



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Sun, January 26, 2020 - The Woman from Canaan

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Ven. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons.



Hymns for Today

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.

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. // By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

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!"

Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Epistle Reading - 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. 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.

faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

TODAY: 9:00 AM- 3rd & 6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, **Adult Ed Intro to Divine Liturgy**, Church School

WED: Jan 29, 6:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

+ FEAST OF MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE +

SAT: Feb 1, 4:00 PM - Great Vespers w/ Lity

SUN: Feb 2, 9:00 AM - 3rd/6th Hours (8:40AM), Divine Liturgy, **Presentation on Tent City**, Church School

A Presentation on Wilkes-Barre Tent City

will be given NEXT WEEK, Feb 2 at coffee hour by Ms. Bernie Baluta who is in charge of collecting for the homeless of Tent City. Please come learn about those God has given us the opportunity to help and serve through Ms. Baluta’s work.

Attendance & Donations - 1/19/20

Attendance: 47 | Regular: \$618
Improvements: \$275 | Candles: \$37

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Living: Cynthia Dulsky, Josie Bisset, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nancy Valletta & Family, Nadine Breisch, Luke Austin, Susan Goobic Howell, Rosalie Bagenski, Paul Loftus, Rachael Macking, Connie Padrezas, Denise Meck, Tom & Sonja Kay, Mary Krill

+++ HOUSE BLESSINGS +++

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR HOME BLESSED and have not yet set up a day and time see me (Fr. Innocent). I hope everyone will participate and receive this blessing. - Fr. Innocent

BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS: If you throw away your Christmas cards consider bringing them to church

next week. We will give them new life by reusing them in our Church School program.

FINAL WEEK! HELP THE HOMELESS IN WILKES-BARRE TENT CITY:

The church school is in the final week of collecting gently used or new items for the homeless. Here is a list of the most requested items: Denim jeans, hoodies, turtlenecks, boots, tents, sleeping bags, blankets, thermal underwear, long tube socks, hats, hand warmers, Sterno cans and lighters (to heat tents), old fire pits or metal containers, McDonald’s \$5 gift cards (see JoAnn Dutko to purchase McDonald’s Gift Cards). Items are needed for men and women. There is also a need for food items such as juice boxes, fruit cups (not in cans), pudding cups (that do not require refrigeration) **The collection will be picked up on February 2, 2020.** We thank you for your kindness toward this population as it is the harshest time of the year. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE: NEXT PROJECT -

OUR NEXT PROJECT will be the construction of two walls in the area off the kitchen. By doing so we will have an area for much needed storage and also a closed in meeting/classroom space away from the hustle and bustle of Sunday coffee hours. Anyone interested in helping to erect, paint or donate money towards this effort please contact Jason or Father Innocent.

PIEROGIE PROJECT 2020:

The first pierogie project of 2020 is February 10 and 11. If you would like to order, you can call Denise at 570-825-9719 or place your order on the list in back of the church. Due to some medical problems, a few people will be missing. We will need more help on both days. I’m hoping that you can come out and help with this project. We will be starting 7AM each morning. You can show up anytime after that.

MEATFARE SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR: Sunday, February 23rd

We will have our traditional Meatfare Sunday Coffee Hour which will comprise of our special meat fare dishes at this time of year. Please feel free to bring your favorite meat pre-Lenten dishes. A sign-up sheet is provided in the vestibule, however, if you are unable to bring anything, NO WORRIES! We will have plenty of food to enjoy! Please just come and enjoy the fellowship and also bring your friends who are always welcome every week!