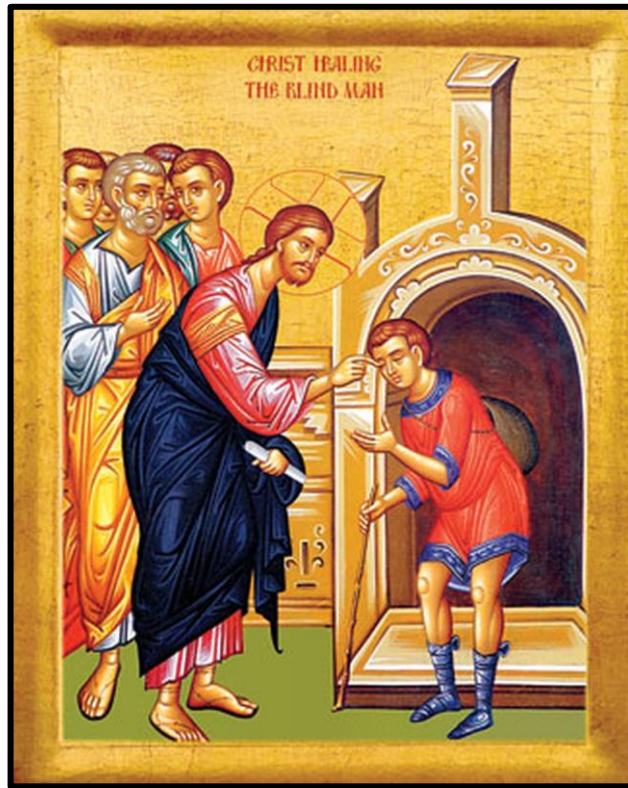


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Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Tone 5
Sixth Sunday of Pascha – The Blind Man
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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 Day BBQ & Campfire Event,
at the Stewarts' Farm – August, Date TBA
Wednesday, September 30, 7 PM – Visiting Speaker,
Abbot Sergius from St. Tikhon's Monastery

EVERYONE IS INVITED! LET'S CELEBRATE!



ANNIVERSARY

**HOLY TRINITY
ELMIRA HEIGHTS**

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, May 17 – The Blind Man, 6th Sunday of Pascha

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

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

1:00 PM *Blessing of New Cross and Graves* at our Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Cemetery, 125 Legion Road, Elmira

Wednesday, May 20 – The Leavetaking of Pascha

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

6:30 PM *Great Vespers & Litya* for the Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 21 – Great Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

Saturday, May 23

5:00 PM *Great Vespers* with *Trisagion Memorial Service* for + Patricia Petelchuk; Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, May 24 – The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – 7th Sunday of Pascha

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

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

Friday, May 29

6:30 PM *Panikhida (Memorial for the Departed)* for All the Departed of Our Parish

Saturday, May 30 – Eve of Pentecost – Welcoming His Eminence, Archbishop Michael

5:00 PM *Great Vespers with Litya*, Followed by "Q&A With Archbishop Michael" and Refreshments, Downstairs

Sunday, May 31 – Holy Pentecost; Our Altar Feast and the 110th Anniversary Celebration of Our Parish

8:15 AM *3rd and 6th Hours*, Before the Greeting of the Archbishop

8:55 AM *Procession* of Archbishop Michael with Servers and Singers, from the Rectory to the Church

9:00 AM *Greeting* and *Vesting* of Archbishop Michael

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Followed by Anniversary Banquet in the Ministry Hall

On Saturday, May 30, please stay after the Vespers service for "Q & A With Archbishop Michael!" Bring your questions on Scripture... the Saints... the spiritual life... and spend some time with our Archpastor!

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING: Acts 16:16-34 In those days, as we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-38 At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped Him.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Ruth Cromie (aunt of Elizabeth Hults); Reader Victor Shanchuk; Aline, Terry; Patricia; Lou, John; Debra; Peter; Sergey; Infant Avery; Monique and her unborn child; Victoria, Madison; Margaret; Sergei; Stephanida; Robert; Jay, Sophie, Athena; Olga; Deacon Andrei; Mario, Justin, Christian; Sophia. Ever-memorable Paul Urda (birthday 5/20). All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Newly-Crowned Steven & Nicole Follansbee; James (father of Matushka Kathy White); Steven & Patricia Olson; Antonina Weeks; Kathleen Loveland; Matushka Mary Reynolds; Matushka Kathryn; Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Kyriakos; Steven; Katrina; Susan; Andrea; Agnes; Richard; Charles; Andrew; Carl; Michael; Julee; Many; Olga; Joyce; Matrona; Brooke; Tyler; George; expecting mothers Anastasia, Sarah, Catherine, Eyerin, Lyndsey, Meryl, Presbyteria Krista, Matushka Margaret and the children to be born to them; child Natalie & Ana; James; James & Deborah; John; Scott & Casey, Child Hannah, Joshua, Ilsa, Erica, Harry, Caitlin, Helen, Sierra; Catechumens Raychel, Oliver, Madeline, Tomas, Camron, Logan, Robert, William & Mayona; Richard & Sandra.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbp. NATHANIEL; Archbp. BENJAMIN; Fr. John Holoduek; Fr. Michael Speck; Deacon Michael Speck, Jr.; Matushka Ellen Chupeck; Karla, Larisa, Robert; Paula; Andrew; Richard; Sarah & David, Heather; Peter, Matthew; Vasily, Enrique, Daisy, Byron, Sandy; Paolo; child Isaac; Alan & Lauren; Natalia; Ken, Patricia; Michael; Mary, Luna, Liam, Fiona; Vasyl, Maria, Tanya, Hanna, Matthew, Steven, Patricia; Maria; Laura, Kathie. 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:** Lydia Dudek (St. Lydia of Thyatira, 5/20); Stephen Constantine Rustyak, Elena Herman & Helena King (SS. Constantine and Helen, 5/21). **Birthdays:** Carrie Rice (5/18); Rdr. Dmitri Charlanow (5/23). **Anniversary:** Kevin & Sherri Gomez (5/19); Justin & Madelon O'Brien (5/19).

Traveling: Rdr. William & Mary-Carol; Amy.

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	
Joephine	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: May 16th -May 17th: Natalie Karney and Lydia Dudek ♦ May 18th -23rd: Reader William (Leavetaking and Ascension) ♦ May 23rd – May 30th: Reader Dmitri ♦ May 30th – June 6th: Pentecost – Rdr. William ♦ June 6th – 13th: Natalie Karney, Emilia Karney & Lydia Dudek ♦ June 13th – 20th Mary Carol Haluszczak ♦ June 20th -27th: Reader Alexander ♦ June 27th – July 4th: Reader Dmitri ♦ July 4th – 11th: Matushka Tamara ♦ July 11th -18th: Reader William ♦ July 18th – 25th: Mary Carol Haluszczak ♦ July 25th – August 1st: Reader Alexander ♦ August 1st – 8th: Natalie Karney, Emilia Karney & Lydia Dudek ♦ August 8th – 15th: Mary Carol Haluszczak ♦ August 15th – 22nd: Reader Alexander ♦ August 22nd – 29th Matushka Tamara ♦ August 29th – Sept 5th: Reader William

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING SCHEDULE

May 17 Rinchack / Stewart Families ♦ **24** King Families ♦

31 Pentecost – 110th Anniversary Celebration with Archbishop Michael

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE: Sunday, May 24, after Liturgy

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE – 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.

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Pentecost Beautification for Church \$ _____

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

110th Anniversary Banquet \$ _____

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St. Tikhon's Monastery – South Canaan, Pennsylvania

122nd Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage – May 22-25, 2026



Schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

4:00 PM Official Opening of the 122nd Pilgrimage Vespers & Matins – Monastery Church

All pilgrims are invited to dinner in the monastery dining hall.

7:00 PM Commencement Speaker at the Seminary Convocation Center

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

9:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – Monastery Church
A meal for all pilgrims in the monastery dining hall to follow.

1:00 PM 84th Commencement of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary

4:00 PM Resurrection Vigil – Monastery Church
Dinner for all pilgrims in the monastery dining hall to follow.

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

9:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – Monastery Church
A meal for all pilgrims in the monastery dining hall to follow

4:30 PM Vespers and Matins – Monastery Church

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026 – MEMORIAL DAY

7:30 AM Hours & early Divine Liturgy – All Saints Church

10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – Monastery Church

2:30 PM Healing service to the Mother of God – All Saints Church

4:30 PM Vespers and Matins and closing of Pilgrimage – Monastery Church

***Food vendors will be onsite all day Monday in the Bookstore parking lot.*

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