



The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

Sunday, October 17, 2021: 17th Sunday after Holy Pentecost, The Holy Prophet Hosea & Monk-Martyr Andrew of Crete



Hymns for Today

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

We celebrate the memory of Thy prophet Hosea, O Lord; through him we beseech Thee: "Save our souls!"

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one. Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat and didst slay Copronymus with the sword of faith; for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory.

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, seeing far-off things as though

they were present. Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet Hosea.

Today the Queen of cities celebrates the radiant feast of thy light-bearing memory, and invites every city and country to join her. She rejoices for she has gained a great treasure: thy body which sustained many struggles, martyr Andrew, beacon of Orthodoxy.

Epistle Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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

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!

hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But 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.

This Week's Schedule

THIS WEEKEND

SAT, Oct 16th: NO VESPERS

SUN, Oct 17th: Hours @ 8:40 AM,
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, Coffee Hour, Church School

WELCOME to FR. BARNABAS FRAVEL

Thank you for serving Divine Liturgy this morning
for our community.

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THIS WEEK

WED: Church Open for Private Prayer 11 AM-1:30 PM

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NEXT WEEKEND

SAT, Oct 23rd: Prosphora Making Class @ 10 AM,
Great Vespers @ 5 PM

SUN, Oct 24th: Hours @ 8:40 AM,
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, Coffee Hour, Church School,
Parastas offered for Evelyn Bogan by Natalie Gripp & Eva
Lisowski by Sharon and Chris Askew and Family.

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Upcoming Parish Events & Announcements

Prosphora Making Class - (New Date) SAT, Oct 23:
Since the earliest days of our faith, bread used during Divine Liturgy and other services has been made and offered by the faithful on behalf of the community to Our Lord. In return God sends His Holy Spirit back to the

community through and upon these same gifts of which we partake. If you would like to be a part of this important and rewarding ministry at Holy Trinity, you are invited to attend our first Prosphora Making Class on **Saturday, October 23rd at 10 AM** at the Pavillion. All Parishioners of Holy Trinity are invited and welcomed to be a part of this ministry. If you have any questions contact Fr. Innocent. If you would like to attend sign-up in the Vestibule.

Fall Youth Costume Party: Kid and Teen Fall Costume Party, **Saturday, October 30**, 6 to 8 PM in the parish pavilion. Food, games, prizes, and bonfire. RSVP to Paula Holoviak at 610 533-3184 (text).

Birthdays & 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), Janet Vallone (10/7) John Zimich (10/11), Gail Coslett (10/12) Jason Stankiewicz (10/18), Amber King (10/20), Sarah Benzczkowski (10/22), Rebecca Leonori (10/23), Mary Anya Haugh (10/27), Walter Shedlock (10/28) **October Anniversaries:** William & Mary Gurka (10/15), Rebecca & Steve Leonori (10/23), Dan & Shannon Bisset (10/28)

This Week's Birthdays: Jason Stankiewicz (10/18), Amber King (10/20), Sarah Benzczkowski (10/22), Rebecca Leonori (10/23) **This Week's Anniversaries:** Rebecca & Steve Leonori (10/23)

PARISH PRAYER LIST Living: Cynthia Dulsky, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nadine Breisch, Rosalie Bagenski, Sonja & Leanne Kay, Josie Bissett, Lisa & Scott Harvey, Daniel & Shannon Bissett, Delores Karas, Antonette Terry, Archpriest Daniel & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Violet Filipi, Catherine, Danny Gobish, Lorraine Pace, Camden Thomas, Peter Holoviak & Family, Marni Bachman & Family, Rose Marie, Helen Gudaitis, Mahaffey Family, George Scott, Evelyn Kosmiski, Joe Sloan, Louis Gianuzzi, Betty Serafin, Matushka Elizabeth, Karen Maier, John Metz, Bill & Chris, Leigh Remp, Dn Gabriel Aldgride & Family

Departed: Archpriest Stacey Richter, Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, Mary Metz, Sharlie, Jerald Cobb, Rob Aldridge
