



The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

The Sunday of the Paralytic + May 26th, 2024 + Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Hymns for Today's Service

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

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 9:32-42

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

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!

Gospel Reading - John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.



This Week's Schedule Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

THIS WEEKEND - The Paralytic

Saturday, May 25th

Great Vespers @ 5 PM

Confession available before or after Vespers

Sunday, May 26th

Resurrectional Matins @ 8 AM

Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM,

Memorial Day Service at the flagpole

followed by Coffee Hour, Church School, Parish Council

Noon: Retirement Lunch for Fr. Gregory

at Cork Restaurant

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THIS WEEK

MON: St. Tikhon's Monastery Annual Pilgrimage

WED 11 AM - 1:30 PM: Church open for prayer

WED 6:30 PM: Akathist: *Glory to God for All Things*

THURS 11 AM: NO BIBLE STUDY - SPRING BREAK

Bible Study will resume June 20th

NEXT WEEKEND - Samaritan Woman

Saturday, June 1st

Great Vespers @ 5 PM

Confession available before or after Vespers

Sunday, June 2nd

Resurrectional Matins @ 8 AM

Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

followed by Coffee Hour



ANNOUNCEMENTS

& Upcoming Parish Events

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Parish Council is usually the second Sunday of each month. Our next meeting is TODAY immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Friends of the Poor is usually the second Saturday of each month. The next gathering will be SAT, June 8th.

Parish Potlucks are usually the last Sunday of each month. Our next potluck is May 26th

Orthodoxy 101 Class: Currently on Spring Break. Class will resume Sat, June 1st.

Parish Bible Study: Currently on Spring Break. Class will resume Thursday, June 20th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May Birthdays: Alexandria Rubino (5/7), Gabriel Brisk (5/10), Jeremy Haugh (5/18), Paul Meck (5/18), Becky Leonori (5/20), Zach Harvey (5/24), Jack Willis (5/24), Elaine Benczkowski (5/26), Eva King (5/30), Martha Tumavitch (5/30) **Anniversaries**: Matthew & Aimee Austin (5/15)

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