



# The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

Sun, May 2, 2021 : Holy Pascha • Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling down death by death,  
And upon those in the tombs  
Bestowing life!

## Epistle Reading - Acts 1:1-8

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after

His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## Gospel Reading - John 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten 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!

Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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## *This Week's Schedule*

### **HOLY PASCHA SERVICES**

#### **Beginning SAT NIGHT, May 1st**

Nocturns @ 10 PM

Paschal Matins @ 10:30 PM

Paschal Divine Liturgy @ 11:30 PM

Blessing of the Baskets & **\*Agape Meal** @ 12:45 AM

#### **SUN MORNING, May 2nd**

Agape Vespers w/ Procession @ 11 AM

*followed by Blessing of the Baskets*

#### **BRIGHT MONDAY, May 3rd**

Paschal Hours @ 8:40 AM

Paschal Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

#### **BRIGHT SATURDAY, May 8th**

Paschal Hours @ 8:40 AM

Paschal Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

Parish PotLuck / Picnic @ 10:30 AM

Great Vespers @ 5 PM

#### **THOMAS SUNDAY, May 9th**

Hours @ 8:40 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM

*followed by*

**Childrens Easter Egg Hunt,**

**Blessing of the Graves** (weather permitting)

*Holy Resurrection @ 12:30, Fern Knoll @ 2:30*

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\* **THE AGAPE MEAL:** Following the blessing of the baskets after Divine Liturgy on Pascha it is traditional for the faithful to break the fast by eating with one another from the baskets which have just been blessed. No food or drinks will be provided.

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### **RECEIVING COMMUNION ON HOLY PASCHA**

A friendly reminder that Holy Communion is for Orthodox Christians in good standing who have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent confession. Only those Orthodox Christians who have confessed during the Lenten Fast should receive on Holy Pascha. If you have questions about receiving communion in the Orthodox Church please speak with Fr. Innocent.

**FASTING FOR THE PASCHAL LITURGY:** The Paschal Divine Liturgy begins at 11:30 PM on Holy Saturday. Please remember to fast, preferably six hours before receiving communion (think around 6 PM to begin fasting if possible OR unless food is needed for medications, etc). If you have any specific questions concerning your personal fast or ability to fast please speak with Fr. Innocent.

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## *Announcements & Meetings*

**SPONSOR A PAVILLION DOOR:** One of our many spring-cleaning initiatives this year will be the repair and upgrade of the pavilion's garage doors (all 9 of them). To defray costs we are looking to the support of our parishioners. Work on each door will cost approximately \$50 and include replacement of door locks and weather stripping and a coat or two of fresh paint both inside and out. Once the repairs and facelift to the pavilion are completed, we will begin advertising our facility as an event location. Anyone interested in donating to this initiative or others that are underway or planned can give Sandy (571-274-5846) or Father a call.

**BRIGHT SATURDAY LITURGY & POTLUCK:** Bright Saturday, May 8th, let's all come together as a parish community to continue the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection. There will be a HOT grill and lot's of fun. Brings food to cook and share! Begins at 9 AM with Divine Liturgy. More details to come! Sign up sheet in the back!

## 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:** Joann Salazar (5/3)

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## Altar Server Schedule

**HOLY PASCHA:** All servers welcome

**Sunday, May 9:** Alec B, Kaleb D, Symeon C,  
Christopher D, Ephraim N

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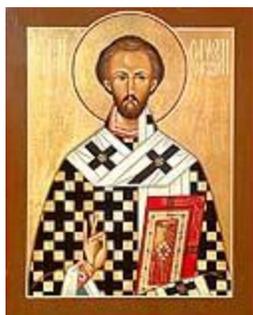
**PARISH PRAYER LIST Living:** Cynthia Dulsky, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nadine Breisch, Rosalie Bagenski, Sonja & Leanne Kay, Josie Bissett, Lisa & Scott Harvey, Daniel & Shannon Bissett, Delores Karas, Antonette Terry, Archpriest Daniel & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Violet Filipi, Catherine, Danny Gobish, 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

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## THE PASCHAL SERMON

*The Catechetical Sermon of St. John Chrysostom is read during Matins of Pascha.*



If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness

keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; He gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And He shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one He gives, and upon the other He bestows gifts. And He both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

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## Pascha Flower Donations In Memory of

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*Offered by Eleanor Sovyrda*

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## Other Pascha Donations

**Candles for the Two Vigil Crosses**

*in Memory of John Pavelchak*

*Offered by Barbara King*

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*Thank you to all who offered donations towards our beautiful Pascha celebration in memory of and for the health of your loved ones. May God grant you a joyous Pascha filled with the light of Our Lord's glorious resurrection! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*