



# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

## Sunday, September 20, 2020 - The Gospel on Love



15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6.

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation.



### Hymns for Today

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.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Thy holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Having openly imitated the Passion of Christ, and having eagerly drunk of His cup, O Eustáthius, thou becamest a partaker and fellow-heir of His glory, receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

### Epistle Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and

**DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS:** *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. 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.*

great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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### THIS WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

(Services livestreamed on Facebook)

**TODAY:** 8:40 AM Hours, 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

#### Parastas Today following Divine Liturgy

In Memory of the Duda Family: Mary, Andrew, John, Andrew, Peter, Michael, Joseph & Newly departed Yurij Podolak

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#### Funeral for Constance "Connie" Padrezas

**TODAY** (SUN - 9/20), Viewing at Baloga Funeral Home in Pittston from 2-5 PM w/ Parastas at 4:30 PM

**TOMORROW** (MON - 9/21), Funeral here at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church at 10:30 AM

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**SAT, September 26:** 5:00 PM Great Vespers

**SUN, September 27:** 8:40 AM Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy

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### PARISH PRAYER LIST

**Living:** Cynthia Dulsky, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nadine Breisch, Rosalie Bagenski, Sonja & Leanne Kay, Mary Krill, Anna Hutz Lahr, Brian Cawley, Josie Bissett, Lisa & Scott Harvey, Daniel & Shannon Bissett, Rebecca King, Connie Padrezas, Delores Karas, Joan Belcher, Antonette Terry, Archpriest Daniel & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Mary DeBenedetto, Violet Filipi, Karl Pfeiffenberger, Lisa Vallone, Christopher Polk, Emma St. Romain & Infant, Catherine, Danny Gobish, Lorraine Pace, Anastasia Homick, Camden Thomas, Dr. Peter Kaminski, Peter Holoviak & Family, Mary Krill, Thomas Padrezas **Departed:** Stephen Krill, Connie Padrezas

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**Altar Server Schedule - Sunday, Sept 20:** Christopher D, Symeon C, Ephraim N **Sunday, Sept 27:** Alec B, Kaleb D, Andrew C **Sunday, Oct 4:** Alex H, Tommy D, Andrew N

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### MEMORY ETERNAL

To our dear brother and sister in Christ  
Stephen Krill & Connie Padrezas

*We will miss you both!*

Please remember to keep them and their families in your daily prayers.

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### Annual Parish Meeting October 4, 2020

Annual Parish Meeting to be held on October 4 immediately following services. To allow for social distancing this meeting will be held in the church pavilion. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY** - There will be a clean-up day for the Holy Resurrection Cemetery on William St in Plains, scheduled for Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, (rain date October 17<sup>th</sup>). The goal is to re-mount the Cemetery sign (blown down during a storm), trim back overgrown brush and to generally tidy up the Cemetery grounds. Start time is scheduled for 9:00am to 1:00pm. Items such as pruning shears, chainsaws, weed whackers, hedge trimmers, and rakes would be helpful. Light refreshments will be provided.

### CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS OCT 11th - SIGN UP!

Attention all parents! Holy Trinity Church School will begin October 11th. Please sign your kids up using the signup sheet in the back of the church. If you have any questions or concerns relating to precautions being taken due to the pandemic please see Alexanne Conklin OR Joanne Dutko.

### HELP US COMPLETE OUR PARISH DIRECTORY

Please check your directory listing on the podium in the Vestibule of the church, make any necessary corrections, and write "Yes" or "No" next to the listing indicating whether or not you would like to be included.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES SHEET ON THE PODIUM:** Please let us know if you have a birthday or anniversary by writing your name, if it's an anniversary or birthday, and its date on the sheet in the back. Thanks!