

*The bell tower itself is dedicated to
Carol Wetmore in recognition of her 50 years
of service as Choir Director*

*In memory of Sharon Tczap
A Bell was named in honor of Saint Xenia
of St. Petersburg
Donated by Mary and Deryl Tczap*

*In Memory of Olga Shkutzko
A Bell was named in honor of holy, right-believing
Empress Olga of Kiev
Donated by Diane Penola*

*In Memory of Helen Katsafouros
A Bell was named in honor of holy, right-believing
Empress Helen, Equal to the Apostles
Donated by James Katsafouros*

*In Memory of Basil Farbanish
A Bell was named in honor of Saint Basil the Great,
Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia
Donated by the Farbanish Family*

*In Memory of Ken Walsh
A Bell was named in honor of Saint Kenneth,
Abbot of Aghahoboe
Donated by Irene Walsh*

Schedule of Events

9:15 a.m. **Greeting of the Hierarchy**

His Eminence Archbishop **MICHAEL**
by Archpriest **Dr. David R. Fox,**
Pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Randolph, NJ

10:00 a.m. **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy**

Main Celebrant His Eminence Archbishop **MICHAEL**
Archbishop of New York and the Diocese
of New York & New Jersey

12:00 p.m. **Blessing of New Bells and Bell Tower**

by Archbishop **MICHAEL**

12:15 p.m. **Luncheon in Founders Hall**

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The plan for purchasing new bells and building a new bell tower to house the bells was conceived many months ago. The bell tower was to be a tribute to our Choir Director Carol Wetmore for her 50 years of service. Demolition of the old structure was completed in the summer of 2022, and construction of the new tower by **Victor O'Malley** began. The new bells were installed on March 9, 2023, by **Constantine Stade** of The Church Bell Company. The same weekend Constantine trained a few of our own bell ringers, and the new bells were rung for the first time at Vespers on March 11, 2023.

The purpose of ringing the bells is to call the faithful to services, to inform those absent from divine services of the various important liturgical moments of the services, as well as calling the worshippers to concentrated attention at these same moments. It is also used to signal the arrival of the archpastor at the church or monastery.

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“Come, let us worship God our King ...”

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



Holy Theophany



St. Herman



New Bell



Three new bells, St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, St. Nicholas, new bell.

HISTORY



Mr. George Hasencz, Fr. George's father.

December 1971: The Church obtained a single bell on indefinite loan from the US Navy. The bell had come from the USS Salomonie, a decommissioned Navy vessel that had supported WWII operations in the Pacific. The original support structure for this bell was built by

Palm Sunday 1998: The parish blessed a new tuned bell from Russia, blessed in the name of St. Herman of Alaska. Subsequently, three others joined the St. Herman bell; they were blessed to commemorate St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, St. Nicholas, and the Feast of Theophany. The Navy bell transferred to Holy Spirit Mission parish in Wantage; subsequently the Navy recalled the bell, terminating the loan.

Three of the four bells were installed on the church porch; the St. Herman bell was in a small stone structure on the site of the new bell tower. They announced services from those positions for 25 years until the 2023 project.



*Dedication and Blessing
of the New Bells and Bell Tower
Sunday, October 8, 2023*