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Sunday, April 26, 2026 – CHRIST IS RISEN!

Third Sunday of Pascha

The Myrrh-Bearing Women, with Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus
St. Tamara of Georgia

110th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!
PENTECOST WEEKEND – MAY 30-31, 2026

Archbishop Michael will lead the Divine Services:
Saturday, May 30, 5 PM – Great Vespers & Litya
Sunday, May 31, 9 AM – Greeting the Archbishop
and Celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Festive Banquet Follows, in the Ministry Hall

Upcoming Events:

Family Campfire Event – August, Date TBA
Wednesday, September 30, 7 PM – Visiting Speaker,
Abbot Sergius from St. Tikhon's Monastery

EVERYONE IS INVITED! LET'S CELEBRATE!



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"

Sunday, April 26 – Myrrh-Bearers Sunday, the Third Sunday of Pascha

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Followed by Fellowship Hour; Church School Egg Hunt; Teen Group

1:30 PM "OMG" Orthodox Moms' Group – At the Rectory

Tuesday, April 28

7:30 PM "Into the Narrow Gate" Zoom Adult Study Class for Inquirers and Catechumens (**note start time**)

Thursday, April 30

7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting, in the Church (**note start time**)

Saturday, May 2

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

Sunday, May 3 – Paralytic Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Pascha

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*, Followed by Fellowship Hour

2:00 PM *Wedding – The Mystery of Crowning in Marriage* of Steven Follansbee and Nicole Chwastiak

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLE Acts 6:1-7 In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL Mark 15:43 – 16:8 At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT!

***Nicole Chwastiak and Steven Follansbee, both members of our parish family,
will be Crowned in the Mystery of Holy Matrimony here on Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 PM.***

May God grant Steven and Nicole MANY BLESSED YEARS!

***Grave Blessings are scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 1 PM,
at our Holy Trinity Church Cemetery, 123 Legion Road, Elmira.***

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Sergei; Stephanida; Robert; Jay, Sophie, Athena; Olga; Deacon Andrei; Mario, Justin, Christian; Sophia; John, Daniel; Hunter; Liudmila; Jerry; Sofia, Irene; Margaret; Helen; John. All the departed named for the Myrrhbearers: Mary, Martha, Joanna and Salome, Joseph, Nicodemus; Tamara. Ever-memorable Fr. Jason Kappanadze (St. Jason the Apostle of the 70, 4/28). Reader Thomas & Mildred Cheplick (wedding anniversary, 4/30/1955). All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Newly Chrismated William & Lyndsey Ruth Stewart and their sponsors Zachary & Amy; Antonina Weeks; Kathleen Loveland; Matushka Kathryn; Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Susan (Mat. Katie's mother); Andrea (Dn. Michael's cousin); Agnes; Richard; Charles; Andrew; Carl; Jay; Elena; children Michael, Rory & Giovanni; Thomas; Terry; Michael; Julee; Many; Olga; Patricia; Joyce; Matrona; Brooke; Tyler; George; expecting mothers Sarah, Catherine, Eyerin, Lyndsey, Presbyteria Krista Fedorchak, Matushka Margaret Brady and the children to be born to them; infant Avery; infant Natalie & Ana; James; James & Deborah; John; Scott & Casey, Child Hannah, Joshua, Ilsa, Erica, Harry, Caitlin, Helen, Sierra; Nicholas, Anna; Catechumens Raychel, Oliver, Madeline, Tomas, Camron, Logan, Robert, William & Mayona; Richard & Sandra.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbp. NATHANIEL; Archbp. BENJAMIN; Fr. John Holoduek; Fr. Terenti Wasielewski; Fr. Volodymyr Zablotsky; Denise; Sasha, Aurora, Anastasia & Margaret; soldiers Ryan, Nathaniel, Anthony & Joseph; Maria, Gennady, Tatiana, Andrej, Elena, Vladislav, Emilia, Alexander, Anastasia, Anna, Andrej, Stanislav; Maryann, John, Nicholas, Jessica; Michael; Tatiana; Angela; Andreja, Anastasia, Vasilija; Sergei & his daughter Elena; child Eddie, Inocencia; George, Bill; infant Matthias; children Levi & Michael. All the clergy, faithful, their families and those who are ill, of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. All those afflicted by warfare in Iran, Ukraine, and around the world. **Name Day:** All those named for the Myrrhbearers: Mary, Martha, Joanna and Salome, with the Righteous Joseph and Nicodemus; Mat. Tamara (St. Tamara of Georgia, Sunday of the Myrrhbearers); Jeremiah Harvey & Jeremiah Shazer (Prophet Jeremiah, 5/1); Mat. Tamara (St. Tamara of Georgia, 5/1); Carrie Matrona Hooper (St. Matrona of Moscow, 5/2). **Birthdays:** Joshua Haluszczak (5/2); Erica (Kevin & Sherri Gomez' daughter, 5/2). **Anniversary:** Fr. Stephen Vernak (19th Ordination Anniversary, 4/28). **Traveling:** Justin & Madelon; all those participating in the Diocesan Teen Retreat.

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	Shea	Jack		
Oliver	Anthony	Evangeline	Alfred	Rosemary	James	Brigid	Anna	Dorothea	
Josephine	Killian	Rory	Levi	Azariah	Elijah	Galilee	Lydia	Sandra	Mayona

College Students: Larissa Cheplick – Daemen College • Julianna Cheplick – SUNY Delhi • Thomas Cheplick – Corning Community College • Nathan Devens – SUNY Cobleskill •

Nadia Powers – SUNY Buffalo • Angelina McKane – West Point Academy • Madeline Cieslak – Elmira College
Cynthia Mathai, Mihaela Toader, Anastasia Shikula & Magdalena Botrous – LECOM Elmira

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, or a Reader.

Typically, parish prayer requests remain on this list for 40 days.

READER SCHEDULE: April 25th – May 2nd Matushka Tamara • May 2nd – May 9th Reader Alexander

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE

April 26 Haluszczak / Dudek Families ♦ **May 3** Lamprinos / Martelli Families ♦

10 Mother's Day Breakfast, Hosted by the Men's Group ♦ 17 Rinchack / Stewart Families ♦ 24 King Families ♦ **31**

Pentecost – 110th Anniversary Celebration with Archbishop Michael

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 2, 3:30 pm ♦ Sunday, May 24, after Liturgy

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE – 4/26 Amy ♦ 5/3 Nina ♦ 5/10 Amy ♦

5/17 Mat. Katie ♦ 5/24 Amy ♦ 5/31 Nina

COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES – DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR:

Spoons ♦ Hot Drink Cups ♦ Juices ♦ Napkins

CELEBRATING OUR 110TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY

Voluntary Donations for the Celebration

If you wish to sponsor one or more of the following items, please make a check mark in the blank.

Please place the name(s) of loved ones you wish to commemorate in the spaces at the bottom.

Pentecost Beautification for Church \$ _____

Guest Speaker Event 9/30 with Fr. Sergius \$ _____

110th Anniversary Banquet \$ _____

“As Needed” for the Celebration Events \$ _____



SENDING YOUR DONATION

My donation(s) are with prayers for:

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Give Online with
QR Code; select “110th Anniv.”
under “Please Choose Fund”,
and type specific items
in the Memo section if you wish.

Please either bring your donations to church and give them to Fr. David or to Toni Weeks (Parish Treasurer), or mail them to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 140 Horseheads Blvd., Elmira Heights, NY 14903. **Thank you!**

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Join us!

*We need your help to spruce up
a neighborhood in Elmira*

Friday & Saturday, June 26 & 27, 2026

9 am to Noon—Elmira, NY

Volunteers are needed to help with trimming hedges, cutting weeds, trash pick-up, minor repairs, & painting.

Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and snacks.

(Location to be determined)

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