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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The Epistle is Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. The Gospel is from John 4:5-42. Martyr Isidore of Chios.

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 will serve a Panachida today after liturgy for all the departed Mothers of Holy Trinity parish and especially for Jennie Curran, Stephanie Fong's mother, who fell asleep in the Lord at this time of year

Sunday, May 14, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

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

Monday, May 15, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 16, 8:30 AM –
Hours

Tuesday, May 16, 9 AM –
Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 17, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, May 18, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, May 18, 7 PM – St.
Nectarios Monthly Anointing
Service

Friday, May 19, 9 AM – Old
Testament Class

Saturday, May 20, 2 PM to 6 PM –
OYMT Training St.

John's Church in Bridgeport, CT

Saturday, May 20, 7 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, May 21, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

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

Coffee Hour

5/14 – Mother's Day Breakfast
5/21 – OPEN
5/28 - Sulich

Help restock our Kitchen:

10-inch paper plates and decaf coffee.

Mary Kay Fundraiser for OYMT

—as a reminder, Pani Bethany is offering 30% of Mary Kay sales to the Orthodox Youth Mission Team Trip to Alaska for anybody who asks that their order benefit the team. You can order through her website www.marykay.com/bmihaly, or by email at coachbe1@aol.com. Weddings, graduations, proms—there's lots of reasons to try a new look or host a party with your friends and help OYMT at the same time!

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. **Wednesday, May 24th at 12 noon**

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.

Camp Nazareth Alumni Day

Alumni Day - One Day event for Alumni from our Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh and the Episcopal Diocese of NW PA is this Saturday, May 20 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. Tours, presentations, slideshows, meals, etc.

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 1st!!!! 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 4th 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 | Mother's Day Brunch

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. Email campnazareth@acrod.org or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

Mother's Day Brunch—Thank you to Harry Fong and his helpers for stepping up and taking such good care of all our moms!

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Brunch— Sunday, May 14th

Wednesday, May 24th at 12 noon

Retreat—Pentecost, Sunday June 4th following liturgy

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, May 18th 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Perogie and Ethnic Food Sale—Thursday, June 1st 4:00—6:00 p.m.

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

OYMT Safety and Camp Training Meeting— Saturday, May 20th at St. John's in Bridgeport from 2-6 pm.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday June 15th 7:00 p.m.

OYMT OCMC trip to Alaska – Saturday July 7-Monday July 18th

Akathist of the Inexhaustible Cup -

Parish BBQ Fundraiser for Camp Bus and Altar Boy/Young Women's

Golf Tournament—Thursday, July 20th

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.

- 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.

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).

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:

Parishes of seven Orthodox jurisdictions participated in this study.

Birthdays

May	
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

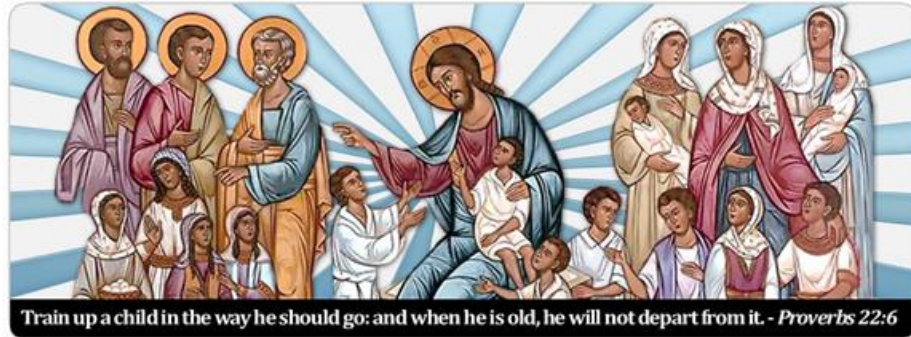
Help Support our Orthodox Youth Mission Team—After 6 years of serving in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) the OYMT will be participating in an Orthodox Christian Mission Center short-term mission trip to Alaska. Youth and leaders from our parish (Ana 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. 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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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



For the Children



Have you ever broken something, by accident? Yes? What did you do then? Did you admit that you broke it—a toy, a fancy glass, something that belonged to somebody else? Or did you cover it up and pretend it never happened?

Today, we hear the Gospel reading about the woman who came to get water at a well. When she got there, she met Jesus, Who was thirsty too, and they had a long conversation together. She wanted to know how to worship God, and here she met God Himself!

The problem was that this woman had done lots of wrong things in her life. The Gospel says that she came to get water at noon, the hottest time of day. Nobody did that, because it was too hot to go out! But this woman came then because she was embarrassed by her life. She didn't want to see anybody there. This woman tried to cover up the things she had done wrong.

When she talked to Jesus though, He already knew what she had done! He knew it, but He still wanted to talk to her anyway. He taught her. He helped her have a stronger faith in God. Afterwards, she went off and told everybody, "He told me all that I ever did!" This woman knew that it is always better to admit you did the wrong thing, instead of covering it up. God wants us to admit when we do wrong too. That way, God can help us, just like He helped her!

SAINT LYDIA: THE FIRST CONVERT IN EUROPE

You probably became Christian as a baby, when your parents took you to church to be baptized. Maybe your parents became Christian when their parents took them to church to be baptized. And probably, so did their parents!

But what happened long ago, when there weren't too many Christians in the world? The apostles traveled all around, telling people about Jesus Christ, how He died and rose from the dead. After that, many people became Christian.

Saint Paul, the Apostle, traveled to Greece, to a place called Philippi. He met a woman named Lydia there. She invited St. Paul to her house and heard what he had to say. Then she began to believe in Christ and was even baptized. She was the very first convert to Christianity in Europe. Before that, nobody in Greece, or anywhere in Europe was Christian!

Did you know that you can visit the very place where Saint Paul baptized Lydia? There is a church there. It has a baptistry, kind of like a little pool where many people go to be baptized. What a special place!

We celebrate the nameday of Saint Lydia on Saturday, May 20th.