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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Blindman. The Epistle is Acts 16:16-34. The Gospel is from John 9:1-38. Saints Constantine and Helen.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

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**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

This is the first of three **weddings banns** for **Konstantin Radcliff** and **Tania Almonte**. If anyone knows of why they should not be married, please see Fr. Luke.

Sunday, May 21, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 22, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 22, 8:30 AM
–Hours – NO Prayer Group today

Tuesday, May 22, 6:30 PM
– First Holy Confession Class

Wednesday, May 24, 12 noon – Akathist to the Inexhaustible Cup

Wednesday, May 17, 7 PM
– Vespers for the Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, May 25, 9 AM –
Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension

Thursday, May 25, 4 pm to 7 PM – Wake for Thomas Krafick at Holy Trinity Church

Thursday, May 25, 7 PM –
Panachida for Thomas Krafick

Friday, May 26, 10 AM –
Funeral for Thomas Krafick followed by burial at St. Platon's Cemetery

Saturday, May 27, 10 AM –
First Holy Confession Class

Saturday, May 27, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, May 28, 9:30 AM –
First Holy Confession

Sunday, May 28, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

5/21 – Christopher Mihaly
5/28 – Suzanne Molineaux

Coffee Hour

5/21 – First Holy Confession
5/28 - Sulich

Help restock our Kitchen:

Decaf coffee.

Woodpecker Food—They're back!! Our woodpecker friends are back and going through a good amount of suet. Donations of suet cakes to keep them happy and off our church would be greatly appreciated!

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 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

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.

Upcoming Events

Akathist of the Inexhaustible Cup - Wednesday, May 24th at 12 noon

First Holy Confession — Sunday May 28th

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

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

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

Father's Day BBQ—June 18th

Council Meeting—June 15th 7:00 p.m.

OYMT Last Training Session— Saturday, June 24th 3:00-7:00 p.m.

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

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

Golf Tournament—Thursday, July 20th

Birthdays

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| 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!

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.

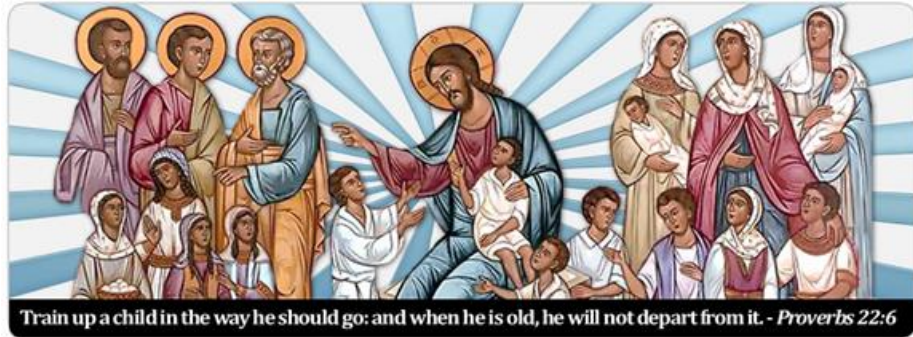
The report was prepared by Alexei Krindatch, the Assembly's Research Coordinator in cooperation with Fr. Eric Tosi (OCA), Fr. John Parker (OCA) and Adam Roberts (Antiochian Archdiocese). The study was initiated and sponsored by the Committee for Agencies and Endorsed Organizations (Bishop Gregory of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

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



For the Children



How many of Christ's miracles can you list? In the Bible, we hear about many of the wonderful things that Christ did—things that nobody else could do, because He is God. Can you name some? The feeding of the 5,000. The healing of the paralyzed man. We can think of many more! In fact, the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus did so many miracles that if they were all written down, the world could not hold the books that would be written!

Today is the Sunday of the Blind Man. We hear about a man who had been blind ever since he was born. When Jesus passed by, He spat on the dirt, made clay with it, and put it on the blind man's eyes. When the man went to wash it off, he could see for the first time in his life!

God helps all of us. He hears all of our prayers. But He helps us and answers our prayers in different ways. Making mud from spit seemed like a funny way to heal somebody. But God helps solve each of our problems differently. Sometimes he might answer us right on the spot. Sometimes he might help us years afterwards. Lots of times he will help us in a better way than we could ever imagine!

So let's try to be like the blind man in the Gospel today. We trust God to help us in the way God knows best. Then we thank God when He does!

EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES: SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN

You probably know the story about how Saint Helen found the Cross of Christ. But what do you know about her son, the Emperor Constantine? These two great saints did something that gave them the name "Equal to the Apostles." That means they brought a lot of people to Christ and His Church. Because of them, lots of people became Christian.

Before Emperor Constantine came along, lots and lots of Christians were hurt and killed for their faith. They were supposed to worship whatever idols the emperor wanted them to worship. They worshipped lifeless statues instead of God! But in the year 313, Emperor Constantine passed a great law called the Edict of Milan. That law made it so being a Christian was legal. Christians were allowed to worship our one true God.

Always remember that the saints are people we can pray to for help! Lots of Christians in the world aren't allowed to be Christian. They are hurt or even killed because they live their Christian faith. Maybe you could ask Saints Constantine and Helen to help these Christians and to give them strength. Can you remember to do that?

We celebrate the nameday of these two saints today, May 21st.