



The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

Sun, June 13, 2021: Sunday after Ascension / Father of the 1st Ecumenical Council • Saint for today: Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria



Hymns for Today's Service

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love

Thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

Epistle Reading - Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Reading - John 17:13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal

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!

life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

This Week's Schedule

This Weekend

SAT, June 12: Vespers @ 5 PM

SUN, June 13: Hours @ 8:40 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM,
Coffee Hour, Parish Council

Grave Blessings: CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN

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THIS WEEK

WED: Church Open for Private Prayer 11AM-1:30 PM

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NEXT WEEKEND - HOLY PENTECOST

SAT, June 19: Vespers @ 5 PM

SUN, June 20: Hours @ 8:40 AM,
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM, **Parish Pot Luck**

Feast of Holy Pentecost Parish Potluck - In celebration of our Parish Feast Day, Sunday June 20th, we will have a potluck in place of our normal coffee hour. Please sign-up in the vestibule and bring a dish to share!

Food Festival: Mark your calendars for this year's Food Festival on July 23 & 24. More info to follow. Volunteers needed to help prepare foods, clean/set-up, and during the Festival. A work schedule will be distributed soon.

Pierogi Project: A pierogi making project is scheduled for July 9 (3PM - 8PM) & July 10 (8AM - 1PM) to support the Food Festival. A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. We hope to have enough volunteers to make this project possible. Contact Alexanne (570-474-9785) or Sandy (571-274-5846) with questions or suggestions.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays: Anna Cardoni (6/2), Rose Kennedy (6/2), Noelle Flis (6/6), Fr. Innocent Neal (6/7), Doreen Cherkis (6/10), Rebecca Willis (6/12), Christopher Polk (6/12), Melanie Flis (6/13), Symeon Clark (6/17), Stephen Serafin (6/19), Zoryana Duda (6/20), Aimee Austin (6/20), Amy Rubino Welgus (6/23), Peter Welgus Jr. (6/24), Laura Polk (6/28), Gregory Stankiewicz (6/30), Emily Willis (6/30) **Anniversaries:** Eleanor & Ted Sovyrda (6/2), Tom & Joan Austin (6/5), Donna & Jerry Stankiewicz (6/6)

This Week: Birthdays: Melanie Flis (6/13), Symeon Clark (6/17), Stephen Serafin (6/19)

Altar Server Schedule

Sunday, June 13: Vladimir H, Alex H,
Tommy D, Andrew C, Andrew N

Sunday, June 20: 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: