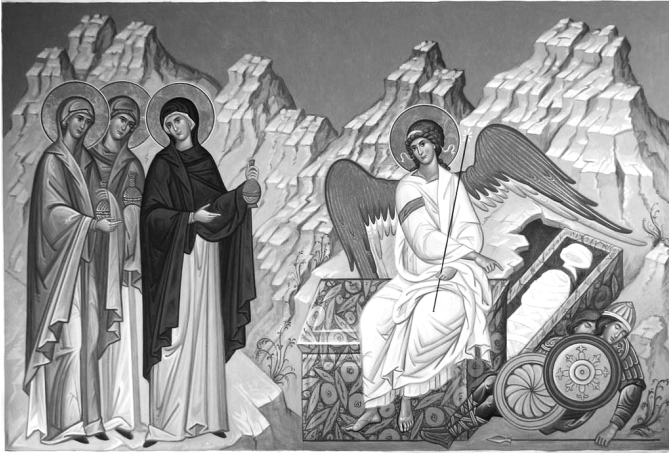




The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! • Sun, May 16, 2021: Myrrh-bearing Women • Saint for today: St. Theodore the Sanctified



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 myrrhbearing 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.

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 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 Jesus observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was

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!*

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

This Weekend

Please offer a warm Holy Trinity welcome to Fr. Michael Evans who will be serving Divine Liturgy this Sunday.

SAT, May 15: NO VESPERS

SUN, May 16: Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Myrrh-bearing Woman @ 9 AM, Church School, Coffee Hour

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THIS WEEK

TUES, May 18: Election Day Food Sale

WED, May 19: Church Open for Private Prayer 11AM-1PM

FRI 21-SAT 22: Spring Cleaning & Painting

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NEXT WEEKEND (May 22-23)

SAT, May 22: VESPERS @ 5 PM

SUN, May 23: Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, Church School, Parish Council, Festival Meeting, Coffee

Announcements & Meetings

Monthly Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 23rd following services. Food Festival meeting to follow.

Election Day Food Sale - May 18 - 8 AM to 5 PM (or until menu items run out). Chicken tortellini soup, baked ziti, porketta sandwiches. **Food sale prep** - Monday, May 17 - 9AM to Noon. **Volunteers needed on both days.** Contact Sandy or Diane with any questions or suggestions.

Food Festival 2021 – July 23 & 24: A planning meeting will be held following the monthly meeting on May 23. Contact Alexanne Conklin with questions or suggestions.

Spring Cleaning & Painting – May 21 & 22: Beginning at 3 PM on Friday the 21st. Any work remaining will be completed the following day on the 22nd beginning at 9 AM. Please bring rakes, brooms, chain saws, etc. Work includes sweeping, pulling weeds, cutting trees. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Painting of the pavilion interior will be accomplished on Saturday the 22nd beginning at 8:30 AM. Anyone who is handy with a brush and roller is very much welcome to help. To help defray costs painters bring their own brushes, rollers, pans, etc. Paint will be provided. Please contact Father or Sandy with any questions or suggestions. **Sign up sheets for both initiatives are posted in the vestibule.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays: Joann Salazar (5/3), Jeremy Haugh (5/18), Becky Leonori (5/20), Zach Harvey (5/24), Elaine Benczkowski (5/26), Dolores Karas (5/27), Eva King (5/30), Martha Tumavitch (5/30) **Anniversaries:** Matthew & Aimee Austin (5/15)

This Week: Jeremy Haugh (5/18), Becky Leonori (5/20)

Altar Server Schedule

Sunday, May 16: Vladimir H, Alex H, Tommy D, Andrew C

Sunday, May 23: Alec B, Kaleb D, Symeon C, Christopher D, Ephraim N

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

Newly Departed: Archpriest Antonio Perdomo, Valentina Tomoshosky, Carl, James
