The Sunday Messenger

+ Holy Trinity, Wilkes-Barre + June 21st, 2026 + Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia + 3rd Sunday after Pentecost +

Hymns & Readings

For Today's Divine Liturgy

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!"

Thy holy martyr Julian, O Lord, through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercession, save our souls!

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Let us all worthily praise Julian today, the unconquerable pious warrior and seeker of truth; To him let us cry out: "Pray to Christ God for us all!"

Please Sing Along!

Singing throughout the Divine Liturgy is encouraged!

Epistle Reading - Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Gospel - Matthew 6:22-33

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and

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!

mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

"If a man sets his heart on the Kingdom of God, all things necessary for this life will be added to him by God's providence."

— St. Isaac the Syrian

THIS WEEKEND
SAT, June 20th
Great Vespers @ 5 PM, Confessions
SUN, June 21st
Resurrectional Matins @ 8 AM, Hours @ 8:40 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM,
Coffee Hour & Town Hall Meeting

THIS WEEK
Bible Study is on Summer Break - Stay tuned!
WED @ 11 AM - 1 PM - Church Open for Prayer
WED @ 6 PM - Akathist - Glory to God for All Things
WED @ 6:30 PM - Orthodoxy 101

NEXT WEEKEND
SAT, June 27th
Great Vespers @ 5 PM, Confessions
SUN, June 28th
Resurrectional Matins @ 8 AM, Hours @ 8:40 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 9 AM,
Coffee Hour, Orthodoxy 101 @ noon

Bible Study is currently on summer break
ORTHODOXY 101 Alternating between Sundays @ noon following the coffee hour & Wednesday following the Akathist service. Orthodoxy 101 is for visitors, inquirers, catechumens or anyone interested in learning more about our faith.
Parish Potlucks are usually the last Sunday of each month. Our next potluck is Sun, June 28th.
Friends of the Poor is usually the second Saturday of each month. The next FOP is Saturday, July 11th.
Holy Trinity Parish Council is usually the second Sunday of each month. The next Parish Council is Sunday, July 19th.

Congratulations to Alexander Holoviak for receiving the Mary Bankos Scholarship. The Mary Bankos Scholarship is presented in memory of Mary Bankos to Holy Trinity High School graduates who have exhibited a strong dedication and love for the church through service, participation in parish life, ministries, and projects. The scholarship is presented annually by Mary's three daughters - Mary Krill, Elaine Benczkowski, and Anna Cardoni.

Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip: Ephraim and Andrew Neal will be joining other Orthodox youth to serve at the Appalachia Service Project. The ASP provides opportunities for youth and adults from around the

country to repair and replace homes for low-income families in rural central Appalachia. To volunteer, each participant is required to raise funds to cover expenses for the service project, PLUS travel to and from Appalachia. This year, Ephraim and Andrew will conduct fundraisers to help fund the cost, approx $800 each. For the first fundraiser they will offer Fresh Roasted Coffee - roasted with love in the rectory roastery (yes, we have one). This coffee will be a custom "Mission Blend" - roasted, prepared, and packaged by Fr. Innocent and the Neal boys. The cost will be $20 for a 12oz bag / ground or whole bean. *You can support Ephraim and Andrew by preordering yours today on the order sheet in the vestibule. Pickup Date will be Sunday, July 5th after Divine Liturgy.*

TODAY - HTOC Town Hall:, June 21st: There will be a Town Hall during coffee hour on June 21st to discuss our various parish projects. Topics will include: Bell Tower @ Community Space, HVAC, Glide Chair Replacement and Constructive Feedback for the Harvest Dinner. The Town Hall will be an informal discussion and everyone is encouraged to provide questions / comments on these or any other topics during the meeting.

Orthodox Family Day at Knoebels: A FREE Picnic Dinner at Knoebel's Amusement Park on Sunday July 19th. Everyone is invited. The Harrisburg "O" Club of the FOCA will be sponsoring an Orthodox Picnic outing. Arrive after your Liturgy and stop by Pavilion B (new pavilion this year) to check in and spend the afternoon at the Park. At 6pm there will be a Picnic Dinner in the Pavilion. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas and side dishes will be served.

June Birthdays: June Willis (6/1), Anna Cardoni (6/2), Rose Kennedy (6/2), Marlene Latzman (6/3), Noelle Flis (6/6), Patrick Ciak-Linton (6/6), Fr. Innocent Neal (6/7), Julia Stankiewicz (6/7), Doreen Cherkis (6/10), Rebecca Willis (6/12), Christopher Polk (6/12), Melanie Flis (6/13), Symeon Clark (6/17), Noah Nealon (6/17), Eric Zbegner (6/18), Stephen Serafin (6/19), Barbara King (6/19), Constantine Rosencrans (6/19), Jen Hanson (6/19), Dom Astolfi (6/19), Zoryana Duda (6/20), Aimee Austin (6/20), Amy Rubino Welgus (6/23), Laura Polk (6/28), Kyra Zoranski (6/28), Gregory Stankiewicz (6/30), Emily Willis (6/30), Marlene Latzman (6/31) **Anniversaries:** Tom & Joan Austin (6/5), Donna & Jerry Stankiewicz (6/6), Matthew & April Redfeld (6/7), Pdn Sergei & Mat Vicki (6/15), David & Deborah Mills (6/16), Leigh & Jodie Storey (6/18)

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries: Amy Rubino Welgus (6/23)

... of the Saints, Fathers & Teachers

Martyr Julian of Tarsus, in Cilicia

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus was born at Diocesarea in the province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband, she and Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety. When Julian reached the age of eighteen, Emperor Diocletian (284-305) began to persecute Christians, issuing a decree that everyone had to offer sacrifice to the idols. If they refused, they would be tortured. Among those arrested was Saint Julian. They brought him before the eparch Marcian to be tried, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts or honors could convince the devout young man to sacrifice to the idols and deny Christ, and so the holy confessor remained steadfast in his faith.

For a whole year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and torture, after which they threw him in prison. Saint Julian's mother followed her son and prayed that the Lord would strengthen him. In the city of Aegea, she besought the eparch to let her to visit the prison, ostensibly to persuade her son to offer sacrifice to the idols. When she saw him, she did just the opposite. She spent three days in prison

PARISH PRAYER LIST // Homebound: Evelyn, Vladimir, Marie, Pearl, Jeri, David, Paul, Archpriest Theodore, Mat. Elizabeth, Mary, Patricia, Barbara, Jeri, Joan, Irene, Alice, Sylvia, Paul **// Sick & Suffering:** Cynthia Dulsky, Nadine Breisch, Elizabeth Hutz, Mary Hutz, David Lezinsky, Tom Vaskalis, Tom O'Brian, David, Delores Tressa, Elaine & Forrest Hanson, Alexandra, Jody, Michael Noice, Paul Loftus, Santo, Susan Shiposki, Dn Jerimiah, William, Alan, Tim, Ann, Paul, Bill, Linda, Betty, Jim, George, Ali, Athansios, Hanna **// Recently Departed:** James, Mark, Ruth, Walter **// Pray for our Catechumens:** Tom, Gail, Jaqueline, John, Adrienne, Michelle, Jesse, Katie, Lisa, Aaric, Tyler, Dom, David, Ashley, Audrey, Jessica, Nicholas, Nicholas // **Inquirers:** Steve, Nicholas

with Saint Julian, exhorting him to remain strong until the end.

Once again, Saint Julian was brought before the eparch. Thinking that his mother had persuaded her son to obey the imperial decree, Marcian tried to convince her to offer sacrifice, but she continued to confess Jesus Christ, and boldly denounced polytheism. Marcian then ordered that her feet be cut off, since she had followed her son from Tarsus.

Then Saint Julian was placed into a sack filled with sand and poisonous snakes, and it was thrown into the sea. The Martyr's body was carried by the waves to the shores of Alexandria. There his body was buried by a certain pious Christian. Saint Julian's death occurred around the year 305. Afterward, his relics were transferred to Antioch.

Saint John Chrysostom honored the holy Martyr Julian with an encomium, and fragments of the Saint's relics are found in the Monasteries of Pantokrator and Saint Panteleimon on Mount Athos.

We pray to Saint Julian to protect gardens and fields from creeping things, snakes, and harmful insects.

The Treasury

"... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. + Jesus Christ

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: $12,305
Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: $2,840
Last Week's Collection (6/14/26) : $2,964.54

Thank You

Today's Coffee Hour
Thank you to **Sherry Huntzinger** for providing this week's Coffee Hour. We are also thankful to those who help clean up, including our parish catechumens who help after each Sunday's meal. Would you consider sponsoring a coffee hour with a friend? See Fr. Innocent, Mat. Melanie or Joanne Dutko.

"Do not be disturbed because things do not go as you wish. Entrust yourself to God, and He will arrange all things."

— St. Paisios of Mount Athos

"He who believes in God's providence casts away anxious thoughts."

— St. Barsanuphius the Great

"The beginning of freedom from anxiety is trust in God."

— St. Theophan the Recluse

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