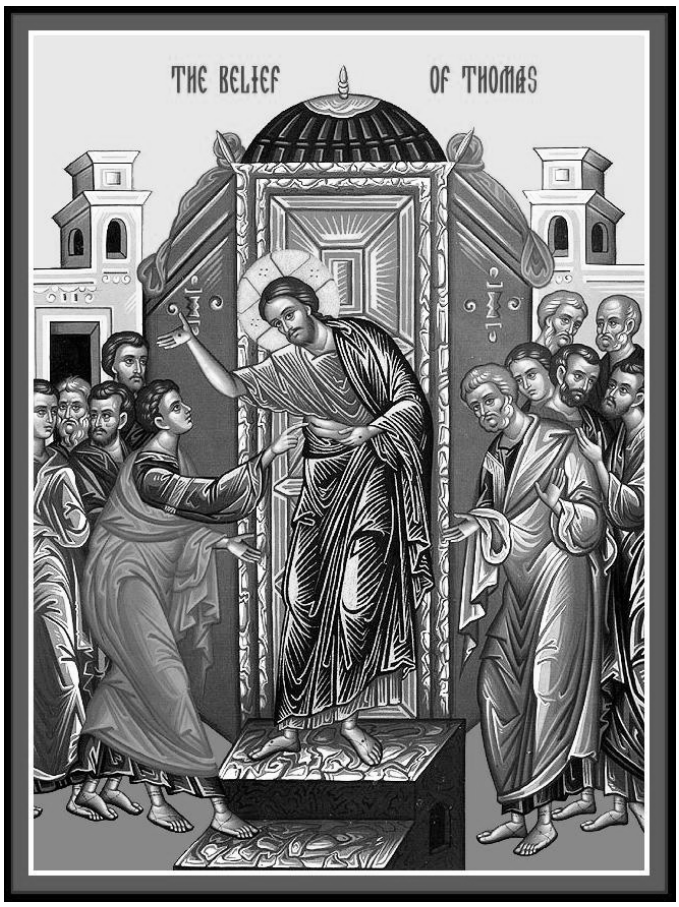
The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

Thomas Sunday + April 19th, 2025 + ANTIPASCHA + Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Hymns for Today's Service

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. Renew in us through them an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

Please Sing Along!
Singing the hymns and responses to the litanies along with the choir throughout the Divine Liturgy is encouraged!

Epistle Reading - Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel Reading - John 20:19-31

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said

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!*

to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

This Week's Schedule

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

SAT MORNING, April 18
Paschal Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM
Wilkes-Barre Paschal Picnic @ 10:30 AM
Great Vespers @ 2 PM

This Sunday - THOMAS SUNDAY, April 19
Resurrectional Matins @ 8 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM
followed by
Children's Easter Egg Hunt @ 11 AM,
Blessing of the Graves (weather permitting)
Holy Resurrection @ 12:30, Fern Knoll @ 2:30
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NO OPEN CHURCH, AKATHIST or BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK
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SAT MORNING, April 25
Reader's Vespers @ 5 PM

NEXT SUNDAY - Myrrh-Bearing Woman, April 26
NO Resurrectional Matins, Hours @ 8:40 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, Coffee Hour, Church School

Please welcome Fr. John & Matushka Stacey Armstrong on Sunday, April 26th
The Neal's will be on vacation

THOMAS SUNDAY: Easter Egg Hunt & Grave Blessing. Our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Thomas Sunday at 11 AM following Divine Liturgy and a quick coffee break (for parents and the priest). Our annual Grave Blessings at Holy Resurrection & Fern Knoll Cemeteries will take place at 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM respectively. Both of these events are weather permitting.

NEXT PIEROGIE PROJECT Friday & Saturday APRIL 24th & 25th. Work Schedule: Fri. 2pm to 6pm, Sat. 9am to 3pm. Volunteer sign up sheet and pierogie order sheet are in the vestibule. Volunteers are needed to make the project a success. Pierogies $ 13.00 a doz. LIMIT. 5 doz. Pre-order Call: 570 825 9480 APRIL 21 st - 23rd. Between 10am and 3pm Pick up date: SAT, APRIL 25th/ 1pm to 3pm.

May 3rd, CHURCH SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Join us Sunday, May 3rd following Divine Liturgy in support of the Holy Trinity Youth for our annual Pancake Breakfast. Cost is $10 per meal and includes pancakes, sausage, pastries, and fruit. See you then!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays: Miriam Clark (4/6), Marie Dutko (4/6), Andy Dutko (4/7), Pearl Tutko (4/8), Alec Breisch (4/9), Alex Holoviak (4/9), Nicholas Reznak (4/9), Kate Rivera (4/12), Leigh Storey (4/17), Vladimir Holoviak (4/19), Eli King (4/21), Jordan Dutko (4/23), Barbara Arnell (2/24), Paul Dreater (4/24), Callie Evans (4/29) **Anniversaries:** Fr. Innocent & Mat. Melanie Neal (4/22), Eva & Stephen Nealon (4/29)

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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

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: $12,305
Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: $2,840
Last Week's Collection (4/12/26) : TBD