



# The Sunday Messenger

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH - WILKES BARRE, PA

+ 4th Sun after Pentecost + Sun, July 10th, 2022 + Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia +



## **DYMNUS FOR THIS WEEK**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Having left the turmoil of the world, thou didst renounce the world to follow Christ in accordance with the Gospel. Living a life equal to the Angels, thou didst reach the quiet haven of the Holy Mountain of Athos. With the blessing of the Athonite fathers, thou didst come to the hills of Kiev, where thou didst labor with love and didst illumine thy homeland. There thou leddest a multitude of monastics to Christ showing them the path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven.// Venerable Anthony, pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Having loved God above all from thy childhood, O venerable one, thou didst surrender thyself to Him and follow Him with all thy soul. Despising the material things of this world, thou didst make a cave in the earth,

where thou didst fight the good fight against the invisible Enemy. Like a brilliant sun thou didst illumine all the ends of the earth, and with rejoicing thou didst pass into the heavenly chambers. Now as thou dost stand with the Angels before the Throne of the Master, remember us who honor thy memory as we cry to thee:// “Rejoice, our Father Anthony!”

## **Epistle Reading - Romans 6:18-23**

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Gospel - Matthew 8:5-13**

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into

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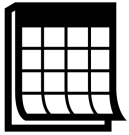
**DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS:** *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive the Holy Sacrament through prayer and fasting. If you have questions please let us know!*

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outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

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## This Week's Schedule

### DOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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#### THIS 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

**Bazaar Committee meeting:** During Coffee Hour in the back “Meeting Room” in the Parish Hall/Basement.

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#### THIS WEEK

TUES, 7 PM: Financial Stewardship Assessment

ZOOM call w/ Bill Marianes

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

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#### NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, July 16th

5 PM: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sunday, July 17th

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

10:30 AM: Coffee Hour

10:30 AM: **Parastas** for Bernard Golubiewski & Family

11:30: Parish Council Meeting

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### Parish Donations

Many thanks to Mary B. Krill for providing the donation necessary for the new analogon which now holds the icon of St. Patriarch Tikhon.

Also, many thanks to Stan & Eileen Cramton who bequeathed the icon of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This icon is from Russia from the early 1800's and was restored by iconographer Ivan Roumiantzev. We are very grateful to Mary Krill and the Cramtons for their generosity and we pray that God will bless them for many blessed years!

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*“If you find that you have no love but desire to have it, do the works of love and the Lord will see your desire and effort and put love in your heart.”*

- St. Ambrose of Optina

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### & Upcoming Parish Events

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**Ask Fr. Innocent:** Do have questions about the Orthodox faith? Fr. Innocent may have the answer, AND if he doesn't he will get it for you. In the vestibule with the visitor brochures is a small black box and blank question slips for you to anonymously submit your questions. Fr. Innocent will answer these questions during coffee hour and/or in the bulletin.

**TODAY - Knoebels Amusement Park Picnic Dinner on Sunday July 10th CANCELLED.** Due to circumstances beyond their control the annual FOCA Knoebels Picnic has been cancelled. However, some of us are still going to Knoebels for an afternoon of fun. Maybe we will see you there! See Fr. Innocent if you have any questions.

**Youth Trip to Hershey Park.** Mon, July 25th. More details to come.

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### Bazaar/Foodfest Related Information

#### Bazaar Committee Meeting TODAY, July 10th

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

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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.

**Volunteer at the Bazaar:** If anyone would like to be a volunteer for the 2022 Bazaar and was not contacted by Alexanne Conklin, please contact her via phone or text 570-885-1773. Any help for the bazaar would be greatly appreciated!

**Calling all bakers:** We are in need of baked goods to be sold at the bazaar July 29th & 30th. Cakes, cookies, cupcakes, muffins & more! A sign up sheet will be placed in the vestibule. If you are able to pre-package your desserts; please see Lydia Dutko for the containers. The baked goods are to be delivered to the Pavillion on Friday July 29th by noon please. Thank you very much for your support.

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## Other Upcoming Events

- Sun, July 17th** - Parish Council Meeting
- July 18th-22nd** - All American Council in Baltimore
- Mon, July 25th** - Youth/Teen Hershey Park Trip
- July 29th-30th** - HTOC Bazaar/Foodfest
- Mon, Aug 1st** - Dormition Fast Begins
- Sat, August 6th** - Feast of the Transfiguration
- Sun, August 7th** - Blessing of Vehicles (NEW)
- Sun, August 14th** - Parish Council Meeting
- Mon, August 15th** - Feast of Dormition
- Mon, August 29th** - Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- Sun, September 18th** - Parish Council (budget approval)
- Sun, September 25th** - Annual Parish Meeting

## 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:** Marley Willis (7/10), Xenia Clark (7/11), Luke Ausin (7/15) **Anniversaries:** Lisa & Scott Harvey (7/15)

**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: \$1,991.55**

Dear Parishioners, We have been falling below the monthly minimum we need to keep up with our expenses. We humbly request that you remember to maintain your tithes and offerings throughout these months when you may not be in church or are on vacation. Thank you for your continued support!

## 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

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**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

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



## Words of Wisdom From the Saints & Teachers

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### TODAY'S SAINT

Saint Anthony of Kiev,  
Founder of Monasticism in Russia

Saint Anthony of the Kiev Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernigov, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life.

The igumen saw in Saint Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, "Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own Russian land, and

be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you."

Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kiev, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos.

Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kiev by the banks of the River Dnieper. The forested area near the village of Berestovo reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kiev (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint.

The virtuous life of Saint Anthony illumined the Russian land with the beauty of monasticism. Saint Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked Saint Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about Saint Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it.

After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, Saint Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves. For his holiness of life, God glorified Saint Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking.

*“If God is slow in answering your request, or if you ask but do not promptly receive anything, do not be upset, for you are not wiser than God.”*

—St. Isaac of Syria