



The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

+ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost + Sun, July 3rd, 2022 + Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea (108 A.D.) +



Hymns for This Week

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 Hyacinth, 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.

Come, you faithful, plait a crown of unfading hyacinths
today for the Martyr Hyacinth, and let us cry to him:
"Rejoice, glory of martyrs!"

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 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

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 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.



This Weeks Schedule

DOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, July 2nd

5 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, July 3rd

8:40 AM: 3rd & 6th Hours, 9 AM: Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM: Coffee Hour

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This Sunday's (July 3rd) Parastas

William & Julia Talpash, Alexander & Eva Lukatchik

Offered by Marie Talpash

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Bernard Golubiewski

Offered by Peter & Kathleen Goobic

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Pdcn Gregory Hatrack

Offered by SDn Gregory Polk

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THIS WEEK

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

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NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, July 9th

5 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, July 10th

8:40 AM: 3rd & 6th Hours, 9 AM: Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM: Coffee Hour

Memorial Donations

\$100 in Memory of Bernard Golubiewski offered by the Polish National Union of America

“To be Orthodox means to have the God-man Christ constantly in your soul, to live in Him, think in Him, feel in Him, act in Him. In other words, to be Orthodox means to be a Christ-bearer and a Spirit-bearer.”

- St. Justin Popovich



ANNOUNCEMENTS

& UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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Bazaar/Foodfest: The dates for this year's event will be Friday & Saturday, July 29 & 30. In addition to the sale of the usual favored foods we will again be offering music, beer & wine, our bake sale and some games of chance (basket raffle and instant bingo). We will also be offering dine-in service this year. Bazaar preparations are underway and sign up sheets are in the vestibule for a variety of different activities. Preparation of food will center mainly on the week leading up to the bazaar on the 29th & 30th so we ask that anyone who can donate time and energy to please reserve time on your calendars and sign up.

Contributions in the form of merchandise (for the basket raffle) or monetary donations will also be appreciated. Cash donations help defray the costs of food supplies, are also being accepted. Inflation has hit hard with costs of just about everything at an all time high. All monies received will be very much appreciated. Please see Greg, Coleen or Sandy if you wish to donate.

Knoebels Amusement Park Picnic Dinner on Sunday July 10th. Everyone is invited to Annual Picnic outing, sponsored by The Central Pennsylvania District of the FOCA. Arrive after your Liturgy and stop by Pavilion D (near the Giant Ferris Wheel) to check in and spend the afternoon at the Park. At 6pm there will be a Picnic Dinner in Pavilion D. Hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas and side dishes will be served. Cost: Only \$5 per person and children under 6 are FREE! See you there!

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her.

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,305
Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$2,840
Collections last Sunday: \$2,622

PROPORTIONAL GIVING CHART

How much is my weekly tithe?!

Proportional giving is the practice of returning to the Lord a portion of the financial treasure He has blessed us with in this life. We offer our gifts in gratitude for His. This principle is found in both the Old and New Testament scriptures. Because it is proportional, what is returned to Him is different for each family and household. The giving chart below offers a starting point for giving based on a range of weekly incomes along with a range of giving levels beginning at 10%, the ideal for a Christian tithe if one is capable, down to 2%. Our goal as we journey through life is to offer increasingly more of what God has given us back to Him, just as we give more of our heart. *Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also* (Matt 6:21). This of course is done freely and out of love for God and His Church, not in response to an outward rule (*Freely you have received, freely give* - Matt 10:8). May this chart be helpful for you in prayerfully determining your level of giving, challenging yourself to return to God the good portion of His financial blessings.

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$37	\$30	\$15
\$1000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays: Christina Cherkis (7/2), Marley Willis (7/10), Xenia Clark (7/11), Luke Ausin (7/15), Diane Welgus (7/18), Rachael Talpash (7/24), Katrina Zbegner (7/26), Donna Stankiewkz (7/27), Christopher Dutko (7/28), Shannon Bisset (7/28), Deborah Mills (7/31) **July Anniversaries:** Lisa & Scott Harvey (7/15), Marianne & Jeremy Haugh (7/18), Tom & Alexanne Conklin (7/27)

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries: Do you have a birthday or anniversary this week? Please add it to our list on the podium in the Vestibule/Narthex.



Words of Wisdom From the Saints & Teachers

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ON BELIEVING SIMPLY IN WHAT IS WRITTEN IN GOD'S WORD

By St. Theophan the Recluse

On Matt. 6:22-33

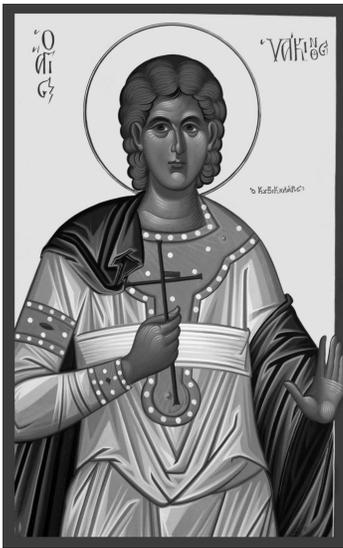
If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness (Matt. 6:22-23). Here the mind is called the eye, and the entire composition of the soul is called the body. Thus, when the mind is simple, the soul is bright; but when the mind is evil, the soul is dark. What are a simple mind and an evil mind? A simple mind is one which accepts the word of God as it is written, and is convinced beyond a doubt that all is indeed as is written. It has no deceit, no wavering or hesitation. An evil mind is one which approaches the word of God with slyness, artful disputing, and questioning. It cannot believe directly, but subjects the word of God to its sophistry. It approaches the word not as a disciple, but as a judge and critic, to test something stated there, and then either scoffs at it or says in a haughty manner, "Yes, not bad." Such a mind has no firm tenets, because it clearly does not believe the word of God, and its own philosophizing is always unstable—today one way, tomorrow another. Hence, it has only wavering, confusion, and questions without answers. Everything is out of place with it, and it walks in the dark, fumbling along its way. A simple mind

PARISH PRAYER LIST Living: Cynthia Dulsky, Theodore & Elenor Sovryda, Nadine Breisch, Sonja & Leanne Kay, Josie Bissett, Lisa & Scott Harvey, Daniel & Shannon Bissett, Peter Holoviak & Family, Evelyn Kosmiski, Mat. Elizabeth, Jeri Basarab, Fr. Theodore Orzolek, Mary Ann Lepa, Mat. Delores Donlick, Fr. Vladimir Fetchko, Reader Matthew, Vladimir & Marie Dutko, Alan, Cathy & Paul **Departed:** Deborah, Carol, Bruce

sees everything clearly: everything in it has a definite character, determined by the word of God. That is why everything in it has its place, and it knows exactly how to behave with relation to things - it walks along open, visible roads, with complete assurance that they lead to the true goal.

TODAY'S SAINT

Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Ceasarea



Saint Hyacinth, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his “cubicularius” (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.

Hyacinth was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. Saint Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint's body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head.

The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint's relics were transferred to Caesarea.

Saints Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus, and Golinduc also suffered with Saint Hyacinth.

“When we have attained some degree of holiness we should always repeat to ourselves the words of the Apostle: “Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me’ (1 Cor. 15:10), as well as what was said by the Lord: ‘Without Me you can do nothing’ (John 15:5). We should also bear in mind what the prophet said: ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it’ (Ps. 127:1), and finally: ‘It does not depend on-man’s will or effort, but on God’s mercy’ (Rom. 9:16). James himself says that ‘every good gift is from above’ Jas. 1:17), while the Apostle Paul asks: ‘What do you have which you did not receive? Now if you received it, why do you boast, as if you had not received it?’ (1 Cor. 4:7). What right, then, has man to be proud as though he could achieve perfection through his own efforts?”

—St. John Cassian. *The Philokalia: The Complete Text* (Vol. 1), “On the Eight Vices: On Pride.”
