



# The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

October 13th, 2024 + 16th Sunday after Pentecost + Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council



## Hymns for This Week

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

## Epistle Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

## Gospel Reading - Luke 8:5-15

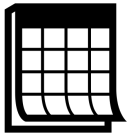
A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But

**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!

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the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

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## This Week's Schedule

### Holy TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

#### **THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday, October 12th**

**Friends of the Poor @ 9 AM**

**++ NO Vespers this Week ++**

**Sunday, October 13th**

Hours @ 8:40 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

Coffee Hour, Church School

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#### **THIS WEEK**

WED **11 AM** - **1:30 PM**: Church open for prayer

WED **6:30 PM**: Akathist to St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre

THUR **11 AM**: Bible Study

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#### **NEXT WEEKEND**

**Saturday, October 19th**

**Orthodoxy 101 @ 3:30 PM (New Session Begins)**

Great Vespers @ 5 PM

*Confession available before or after Vespers*

**Sunday, October 20th**

Matins @ 8 AM, Hours @ 8:40 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

Coffee Hour, Church School

**Parish Council Meeting @ 11:30 AM**

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*THANK YOU to all of our members, guests and friends who helped make our 2024 Foodfest a great success. Whether you volunteered or supported us through buying our delicious food, we are grateful!*

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## Parish Calendar & Events

### +++ Weekly / Monthly +++

**Bible Study** Thursdays at 11 AM. Everyone is welcome. We are reading through the Gospel of St. Luke with discussions.

**NEW SESSION - ORTHODOXY 101 Beginning October 19th:**  
**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 October 27th.

**Friends of the Poor** is usually the second Saturday of each month. The next gathering will be SAT, October 12th @ 9 AM

**Holy Trinity Parish Council** is usually the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is SUN, Oct 20th @ 11:30 AM

### +++ Upcoming Events +++

**SAVE THE DATE:** SubDeacon Gregory Polk will be ordained to the Holy Diaconate on Sat, Nov 9th at 9 AM by His Eminence Archbishop Mark here at Holy Trinity. More details to come.

**Next Perogie 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. Perogies \$ 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)

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## Birchdays & ANNIVERSARIES

**OCTOBER Birthdays:** Paula Holoviak (10/2), Barry Benczkowski (10/2), Tommy Donlick Jr. (10/5), Brian Benczkowski (10/5), Paul Andrew Tumavitch (10/6), Irene Zimich (10/6), John Zimich (10/11), Jason Stankiewicz (10/18), Amber King (10/20), Sarah Benczkowski (10/22), Rebecca Leonori (10/23), Mary Anya Haugh (10/27), Walter Shedlock (10/28), Marie Talpash (10/28) **Anniversaries:** William & Mary Gurka (10/15), Rebecca & Steve Leonori (10/23)

#### **This Week:**

**Birthdays:** Jason Stankiewicz (10/18) **Anniversaries:** William & Mary Gurka (10/15)