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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost, the Sunday of Carpatho-Rus Saints. The Epistle is Romans 2:10-16. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:18-23. Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius & Theodulus.

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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We are in the Peter & Paul Fast.

This is also the third of three calls for a **special parish meeting on Sunday, June 25** regarding the building of a new rectory/church office/classroom.

Sunday, June 18, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 19, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, June 20, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, June 20, 9 AM - Prayer Group

Wednesday, June 21, 7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, June 22, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Friday, June 23, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, June 24, 9 AM – Liturgy – Nativity of John the Baptist

Saturday, June 24, 3 PM – Last Meeting of OYMT before we leave for Alaska

Sunday, June 25, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 25, 11:30 AM – Parish Meeting on rectory/parish classroom/office

Sunday, June 25 through Wednesday, June 28 – Altar Boys Retreat

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site www.holytrinitydanbury.org And to those with a Facebook accounts please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here <https://www.facebook.com/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Readers Schedule

6/18 – Paul Sulich
6/25 – Susan Paltauf

Coffee Hour

6/18 – Father's Day
6/25 – Open
7/2 - Suzanne

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!

Semi-Annual Meeting—On Sunday, July 23rd we will have our Semi-Annual meeting. Please plan to attend and voice your opinion on the business and activities of our parish.

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.

| Special Parish Meeting

Special Parish Meeting for Rectory/Office/Classroom Project—On Sunday, June 25th following liturgy we will have a special parish meeting to give an update on the progress on this project and vote on the next step. Please plan to attend and give your input. There are Proxy Forms and Absentee Ballots available for this meeting. If you or a family member are unable to attend, please fill out a proxy form and absentee ballot. See Susan Sulich if you need one.

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017 and Camp Bus

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

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

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.*

Camp Bus—Please let Fr. Luke know if your child is registered for Camp Nazareth so we can get a count for the bus.

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!

| Father's Day Brunch

Father's Day Brunch-- Calling all children and Moms: next Sunday is Father's Day. We would like to treat all the dads to a nice brunch. Please see Susan Sulich to coordinate what to make .

Clothing Drive

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

Kitchen Clean Out

Kitchen Clean Out: Last week we emptied our kitchen and Serv Pro came and cleaned it. They have a little more to finish this week and then we will be working to clean and put back the items we removed. If you are available to help with this, please contact Elaine Toaso (elaine.toaso@gmail.com). Also, if you are the owner of one of the crock pots or any of the items on the bench in the hall, please claim them. Next week anything that is left will be free for the taking.

Golf Tournament: Save the Date

Golf Tournament: Save the Date—Our Golf Tournament is set for Thursday, July 20th. We are looking for men and women golfers to come and play. Please consider putting together a foursome for this fun and fundraising event!

Upcoming Events

Father's Day BBQ—June 18th

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

Semi-Annual Meeting—Sunday, July 23rd following liturgy

Council Meeting—June 15th 7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Day—Friday, July 7th 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Vacation Church School – Thursday, August 10 to Friday, August 11

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

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

Perogie Dash - Saturday, August 19

Special Parish Meeting on Rectory/Office/Classroom Project—Sunday, June 25th following liturgy

Golf Tournament—Thursday, July 20th

Trinity Troubadours Dinner Theater—Saturday, Sept. 16th

Trip to Slovakia

Trip to Slovakia—We are working to put together a parish trip to Slovakia for August 2018. We have been in contact with Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky who did an excellent job planning and making arrangements for our trip to Greece and Macedonia two years ago and he has given us some suggested sites to see. At this point in time, we would like to know who might be interested in participating in this trip. Please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know. We will then look to get all those who might be interested together to discuss places we would want to visit.

Vacation Church School

Vacation Church School—Save the Date: On Thursday August 10th and Friday August 11th we will hold a vacation church school at the church for students of all ages. We hope to end our two day session by going to see Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat put on by the NewArts Foundation in Newtown featuring our very own Baroody girls. Stay tuned for more details.

Music on the Mount

Music on the Mount—We are pleased to announce that we have two concerts booked for our 2017-2018 season. On October 21st, Robyn Freeman will be bringing a group of female singers from St. Vladimir's Seminary to perform sacred music and on Saturday, May 5th we will have a concert featuring a choral ensemble from St. Tikhon's Monastery. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Birthdays

| June | |
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| Filip Bundra | 20 |
| Katherine Chow | 20 |
| Adrian Guerrero | 24 |
| Monika Mihaly | 28 |
| Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo - Anniversary | 30 |

If any family needs financial assistance sending their child or children to the Altar Boys Retreat, Young Women's Retreat and/or Camp Nazareth please see Fr. Luke.

Donations—Going forward we would like to institute a new policy regarding donations of items to the church. While we are very grateful that parishioners want to offer the church items that might be useful, we have a limited amount of space. As we try to reorganize the hall and maximize the storage space that we have available we ask you to go through our new Donations Coordinator, Elaine Toaso, if you wish to donate something to the church. Please speak to Elaine (elaine.toaso@gmail.com) before bringing any items in and she will be able to tell you (or find out from the parish council) if the items can be utilized. Thank you!

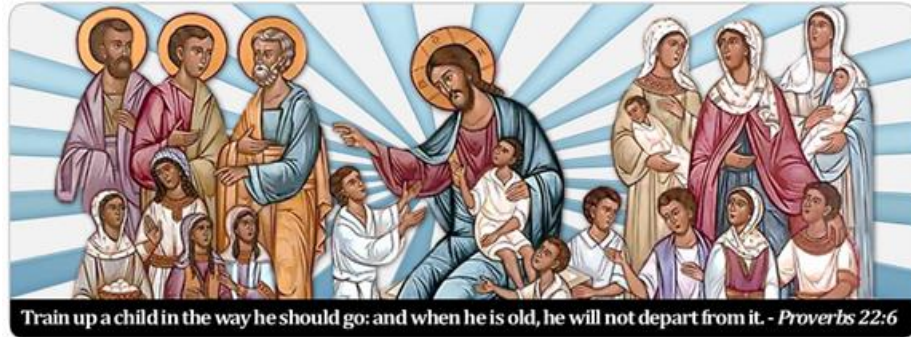
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“... a place of refuge full of love and joy.”



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!

For the Children



Do you know what it means to be obedient? You might think of a dog being obedient to its master. But have your parents ever asked you to be obedient to them? When you obey somebody (when you're obedient), you do what somebody says to do. Sometimes, that might be something you want to do...but other times, maybe it isn't!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about two people who were obedient to their Master, our Lord Jesus Christ. Peter and Andrew were out fishing, but when Jesus came by, He asked them to follow Him. They dropped everything and followed the Lord. Their friends, James and John, also left everything and followed Christ too, just like that.

Saint John Chrysostom once said that that's the kind of obedience Christ wants from us, too! He doesn't want us to waste even a minute! He wants us to follow Him just as soon as He asks us.

Sometimes it might be hard to know what God wants from us. You probably won't hear a voice from God that tells you just what to do! You can listen to your parents, to your priest, and to your teachers. You obey them because they are watching out for you and helping you to grow in the right way. When we follow another Christian, we are following Christ too!

A GREAT BIRTHDAY: SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

When you were born, your parents probably wondered what you would look like, what you would do, what you would be interested in, maybe whether you'd be famous someday. They probably still wonder these things!

When Saint John the Baptist was born, his parents, Elizabeth and Zacharias, knew their son would be great. How did they know this? Because an angel of the Lord told them so! The angel told Zacharias something before the saint was born. "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord," he said.

Saint John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin. He came before Jesus and told everybody to expect somebody to save them (a savior). He told them to get ready for the savior to come. He told them to repent—to say they were sorry for the wrong things they did.

Saint John is such an important saint for us that we have six namedays for him. Plus, every Tuesday of every week is set aside to pray to Saint John. This week, we can celebrate his birthday, and we can "rejoice at his birth"!

We celebrate the birthday of Saint John the Baptist on June 24th.

We're on the Web!

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