

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Paralytic. The Epistle is Acts 9:32-42. The Gospel is from John 5:1-15. Repose of St. Alexis Toth.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, is our diocesan ruling hierarch.

Divine Liturgy is offered Sunday at 10 am. As reminder only those Orthodox Christians who are properly prepared are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Everyone is invited downstairs following



Divine Liturgy for Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

Come down and meet Fr. Luke and the parishioners.

Our parish offers many opportunities to pray, to study and learn more about

Jesus Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church.

If you have any questions about the Orthodox Church, our Faith, or our parish please feel free to contact Fr. Luke. He is more than happy to meet with you and talk.

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### Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

We extended our heartfelt prayers to the families of Fr. Ronald Hazuda and Fr. William George, two priests of our diocese who passed away this week.

We will serve a Panachida for Fr. Ronald and Fr. William today after liturgy. We will also include Nicu's mother, Valentina, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago this past Friday.

**Sunday, May 7, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, May 7, 12:30 PM**  
– Parish Council

**Monday, May 8, 7 PM –**  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, May 9, 8:30 AM –**  
Hours

**Tuesday, May 9, 9 AM –**  
Prayer Group

**Wednesday, May 10, 9 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy Feast of Mid-Pentecost

**Wednesday, May 10, 7 PM –**  
Catechism Class

**Thursday, May 11, 9 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius

**Thursday, May 11, 7 PM -**  
Wake for Fr. William George Ss. Peter and Paul Rockaway, NJ

**Thursday, May 11, 7 PM –**  
Rectory/Classroom Meeting

**Friday, May 12, 10 AM –**  
Funeral Fr. William George at Ss. Peter and Paul Rockaway, NJ

**Saturday, May 13, 5 PM –**  
Vespers

**Sunday, May 14, 10 AM -**  
Divine Liturgy - Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 14, 11:30 AM –**  
Mother's Day Breakfast

## Readers Schedule

5/7 – Susan Paltauf  
5/14 – Bob Faubel  
5/21 – Christopher Mihaly  
5/28 – Suzanne Molineaux

## Coffee Hour

5/7 – Natalia Budyonny  
5/14 – Mother's Day Breakfast  
5/21 – OPEN  
5/28 – OPEN

## Help restock our Kitchen:

10-inch paper plates and  
decaf coffee.

## Alcoholism and Addiction | Church School

The **Akathist Service to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup** has proven to be a great help to all those who know someone or who themselves are struggling with alcoholism and addiction. We at Holy Trinity have quietly started serving the Akathist to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup. If you are interested in attending the service please see Fr. Luke. This service is open to all parishioners. Look here for our next service.

**Church School** meets on Sundays. Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy. Fr. Luke will be talking to the parents of the high school students to work on a schedule to meet outside of Sunday.

## | Mother's Day Brunch

**Mother's Day Brunch—** Calling all children and dads, please see Harry Fong today to finalize plans for the Mother's Day brunch next Sunday.

## CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

### Week 1 -- July 16 - 22, 2017

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

### Week 2 -- July 23 - July 29, 2017

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

### Week 3 -- July 30 - August 5, 2017

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Online Registration Begins March 1

Online Registration **MUST** be complete **AND** payment must be submitted by **May 15** in order

to qualify for the **\$20 Early Bird Discount**. **Early Bird Discount per Child and one-time only, not per week.**

**Registrations after June 14 will incur an additional \$20 late fee!!**

**Volunteer and Clergy Applications are due NO LATER THAN JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!** How does this effect Clergy and Volunteers? **Clergy and Volunteers will be required to get fingerprinted** on their own and then provide Camp with proof of this BEFORE they arrive at Camp.

**Interested in being on the Camp's Medical Staff (MD or RN)**, please contact Fr. Stephen at the Camp. The Nurse or Doctor on staff each week will receive a Stipend (\$400) and a campership

for one of their children or for someone whom they designate.

**When you register online please note that you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical) which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.**

**Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.***

## Prayer Group

**Prayer Group** — Our prayer group class will resume meeting on Tuesday mornings immediately following the Hours service (class time: 9:00 a.m.). We will be starting a new book, *Three Prayers* by Olivier Clement. All are welcome!

## | Pentecost BBQ/Youth Activities Fundraiser

**Pentecost BBQ/Youth Activities Fundraiser—** On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost, we will celebrate our parish's day with a barbecue in place of coffee hour. We need some people to volunteer to man the grill. Church will offer the grill meats and we will need people to sign up for side dishes, beverages and desserts. There will be

a free will donation for the BBQ and all funds collected will go to pay for summer youth activities including: the camp bus, Altar Boy and Young Women's Retreat and Camp Nazareth Scholarships.

**Clothing Drive Starts | Camp Nazareth Raffle/Family Day | Cemetery Clean up**

**Our next Clothing Drive is ON!** Thank you, Ann and the entire Huott Family. Start saving all your extra clothes, shoes, pillows, etc. for our clothing drive. The last clothing drive we collected more than a tone of clothes and we received more than \$400.00

Tickets are now available for the Annual Camp Nazareth Family day Raffle. Stasia Thompson and Mariana Todosiev are in charge of selling tickets.

Family Day at Camp Nazareth is set for June 9 to June 11. Register Online at [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org) . Email [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto:campnazareth@acrod.org) or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

Next Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have a cemetery clean up at St. Platon's starting at 9:00 a.m. A few hours of your help would be greatly appreciated! Please bring rakes, leaf blowers, clippers and any other tools that would be useful.

## Upcoming Events

**Parish Council Meeting—**  
Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Monthly Perogie and Ethnic Food Sale—**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**2017 Diocesan Altar boy Retreat -** June 25-28, 2017.

**Rectory/Office/Classroom Committee Meeting—**  
Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service—**Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**OYMT OCMC trip to Alaska –** Saturday July 7-Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>

**Mother's Day Brunch—**  
Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Parish BBQ Fundraiser for Camp Bus and Altar Boy/Young Women's Retreat—**Pentecost, Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Golf Tournament—**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service—**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

## Go and Make Disciples: Evangelization and Outreach in US Orthodox Parishes

The first ever, national study on evangelization and outreach in Orthodox parishes in the United States has been released by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA.

Download the report in various formats:

- [Executive Summary](#) (pdf)
- [Full Report](#) (pdf)

The report "Go and Make Disciples: Evangelization and Outreach in US Orthodox Parishes" explores the practices and strategies developed by some Orthodox parishes that can be viewed as "exemplary" in their missionary and outreach efforts. Examples of what the readers will find in the report include:

- The "secrets" of being a parish that attracts and welcomes new members;
- Eight good practices of welcoming first-time visitors and inquirers about the Faith;
- How do "exemplary" parishes achieve a high degree of involvement of their members in parish life;
- Four distinct features of religious education in the "exemplary" parishes;
- Six "lessons" that Church leadership (bishops) can learn from the "exemplary" parishes.

Parishes of seven Orthodox jurisdictions participated in this study.

The report was prepared by Alexei Krindatch, the Assembly's Research Coordinator in cooperation with Fr. Eric Tosi (OCA), Fr. John Parker (OCA) and Adam Roberts (Antiochian Archdiocese). The study was initiated and sponsored by the Committee for Agencies and Endorsed Organizations (Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, Chairman).

### Birthdays

May	
Luca Szymanowicz	5
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Kaitleen Villa	12
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Ken Borsari	31
Joe Derevjanik	31

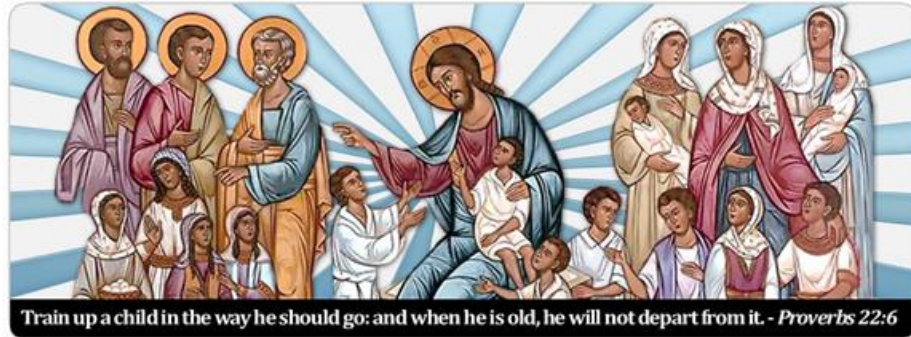
**Help Support our Orthodox Youth Mission Team—**After 6 years of serving in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) the OYMT will be participating in an Orthodox Christian Mission Center short-term mission trip to Alaska. Youth and leaders from our parish (Ana and Grace Radcliff, Madeline Sulich, Susan Sulich and Fr. Luke) and 5 others will be serving Orthodox brothers and sisters in the small village of Napaskiak, running youth camp programs and helping with construction projects. This is the first time a high school team will be volunteering through OCMC. It is a wonderful and unprecedented opportunity for our youth and we are very excited to go and do Christ's work! As in the past, OYMT is selling stock for \$10 a share to fund our trip during coffee hour. You may have received a stock letter in the mail. You can bring to coffee hour, mail back or donate online at [www.oymt.info](http://www.oymt.info). We ask that you please be as generous as you can in your support and pray for us as we prepare for our mission trip. Thank you!

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## For the Children



**Do you have a favorite saint?** Maybe you pray to one saint more than any other. Maybe it's your own patron saint or any other one. You might ask this saint for help.

Today, we hear about two different stories. In the Gospel reading, we hear about a man who was paralyzed—he couldn't walk. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, saw this man and took care of him. He healed him and let him walk again.

But before the Gospel reading, we hear a story about another man who couldn't walk. This story happened after Jesus had died and had risen and had left the world for heaven! But still, one of Jesus' followers, St. Peter, took care of this man. Peter told him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Rise and carry your bed." You know, it wasn't Peter who had the power; it was Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ heals you!

When we pray to saints, let's always remember that it's God who works through them. God gives them the power to work miracles. God gives the saint the power to help us, even after they have left this world. God has given us so many wonderful saints, who listen to our prayers. But remember, just like Saint Peter did, saints always give credit to God.

### **SAINT JOHN: THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

Have you ever given somebody some good news? That you were having ice cream for dessert? That school was cancelled? It feels great to spread good news.

Saint John gave the whole world some good news. That good news is the news of Christ's resurrection! That's the good news we celebrate as Christians all the time, but especially in these days after Pascha (Easter). We call Saint John an "Evangelist" because he (along with Saints Matthew, Mark, and Luke) wrote the parts in the Bible that tell about our Lord's life and death and resurrection (the Gospels). The word "evangelos" means a messenger of good news.

Saint John was Jesus' good friend. He was with Jesus when He preached and healed people. He was with Jesus even when He was dying on the Cross. Saint John ran to the tomb after he heard that Jesus' body was not there anymore. When he finally knew the good news, he had to spread this good news to everybody.

Lots of Christians love Saint John's book of the Bible best of all. When you are old enough to read it all by yourself, maybe it will be your favorite one too. When you read it, you can see how much Saint John loved his teacher and friend, our Lord Jesus Christ. You can read the good news from Saint John, the Evangelist.

**We celebrate the feast of Saint John tomorrow, May 8th.**