HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, March 9, 2025 - Tone 3

First Sunday of Great Lent
The Triumph of Orthodoxy • The Restoration of Icons

The Great Fast of Lent continues until Holy PASCHA (Easter), Sunday, April 20, with the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

During Lent we are called to abstain from meat and dairy products and from spiritually unproductive entertainment... so that we control our appetites, and our appetites do not control us!

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 - First Sunday of Lent, The Triumph of Orthodoxy and the Restoration of Icons

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Fellowship Hour, Church School, Choir Rehearsal, Teen Group (with Fr. David)

4:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, 1907 Jenkins St., Endicott

Tuesday, March 11

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Pot Luck Supper Fellowship

Saturday, March 15

3:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM <u>Reader Vespers</u>

Sunday, March 16 - Second Sunday of Lent: St. Gregory Palamas - Please Welcome Fr. Dennis Hendershot

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

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

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Pot Luck Supper Fellowship

Saturday, March 22 – Memorial Saturday ("Soul Saturday")

8:40 AM
9:00 AM
Memorial Divine Liturgy
3:30 PM
Youth Choir Rehearsal

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, March 23 – Third Sunday of Lent: Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Reception Into the Catechumenate of Gregory, Christal, and Children Levi, Azariah and Elijah Crowell

Divine Liturgy, Followed By Fellowship Hour and Church School

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Brethren: By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated-- of whom the world was not worthy--wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL John 1:43-51 At that time, Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open. and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

LENTEN † ALMSGIVING

SOCKS & SNACKS Ministry

Way to Participate #1 DONATE

Purchase any of the following items and bring them downstairs to the Fellowship Hall. A 3-Tiered Basket is set up near the buffet table.



Non-perishable snack bars Best buy at Aldis or Walmart



Travel size toothpaste
Best buy at Dollar Tree or Amazon



Adult sized socks
Best buy at Amazon or Walmart



Toothbrush with case or cap Best buy at Dollar Tree or Amazon

Way to Participate #2 CARE PACKAGE

Choose a pair of socks and 1 of each item on the 3-tiered display and put them in one of the provided bags. Keep the bag in your car and give it to anyone you may see in need.

Thank you for donating only non-perishable and unused items. For more info, contact Deb King or Mat. Tamara

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Joseph Michalko; Archimandrite Pedro, Tatiana, Frank; Billie Jo, Olga, Jim; Ruth; Barbara; Tommy, Raymond; Caroline, Clara; Archpriest John Maxwell, Matushka Tatiana Peterson; Ramonita (Kevin Gomez' aunt); Deborah; Kenneth; Valer; Juliya, Elias, Alexandra, Olivia; Lorraine; Gregory; Mikhail, Simon; Eddie, Carolyn. Evermemorable Daniel (Zach Fanaro's grandfather, +3/9/24); Roberto Sanchez (3/13/2017), Archpriest Herman Schick (+3/16/24), Elizabeth Holobinko (+3/21/23). All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Thomas Michalko, preparing for surgery tomorrow; newborn Lydia; recovering Antonina; Michael Karney; Matushka Kathryn; Fr. Jason Kappanadze; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Subdeacon Walter; Soldiers Joshua & Delbert; Shawn (Sue Hults' son); Roy; Xavier; Camron; Edward; Amelia; Joshua; Alexandra; Natasha; Matthew; Jeanine; Frances; Olga; Joseph; Abigail; child Julianna; Christopher & David; Ricky & John; Matrona; Patricia, Michael & Jacob; James; Brooke; Elena; Tyler; Dmitri; expecting mothers Jessica, Christal, Michelle, McKayla, Carrie, catechumen Ana and the children to be born of them; 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, Zachery & Tomas.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbp. NATHANIEL; Archbp. BENJAMIN; Fr. Gary Joseph Breton; Fr. James Dutko; Fr. John Fencik; Fr. George Hasenecz; Fr. Sophrony Royer; Dn. Stephan Karlgut; Dn. Michael Speck; Mat. Olga Meerson; Mat. Jeanne Zablotskyy; Bill; Charlene, Michael, Justina, Matthew; David, Rebecca, Theresa, Damian, Patricia; Sarah, Enrique; Peter, Litsa; Demetrios, child Noah; Nina, Richard, Romolo; Mary, Lawrence, Mirela, Christian; Peter; Ilianna, James. All the clergy, faithful, their families and those who are ill, of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. Name Day: Patrick Charles Hults, Patrick Karney, Patricia Olson (St. Patrick of Ireland, 3/17). Birthdays: Denise Lewis (3/7), Marilyn Cusick (3/18); Fr. Nicholas Harris & Nika Harris (3/19), Michelle Davis (3/22).

Parish Children:

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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	Jocephine	Killian	Rory	Ethan	Asher	Gideon	
Gabriel	Iosenhine	•		•				

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

March 8th – March 15th: Reader Alexander • March 15th – March 22nd: Emilia Karney, Natalie Karney & Lydia Dudek
*(Memorial Saturday, March 22nd) • March 22nd - March 29th: Matushka Tamara and Reader Gabriel ** (Annunciation –

March 24th & 25th) • March 29th – April 5th: Reader William • April 5th – April 12th: Mary Carol Haluszczak
*(Lazarus Saturday – April 12th) • April 12th & 13th: Reader Alexander **(Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem – PALM SUNDAY) •

April 13th – April 19th: Holy Week – All Readers as assigned at services. •

April 20th – GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA: Epistle – Reader William • April 21st – April 26th: Bright Week – Reader William

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Adult Choir: Sun 3/9, Sat 3/15 at 3:30 PM, Sun 3/23, Sat 3/29 after Memorial Liturgy, Sun 4/6, Sun 4/13

Youth Choir, the following Saturdays at 3:30 PM: March 22, April 5

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE

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

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

COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES – DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR:

Small Plates ♦ Juices ♦ 8-Oz. Cold Cups

Share
the Joy of
Celebrating
Ancient
Christianity's
Historic
Triumph
of the
Restoration
of Icons



Pan-Orthodox Sunday Vespers Sunday, March 9, 4 PM

St. Mary's Orthodox Church 1907 Jenkins Street, Endicott, NY

Honoring the "Restoration of Living Icons"
by the Broome County Council of Churches
Reflection by:
Rev. Dr. Jospeh Sellepak, Executive Director, BCCC

Southern Tier Pan-Orthodox Singers directed by Julieanne Marra

Lenten Reception follows in Church Hall

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Lenten Women's Retreat

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2025

Register at:

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



\$125 for the Weekend

\$50 for Saturday only

"Be Who You Are in the Body of Christ"



Keynote Speaker: Mother Melania

Mother Melania is the abbess of the community of Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga, California.

Testament Stories for Children series; and the Good Neighbors series – a series of Twelve Great Feasts for Children; The Three-Day Pascha; the Old She has written several series of children's books (including The

animal fables designed to teach children Christian virtue in an engaging way)

Because he was writing not primarily to monks but to people living in the world, he Mother Melania has made a particular study of St. John Chrysostom's writings. has much practical advice to offer for today's Christian.

Also visiting: Archbishop Michael

Email: kristy@saintandrewscamp.org For more information

<u> Lenten Teen (13-17yo) &</u>

Young Adult (18-24yo) Retreat

FROST VALLEY YMCA - CLARYVILLE, NY **APRIL 4-6, 2025**

REGISTER BY March 17



Sponsored by the OCA Diocese of New York and New Jersey's Department of Youth Ministry Questions? Email admin@nynjocayouth.org



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		Σ	MARCH – APRIL 2025	25		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 FORGIVENESS	3 CLEAN MONDAY	4 CLEAN TUESDAY	5 CLEAN WEDNESDAY	6 CLEAN THURSDAY	Z CLEAN FRIDAY	<u>8</u> 1 ST SAT. OF LENT
9:00 AM Liturgy; Forgiveness Vespers; Cheesefare Sunday Fellowship	6:30 PM Great Canon of	6:30 PM Great Canon of	5:30 PM Private Confession Available			3:30PM Youth Choir 5:00 PM Great Vespers
NIIS AXOGORIZAD 6	St. Andrew of Crete	St. Andrew of Crete	Liturgy & Pot Luck	5:30 PM Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	Liturgy 14 2ND ERIDAY	and Private Confession
9:00 AM Liturgy; Fellowship Hour; Church School, Choir Rehearsal; Teon Groun w/ Er David						3:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
4 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers, St. Mary's Church, Endicott		Confession Available 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Pot Luck				5:00 PM Reader Vespers
16 ST. GREGORY PALAMAS	17 3RD MONDAY	18 3RD TUESDAY	19 3RD WEDNESDAY	20 3 RD THURSDAY	21 3RD FRIDAY	22 3RD SAT. OF LENT
9:00 AM Liturgy; Fellowship Hour; Church School; Teen Group			,			9:00 AM "Soul Saturday" Memorial Divine Liturgy;
			6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Pot Luck			3:30PM Youth Choir 5:00 PM Great Vespers and Private Confession
23 SUN. OF THE CROSS	24 EVE/ANNUNCIATION	25 ANNUNCIATION	26 4 TH WEDNESDAY	27 4TH THURSDAY	28 4 TH FRIDAY	29 4TH SAT. OF LENT
9:00 AM Liturgy; Fellowship Hour; Church School; Choir Rehearsal		Great Feast of the Annunciation of the Most-Holy Theotokos:	5:30 PM Private		9:00AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	9:00 AM "Soul Saturday" Memorial Divine Liturgy; Choir Rehearsal Follows
	6:30PM Vespers, Eve of The Annunciation	9:00AM Vespers and Divine Liturgy	Confession Available 6:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy			5:00 PM Great Vespers and Private Confession
30 ST. JOHN / LADDER	31 5TH MONDAY	APRIL 1 5TH TUESDAY	2 5™ WEDNESDAY	3 5TH THURSDAY	4 5TH FRIDAY	5 5th SAT. of LENT
9:00 AM Liturgy; Fellowship Hour; Church School; Combined Teen			5:30 PM Private	NY State Deanery Clergy Meeting, Syracuse	9:00 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	3:30 PM Youth Choir
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>6</u> ST MARY OF EGYPT	Z 6™ MONDAY	<u>8</u> 6 [™] TUESDAY	9 6™ WEDNESDAY	10 6TH THURSDAY	11 6 [™] FRIDAY	12 LAZARUS SATURDAY
9:00 AM Liturgy; Fellowship Hour; Church School; Choir Rehearsal					9:00 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	9:00 AM Children's & Families' Confessions 10 AM Liturgy; Breakfast; Decorating the Church 5:00 PM Vespers & Litya, Palm Sunday; Blessing Palms & Willows; Confession
13 PALM SUNDAY	14 HOLY MONDAY	15 HOLY TUESDAY	16 HOLY WEDNESDAY	17 HOLY THURSDAY	18 GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY	19 HOLY SATURDAY
9:00 AM Liturgy; Blessing of Palms & Willows; Fellowship Hour; Church School: Choir Rehearsal:			5:30 PM Confessions 6:30 PM Matins of Holy	10:00 AM Vesperal Liturgy, Holy Thursday	8:00 AM Royal Hours 3:00 PM Vespers of Holy Friday; Light Meal After	10:00 AM Vesperal Liturgy, Holy Saturday
School; Choir Rehearsal; Teen Group	5:30 PM Confessions	5:30 PM Confessions	Thursday, Followed by	5:30 PM Confessions	7:00 PM Matins with Procession of Shroud:	11:30 PM Nocturns, Procession, Matins,
Matins	Matins	Matins	Anointing	12 Passion Gospels	Teen Watch at the Tomb	Baskets, Agape Breakfast
20 HOLY PASCHA	21 BRIGHT MONDAY	22 BRIGHT TUESDAY	23 BRIGHT WEDNESDAY	24 BRIGHT THURSDAY	25 BRIGHT FRIDAY	26 BRIGHT SATURDAY
1:00 PM Vespers of PASCHA	10:00 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy of Bright Monday, with Cross- Procession Outside					Morning: Liturgy & Open House at St. Andrew's Camp 5:00 PM Great Vespers
27 ST. THOMAS	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>May 1</u>	2	ıω
9:00 AM Liturgy; Fellowship Hour						
1:00PM Blessing of Graves at Parish Cemetery						5:00 PM Great Vespers and Private Confession
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9:00 AM Liturgy; Fellowship Hour and Church School						5:00 PM Great Vespers and Private Confession

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING TRIODION WEEKS

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week **FEBRUARY 9th**

Normal Fast Week

FEBRUARY 16th



Publican and the Pharisee 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Epistle:

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

The Prodigal Son Returns!

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Epistle: Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and

we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.



The Last Judgement

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

> Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

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MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21 Gospel:

1st Sunday of Lent

MARCH 9th



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent

2nd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 16th

MARCH 23rd



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALF WAY TO PASCHA!

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Epistle: Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

4th Sunday of Lent





ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent

APRIL 6th



ST MARY of EGYPT

Hebrews 9:11-14 Epistle: Mark 10:32-45 Gospel:

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!

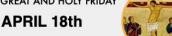


GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Place your palm branches ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM and pussywillows behind an icon at home John 12:1-18 and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR **ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE**

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!





BRIGHT WEEK

Gospel:

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

SYNODIKON - for Orthodoxy Sunday Liturgy Recited after the Children's Icon Procession

As the prophets beheld ... as the apostles have taught ... as the Church has received ... as the teachers have dogmatized ... as the universe has agreed ... as Grace has shown forth ... as Truth has revealed ... as falsehood has been dissolved ... as Wisdom has presented ... as Christ has awarded ... thus we declare ... thus we assert ... thus we preach Christ our true God ... in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in holy icons—thus we honor His Saints: on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring His Saints, as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

This is the faith of the apostles, this is the faith of the fathers, this is the faith of the Orthodox –

this is the faith, which has established the universe.