



The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

Sunday, October 24, 2021: 18th Sunday after Holy Pentecost, The Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him



Hymns for Today

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Through the sufferings which Thy holy martyrs Arethas and his companions endured for Thy sake, O Lord, we beseech Thee, O Lover of mankind: “Heal all of our infirmities!”

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve

rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Today the radiant feast of the passion-bearers Arethas and his companions comes to us as a herald of joy; as we celebrate it, we glorify the Lord on high.

Epistle Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are

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!*

tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

This Week's Schedule

THIS WEEKEND

SAT, Oct 23rd: 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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WED: Church Open for Private Prayer 11 AM-1:30 PM

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NEXT WEEKEND

SAT, Oct 30th: Great Vespers @ 5 PM

Fall Youth Costume Party @ 6 PM

SUN, Oct 31st: Hours @ 8:40 AM,

Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, Coffee Hour, Church School,

Community Outreach Meeting (All Welcome)

Upcoming Parish Events & Announcements

NEXT SATURDAY: 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).

NEXT SUNDAY, Community Outreach Meeting: Sunday, October 31st following Coffee Hour all are welcome to meet and discuss how Holy Trinity can effectively minister to those in need in our area. Come with ideas and a heart for serving Our Lord through the needy according to His words: *For I was hungry and you*

gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink.

Election Day Food Sale – November 2 – 9 AM to 5 PM (or until the food runs out). Menu items: Clam chowder, chicken tortellini soup, piggy soup and porketta sandwiches. Pre-orders for Holy Trinity parishioners will be available. Volunteer sign-up in the vestibule.

Pierogi Project – A possible Pierogi Project is currently slated for 12 & 13 November. As everyone knows we need as many volunteers as possible to help with this fundraiser. A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule so please try and give a few or more hours of time to help with this popular fundraiser. Should there not be enough we may need to postpone or cancel this project. Parishioners will have the opportunity to pre-order in advance of outside orders.

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 Benczkowski (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)

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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:** Jerald Cobb, Rob Aldridge