

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, May 31, 2026 – Tone 7**

**HOLY PENTECOST – THE ALTAR FEAST OF OUR PARISH**  
**Celebrating the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Holy Trinity Church!**  
***Welcoming His Eminence, Archbishop Michael!***

***110th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!***

***Archbishop Michael will lead the Divine Services:***

***Today, Pentecost Sunday:***

***9 AM – Greeting the Archbishop***

***and Celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy***

***Festive Banquet Follows, in the Ministry Hall***

***Upcoming Events:***

***Sunday, August 30 – Family Day BBQ & Campfire Event,  
at the Stewarts' Farm***

***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](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for “Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY”*

### **Sunday, May 31 – Holy Pentecost; Our Altar Feast and the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Our Parish**

8:15 AM *3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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 and Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost.*

Followed by Anniversary Banquet in the Ministry Hall

### **Thursday, June 4**

7:00 PM “Into the Narrow Gate” Zoom Class for Inquirers & Catechumens (All Are Welcome)

### **Saturday, June 6**

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

### **Sunday, June 7 – All Saints Sunday**

8:40 AM *Third and Sixth Hours*

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

*The Apostles’ Fast Begins Monday, June 8 and ends on the Feast of Apostles Peter & Paul, Monday, June 29.*

### **Tuesday, June 9**

7:00 PM “Into the Narrow Gate” Zoom Class for Inquirers & Catechumens (All Are Welcome)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: EPISTLE Acts 2:1-11** In those days, when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.”

**GOSPEL John 7:37-52, 8:12** At that time, on the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?” So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why have you not brought Him?” The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!” Then the Pharisees answered them, “Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.” Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, “Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?” They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

### **GRADUATE SUNDAY is June 14...**

**Reader Dimitri Charlanow • Nikolai Cheplick • Larissa Cheplick • Nathan Devens • Jeremiah Shazer**  
If there are additional Graduates from High School, College, Trade Schools or beyond, please tell Father.

### Prayer List

**Memory Eternal:** Karen, Janice; Hugette; Steven; Ruth; Paula, Felix; Reader Victor; Raphael; Aline, Terry; Patricia; Lou, John; Debra; Peter; Sergey; Infant Avery; Monique and her unborn child; Victoria, Madison; Margaret; Sergei. Ever-memorable Justin Solak (birthday, 5/31). All those taken from us by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

**For Health:** Newborn Kalliope Rose Harvey and her mother Sarah; Newly-Crowned Steven & Nicole Follansbee; Beverly Michalko; Steven & Patricia Olson; Antonina Weeks; Kathleen Loveland; Matushka Mary Reynolds; Matushka Kathryn; Mat. Anastasia Molodyko-Harris; Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak; Mat. Patricia Mason; Mary-Carol; Kyriakos; Katrina; Susan; Agnes; Michael; Julee; Many; Olga; Joyce; Matrona; Brooke; Tyler; George; expecting mothers Anastasia, 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. David Fox; Fr. John Holoduek; Fr. Michael Speck; Fr. Alexis Vinogradov; Rdr. Michael; Rdr. Vasily; Michelle, Suny, Marina, Anastasia, Bart, children Aurora & Skye; Vuka, Ekaterina, Pavel; Leah, Dorothy, Giorgi, Daniel, Thomas, Lali, Victor, Augusta & the child to be born of her, Judy, Innana, Emmanuel, David; Tatsiana, Gennady, Andrei, child Wladislaw, Ellen; Geoff; Luke, Edmund, Linda; newborn Joel & Lazarus; Eric & Lori; Nicholas; Anne & newborn son Andrew; Nancy, Bob, Sabir, Irina, Kelly, Jennifer, Maria; Karla, Larisa, Robert; Paula; Andrew. 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 Days:** Subdcn. Justin Neidig, Justin O'Brien (6/1). **Birthdays:** Loueva Kohena (6/1), Thomas Cheplick (6/2). **Traveling:** Amy; and all those traveling here to join us for this Festal celebration.

#### **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	Brighid	Anna	Dorothea		
Josephine	Killian	Rory	Kalliope	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 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 31 Pentecost** – 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with Archbishop Michael

**June 7 Fanaro** ♦ 14 Graduate Sunday – Charlanow (Fast) ♦ 21 Father's Day – Cowan, Crowell, Weeks, Turic (Fast) 28 Cheplick Families & Speen Family (Fast) ♦ **July 5 Karney** ♦ 12 Cowan ♦ 19 Follansbee/George ♦ 26 Cusick / Hults Please tell Mat. Tamara if your date does not work for you. Thank you all for your efforts in this important ministry!

**CHURCH CLEANING** – 5/31 Nina ♦ 6/7 Mat. Katie ♦ 6/14 Heidi ♦ 6/21 Nina ♦ 6/28 Mat. Katie

#### **COFFEE HOUR SUPPLIES – DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED FOR:**

Cold Drink Cups ♦ Juices

#### **The Apostles' Fast: Monday, June 8 Through Monday, June 29**

*The fasting season goes from the Monday after All Saints' Sunday (Monday, June 8) until the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul (Monday, June 29).*

*During this fast we are called to abstain from meat, and from dairy as best we can; from spiritually unproductive entertainment and conversation.*

**All members of our parish email list have been sent an invitation to receive Daily Meditations throughout the Fast from St. Vladimir's Seminary.**

# CELEBRATING OUR 110<sup>TH</sup> 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet \$ \_\_\_\_\_

“As Needed” for the Celebration Events \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### SENDING YOUR DONATION

My donation(s) are with prayers for:

Deceased Loved Ones

Living Loved Ones

(Feel free to list different names for items –  
for example, “Lilies in memory of Mary Smith, Roses in memory of John Jones.”)

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

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Give Online with  
QR Code; select “110<sup>th</sup> 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!**

# 2026 Camp Dates

Week 1: June 29 - July 3

**Family Week**



Week 2: July 5-11

**Adventure Week**



Aquatics and nature activities, survival skills, and more!

Week 3: July 12-18

**Horse Week**



Week 4: July 19 - July 25

**Sports Week**



2026 SAC Olympics & more!



Week 5: July 26 - Aug. 1

**Arts Fusion Week**



Visual arts & crafts, music, drama, dance...



Week 6: Aug. 2 - 8

**Teen Week**



## WE WANT YOU!

Apply for Staff opportunities for the camping season on our website. Also, Volunteers are always needed before, during, and after the camping season. We can use everyone's talents!

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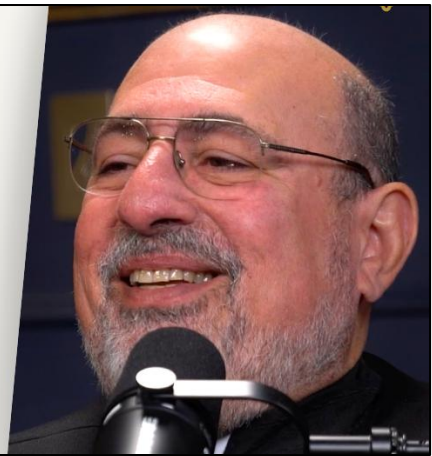
# Saint Andrew's Camp

A ministry of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey –

Providing a pan-Orthodox sleep-away camp program for over 65 years!

# The Camp Effect

With Father Andrew Andrews



Dear friend,

Most of us want our children to own their faith. Not to borrow ours, but to actually own it.

But somewhere between the liturgy and the homework and the screens and the schedules, we wonder if it's actually happening. Are they absorbing this? Is any of it taking root? Will they still choose this when they leave our home?

Father Andrew Andrews has watched thousands of Orthodox kids grow up through the camping ministry at Camp St. Nicholas. He's watched what happens during the week and what happens 5, 10, 20 years later when those same kids are getting married in the church and baptizing their own children.

This week on the "Orthodox Christian Parenting" podcast, Father Andrew makes the case for something most of us have underestimated: church camp. It's one of the most powerful formation tools we have access to as Orthodox parents right now. Church camp offers a real community where children get to see what Orthodox life looks like when it is actually lived alongside people who love Christ as they do.

This conversation is for every parent who wants their child's faith to be their own. If you're reading this on your digital device, [click here](#) to watch. Or – type in your browser [www.youtube.com/@FaithtreeResources](http://www.youtube.com/@FaithtreeResources) and browse this and other inspiring videos on Orthodox Christian Parenting!

With you on the journey,

The Faithtree Team

P.S. The free Discussion Guide for this episode includes reflection questions that go much deeper than camp itself.

Get it at <https://www.faithtree.org/parenting>



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# TEEN GROUP FUNDRAISER!

*110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Commemorative Christmas Ornament*

*\$20 each or 2 for \$30*



*Proceeds to be used for a future outreach trip.*

*Thank you for your support!*

# ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL'S ARCHPASTORAL LETTER FOR PENTECOST 2026

***“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.”***

**(John 14:15-17)**

On the glorious Feast of Pentecost, we commemorate the fulfillment of our Lord's promise to send the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth. As recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-4), while the disciples were gathered together in the Upper Room, a sudden sound like a mighty rushing wind filled the house, and divided tongues of fire came to rest upon each of them. Immediately, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, boldly proclaiming the Gospel to the diverse multitudes gathered in Jerusalem.

The Spirit's presence transformed the fearful apostles into bold witnesses, willing to live their lives and give their lives for their Master, Jesus Christ. This sacred event marks the Birth of the Orthodox Christian Church and the complete revelation of the Holy Trinity.

But what does this monumental scriptural event mean for us today, centuries later? The Holy Spirit is not merely an abstract historical force; He is the personal, active, and life-creating presence of God Himself in our everyday existence. The Holy Fathers remind us that the grace given to the first disciples in the Upper Room is the very same grace poured out upon us in the Holy Mysteries – the Sacraments – of the Church.

Just as the Apostles received the “breath” of the Spirit, Saint Symeon the New Theologian teaches that the Holy Spirit becomes active within us as we partake in the sacramental life of the Church. The Spirit connects our hearts to God, making us conscious of our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father. He is the divine breath by Whom we draw the life of heaven into our souls.

The Holy Spirit was manifested at Pentecost as *fire*. Saint Seraphim of Sarov famously taught that the true aim of the Christian life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit. In everyday life, this divine Spirit acts as a refining fire. When we invite Him into our struggles, He burns away our passions, our anxieties, and our selfishness. He replaces our fear with courage, and He transforms our worldly sorrow into the quiet, unshakable joy of Christ.

Given to each of us personally at our Chrismation, our personal Pentecost, the fire of the Holy Spirit remains in each of us like the pilot light in our stove. It is always lit, but we must fan the flame! Before we do anything – not only in our spiritual lives but in our everyday duties and choices – we must call upon the Holy Spirit, in the prayer to Him that opens most of our daily prayers and Divine Services – “O Heavenly King” – and invite Him to “*come and abide in us, cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.*”

Saint Paul tells us that “*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*” (Galatians 5:22-23). The Holy Spirit becomes active in our daily life in the most ordinary of moments: when we choose patience over anger in our home, when we offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us, and when we extend love to the stranger or the suffering neighbor, whom we encounter in seemingly random, but truly God-sent, events. Through the Holy Spirit, our daily labor and our personal relationships become opportunities for sanctification.

As we celebrate this joyous feast, let us open our hearts to the Advocate. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to guide our minds, warm our hearts, and empower us to be living witnesses of the Gospel in our families, our workplaces, and our communities.

Upon you all, I invoke “*the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit*” (II Corinthians 13:14).

With my humble prayers, my archpastoral blessing, and my sincere love,

*+ Archbishop Michael*

Archbishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey