



The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

November 10th, 2024 + 20th Sunday after Pentecost + Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater ...



Hymns for This Week

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Holy Apostles, Erástus, Olýmpas, Ródion, Sosipáter, Qúartus and Tértius, entreat the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Illumined by divine light, O holy Apostles, you wisely destroyed the works of idolatry. When you caught all the pagans you brought them to the Master and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

Epistle Reading - Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel Reading - Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting. If you have questions please let us know!*

Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



This Week's Schedule Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, November 9th

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy w/ Ordination of
SD Gregory Polk to the Holy Diaconate @ 9 AM

Reception to follow Divine Liturgy

Orthodoxy 101 - Come to the Ordination in the morning

Great Vespers @ 5 PM

Confession available before or after Vespers

Sunday, November 10th

Matins @ 8 AM, Hours @ 8:40 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

Parastas for Mitred Archpriest Vladimir Petorak

Offered by the Petorak Family

Archpriest Joseph Martin & Betty Polk

Offered by Deacon Gregory Polk

Coffee Hour, Church School

Parish Council Meeting @ 11:30 AM

+++

THIS WEEK

WED: No Open Church or Services this week

THUR 11 AM: Bible Study

FRI-SAT: Pierogi Project

+++

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, November 16th

Friends of the Poor @ 9 AM

Orthodoxy 101 @ 3:30 PM

Great Vespers @ 5 PM

Confession available before or after Vespers

Sunday, November 17th

Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

Coffee Hour, Church School



ANNOUNCEMENTS

& Upcoming Parish Events

+++

+++ Weekly / Monthly +++

NEW SESSION - Bible Study Thursdays at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome. We are reading through the Acts of the Apostles with discussions.

NEW SESSION - ORTHODOXY 101 Saturdays @ 3:30 PM: Orthodoxy 101 is for visitors, inquirers, catechumens or anyone interested in learning more about the foundations of our faith. 1 hour followed by Great Vespers.

Parish Potlucks are usually the last Sunday of each month. Our next potluck is November 24th.

Friends of the Poor is usually the second Saturday of each month. The next gathering will be SAT, November 16th @ 9 AM

Holy Trinity Parish Council is usually the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is SUN, Nov 10th @ 11:30 AM

+++ Upcoming Events +++

Next Pierogi Project NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH:

Friday & Saturday Work Schedule: Fri. 2pm to 6pm, Sat. 9am to 3pm. Volunteer sign up sheet and pierogi order sheets are in the vestibule. Volunteers are needed to make the project a success. Pierogies \$ 13.00 a doz. LIMIT. 5 doz. Pre-order Call: 570-822-5975 November 11th - 14th. Between 10am and 3pm. Pick up date: Nov. 16th (Sat.) (1pm to 3pm)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER Birthdays: Scott Harvey (11/4), Matushka Melanie Neal (11/4), Myra Tarantini (11/4), Irene Dutko (11/5), Anya Nealon (11/8), Steve Nealon (11/10), Joli Dutko (11/12), Matt Austin (11/16), Douglas Cardoni (11/16), John Goobic III (11/19), Michael Talpash (11/22), Andrew Neal (11/24), Olivia Kamboch Spinghel (11/27), Candice Dutko (11/30) **Anniversaries:** Steve & Jean Hutz (11/19)

This Week:

Birthdays: Steve Nealon (11/10), Joli Dutko (11/12), Matt Austin (11/16), Douglas Cardoni (11/16) **Anniversaries:** N/A



Words of Wisdom From the Saints & Teachers

+++

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Today's Gospel in short, contains everything which is the way of the Christian. The first commandment is that we should love our God with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength, with all our being, and our neighbour as ourselves. To love means to prefer all that is dear to the beloved person, to what is dear to us. To love God means that we should live, and indeed be such that He could rejoice in what we are, that there should be nothing alien to Him in our lives.

And here comes the second commandment, which the lawyer did not understand: that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. To love again our neighbour, forgetting ourselves. Very often we think that we are worthy Christians if we feel that we have in our hearts a warmth, that we love God. But this is not enough. The test of this love is to share God's own love for every one of our neighbours. I remember a sad moment in my own life, when my father asked me: what was the dream of my life? I was young then, and I said, 'To be with God alone.' And he looked sadly at me and said, 'You have not begun to be a Christian.' Because if we love God we must share with Him all His concerns for the whole world and for each person in this world.

Let us, therefore, take this short event in the life of Christ and the parable as a rule. We will never be able to know how much we love God. It is difficult, because it is so easy to delude oneself. Even when we say that we love someone, a moment may come when selfishness, indifference, a quarrel may make an end, at least for a time, to our mutual friendship and closeness. But there is a criterion which is objective. How do you treat your neighbour? What does he mean to you? If he means nothing, if he is a passer-by, if he is only someone in your way, or if he is someone to whom you can pay attention when you are in the right mood, then we have not begun to love God and to love the world together with

Him. Let us therefore think of it, ask ourselves pertinent questions, and redress our lives. Amen.

"The inn is the Church, which Christ left for our healing, and the innkeeper represents all those who are entrusted with the care of others in the Church."

St. John Chrysostom

+++

"Perfect love to God and to one another is the fulfillment of the commandments. For this alone does God require from us, that we should love Him and each other."

St. Cyril of Alexandria



The Treasury

"... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. + Jesus Christ

+++

<p>Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,305 Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$2,840 Last Week's Collection (11/3/24) : \$5,366</p>
--

PARISH PRAYER LIST Living: Homebound - Evelyn, Vladimir, Jeri, Marsha, David, Paul, Archpriest Theodore, Archpriest Michael Evans, Mat. Elizabeth, Mary, Patricia, Barbara, Jeri, Evelyn, Joan, Irene, Sonja **Sick & Suffering** - Cynthia Dulsky, Nadine Breisch, Tom & Joan Austin, Elizabeth Hutz, Mary Hutz, Delores Voda, David Lezinsky, June, Myra, Bob Lutzick, Leann, Matthew Gingo, Madison & Millie Nicholas, Gregory Krevko, Steve Rilkowski, Tom Vaskalis, David, Alice Liskowski **Departed:** Spencer Nicholas, Nicholas Petrishin, Mitred Archpriest Vladimir Petorak, Roberta Pryor Schloemer, Archpriest Peter Telencio, Monk Nichodemus, Emily Trumbower