matushka Alexandra Kishkovsky; Trudy, Elizabeth, Joseph; John, Eugene; Mary, Michael; June, Peter, Sarah, Olga, Svetoslav, Sergey, Yelena, Mikhail, Yury; Larissa; Dianne, Nicholas; Maryanne, John, Sergei; Trudy. 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:** Zachary Fanaro & Zachary Zimmerman (Prophet Zachariah, 2/7). **Birthdays:** Nancy Karney (2/4); Archpriest Gregory Safchuk (2/5); John Kohena (2/5). **Anniversary:** Archpriest Jason Kappanadze (40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, 2/2); Archbishop Michael (52nd Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, 2/4/73); Fr. David Cowan (Ordination to the Diaconate, 2/4/06); John & Loueva Kohena (2/5).

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
Brighid	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

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: Saturday, Feb. 8, 3:30 PM ♦ Saturday, Feb. 15, 3:30 PM ♦ Sunday, Feb. 23
Youth Choir, the following Saturdays at 3:30 PM: Feb. 1 ♦ Feb. 22 ♦ March 8

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE

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

Mat. Katie: 3/2, 3/30 ♦ Nina Dudek: 2/8, 3/9 ♦ Sarah Harvey: 2/16, 3/16 ♦ Amy Rinchack: 2/23, 3/23

COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES – DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR:

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

Join the Beauty Team!



We are called to sanctify time by participating in the Feasts of the Church. An especially meaningful way to participate in the Feasts is to adorn the Festal Icon or The Cross with the God-created beauty of flowers.

Sign up to decorate the icons for one of the feast days or be part of a team for Christmas, Pentecost or Pascha. Or maybe you would like to donate in memory of a beloved? For more info, see Mat. Tamara.

Flower Ministry Schedule 2025

February 1/2	Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple	Cheplick Family <small>in Memory of +Thomas Cheplick</small>
March 22/23	3 rd Sunday of Lent, Veneration of the Cross	Fanaro Family
March 24/25	Annunciation to the Theotokos	Cowan Family
April 12/13	Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday	Parish Youth
April 18	Holy Friday, Tomb of our Lord	Parish Youth
April 19/20	Pascha	Team
June 7/8	Pentecost	Team
August 14/15	Dormition of the Theotokos	Antonina Weeks
September 7/8	Nativity of the Theotokos	
September 13/14	Exaltation of the Life Creating Cross	Karney Family
November 20/21	Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple	Deborah King
November 30	Parish Christmas Tree	Parish Youth
December 24/25	Nativity of Our Lord	Team

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED FOR LOCAL CHARITY

As our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, teaches: *“The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot.”*

Please bring any coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, or boots that you can spare, and put them in the containers in the vestibule. *Thank you!*

WISDOM FROM A MODERN ELDER:

“Does the mind not stay on the prayer? Is it confused and stressed by various thoughts? Never mind. The lips are praying. The lips will not stop. They will continue reciting the prayer and will call out: ‘Yes, Devil. You will not allow the mind to concentrate on the prayer? I will call out with my lips. My Lord knows even the movements of my hands. I insist and I will call upon Him and He will come to my rescue’.”

(St. Joseph, Elder of Vatopaidi, on the Jesus Prayer)



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Lenten Women's Retreat

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025

Register at:

http://portal.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=397695

Or scan this
QR code



\$125 for the Weekend
\$50 for Saturday only
(All inclusive!)

A time set apart for prayer, reflection, and fellowship of Orthodox women.

Guest Speaker TBA.

Also visiting: Archbishop Michael

[For more information](#)

Email: kristy@saintandrewscamp.org

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Become a ***DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!***

If you are in a position to make a contribution to the DDB Program in addition to your stewardship of our parish, then please visit the Diocesan Website at www.nynjoca.org and click the red “**Donate to DDB**” button on the right. While you’re there, read about the *many* ministries the DDB supports!

Or mail a check payable to “Diocese of New York and New Jersey” to Diocesan Chancery, 33 Hewitt Avenue, Bronxville, NY 10708. Thank you!

