

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, February 9, 2025 – Tone 8

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Leavetaking of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR 2025: TODAY, 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 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/@holytrinitychurchelmirany>

or go to www.YouTube.com and search for “Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY”

Today – Sunday, February 9 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

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

Wednesday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 15

3:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Reader Vespers, Led by Deacon Michael

Sunday, February 16 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Please Welcome Fr. Dennis Hendershot, Celebrant

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School, and Teen Group

Wednesday, February 19

11:00 AM “OMG” Orthodox Moms’ Group – in the Church

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

Saturday, February 22

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, February 23 – Sunday of the Last Judgment

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Reception Into the Catechumenate of Tomas Hopper
Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour, Church School, and Choir Rehearsal

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 My son Timothy: You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:10-14 The Lord told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Fasting Guidelines for the Coming Weeks

This Week, Feb. 9 – Feb. 16, is Fast Free. We can have meat and dairy products each day.

Feb. 16 – Feb. 23 is a regular week; Wednesday and Friday are Fast Days.

Feb. 23 is Meatfare Sunday; we abstain from meat from Monday, Feb. 23 until Pascha, April 20.

From Feb. 23 – March 2, we can eat dairy products each day, including Wednesday and Friday.

March 2 is Cheesefare Sunday; we abstain from dairy products from Monday, March 3 until Pascha, April 20.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Archpriest John Maxwell, Matushka Tatiana Peterson; Ramonita (Kevin Gomez' aunt); Deborah; Kenneth; Valer; 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. Ever-memorable Justin Solak (+2/14/16). 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: Newborn Lydia; recovering Antonina & Lydia; Michael Karney; Matushka Kathryn & Natalie; Fr. Jason Kappanadze; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Subdeacon Walter; Matthew; Jeanine; Frances; Olga; Joseph; Abigail; child Julianna; Christopher & David; Ricky & John; Matrona; Patricia, Michael & Jacob; James; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; expecting mothers McKayla, 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; Protodn. John Morvay, Dn. Stephan Karlgut; Matushka Rachel Breland and the child to be born of her; Mat. Alexandra Kishkovsky; Peter, Ioannis, Bettye, Olga; Marcus, Isabella, Emily; Trudy, Elizabeth, Joseph; John, Eugene; Mary, Michael; June, Peter, Sarah, Olga, Svetoslav, Sergey, Yelena, Mikhail, Yury. 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:** Alexei Cheplick (St. Alexei, Metropolitan of Moscow, 2/12). **Birthdays:** Antonina Weeks (2/13). **Anniversary:** Luka & Elena Herman (2/12).

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

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. 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 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

what is Orthodox Christianity?

Wednesdays, 7 PM on Zoom

Dr. Mary-Carol is leading 20-30 minute Zoom chats. All are welcome!
2/12 The Services of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Bridegroom Matins
2/19 The Mystery of Confession (w/ Fr. David)



FINAL TOTAL FOR 2024 DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTORS (DDB) CONTRIBUTIONS

With profound gratitude, we are pleased to announce that the final total for the 2024 DDB contributions has reached an incredible \$252,167!

This remarkable achievement is a testament to the generosity, faith, and love of our dedicated donors, whose support continues to strengthen the life and ministries of our Diocese. Through your kindness and commitment, you have made a lasting impact, ensuring that our parishes, clergy, seminarians, and vital outreach programs can continue to flourish.

On behalf of the entire Diocese, **THANK YOU** for your unwavering support and dedication to Christ's Church. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your love and generosity!

With love and prayers,
+Archbishop Michael

