The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

The Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Woman + April 26th, 2026 + Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Hymns for Today's Service

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

The Angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.'"

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: "The Savior is risen from the tomb!"

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

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

Epistle Reading - Acts 6:1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the

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!*

disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel Reading - Mark 15:43-16:8

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away — for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples — and Peter — that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This Week's Schedule
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

THIS WEEKEND
SAT, April 25
Reader's Vespers @ 5 PM

THIS SUNDAY, April 26th - Myrrh-Bearing Woman
NO Resurrectional Matins, Hours @ 8:40 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, Coffee Hour, Church School
Please welcome Fr. John & Matushka Stacey Armstrong

THIS WEEK
NO OPEN CHURCH, AKATHIST or
BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK
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NEXT WEEKEND
SAT, May 2nd
Great Vespers @ 5 PM

SUN, May 3rd - Sunday of the Paralytic
Resurrectional Matins @ 8 AM, Hours @ 8:40 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, Coffee Hour, Church School

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!

May 7th, FEAST OF ST ALEXIS OF WILKES-BARRE
May 6th @ 6:30 PM - Great Vespers
May 7th @ 9 AM - Divine Liturgy

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)

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries: Callie Evans (4/29) **Anniv** - Eva & Stephen Nealon (4/29)

"The women were the first to see Him, because they were the first to seek Him."

St. Gregory the Great

"They came not as skeptics, but as lovers—bringing myrrh, not arguments."

St. Gregory Palamas