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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the 25th Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Ephesians 4:1-6. The Gospel is from Luke 13:10-17. Apostle Andrew, the First-called.

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

Tuesday, November 25, 9 AM –
Perogie Session

Saturday, December 6, 10 AM –
Roll Making for Christmas Bake Sale

Sunday, December 7, 9 AM –
Church School

Sunday, December 7, 10AM –
Liturgy

Sunday, December 7, 11:30AM
– St. Nicholas Brunch

Readers Schedule

11/30 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour

11/30 – Open

12/7 – St. Nicholas Brunch

Valentine's Day Dinner

Dance: We are thinking about having a Sweetheart Dinner Dance on

Valentine's Day this year. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please talk to Pani Bethany.

Wild Game Dinner is set for Saturday, February 7

*With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, the National Senior ACRY is sponsoring an **Advent Mission Project** to benefit Diocesan mission parishes. The entire proceeds of the Advent Mission Project will be used to purchase much needed liturgical items and supplies that will greatly assist our Diocesan mission parishes in proclaiming the good news and beauty of the Orthodox Faith in their local communities. The deadline for submitting donations is January 31, 2015.*

Perogie/Roll Baking Sessions

Perogie Session this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. **Roll baking** session to take place on Saturday Dec. 6th: morning shift 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; afternoon shift 1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. We will also be scheduling stuffed cabbage and tea cookie sessions before the bake sale on December 13th. Please plan to come and help at one or more

sessions if possible; the bake sales are one of our parish's major fundraisers.

| St. Nicholas Brunch

St. Nicholas Brunch—Our St. Nicholas brunch will take place on Sunday, December 7th following liturgy. The brunch will be potluck. There is sign-up sheet in the hall if you are able to bring something.

Church School Friday and Sunday

Our **Church School program** will have classes on Fridays at 5 PM for the Young children and the Youth. Classes will be an hour in length. Teachers for this class are Stasia Mihaly and Fr. Luke

Our older Youth, will have class starting at 9 AM on Sunday morning before liturgy begins. Teacher for this class is Harry Fong.

We have started **Sunday classes twice month** for the younger kids starting. Thanks is extended to Kate Kerpchar who will be

teaching. Classes start at 9 AM. The following Sundays are when there will be classes for the younger parishioners:

Sunday, December 7
Sunday, December 21

See Fr. Luke for details.

| Secret Santa

Secret St. Nicholas: If you wish to be a part of the "Secret St. Nicholas," give your name to Stasia. Next Sunday, everyone who puts their name in will draw a name out. Get a gift for the person whose name you get (no more than \$15 value). Gifts will be exchanged at the St. Nicholas brunch.

Lions Club Breakfast

Lions Breakfast – The Danbury Lions Club will host a fundraiser breakfast at the Amber Room on Wednesday December 10th from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Guest Speaker will be Sarah Baroody. All diners' "tips" benefit the Lions Club. Come hear Sarah and support the Lions who offer many programs for the community and also support our parish events. If you are interested in attending, let Fr. Luke know.

| Christmas Bake Sale

Christmas Bake Sale: Our Christmas Bake and Craft Sale will take place on Saturday, December 13th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will need helpers to set up and package cookies on Friday and to work the sale on Saturday

Christmas Cards for Sale | Penny Social

We have printed **Christmas cards** with the beautiful painting of our church that Chrissanth did for the parish card last Christmas. Packages of 15 cards are available for \$7 and are available in the hall.

Penny Social—We will be having our Penny Social on January 25th. Please bring in any items you have collected and give to Kristen. Also, let her know if you are interested in helping run the event. We will need people to help organize the prizes, sell, tickets, and work in the kitchen.

Clothing Drive | Parish Christmas Card

Don't Forget: Our clothing drive is going on until early December. Please put all clothing, linens, shoes, etc. that you wish to donate in garbage bags and bring to the church. If you have any questions about what can be donated, see Ann Huott. Your cast offs can earn money for the church!

Holy Trinity Christmas Card: Today is the last day to sign up for the parish Christmas card. Chrissanth, with the help of our children, has created a beautiful Christmas card from our parish which will be sent to Bishop Gregory and all the friends of our parish. If you would like to have your name on the card, please see Julia Huott or Maddy Sulich at coffee hour. A \$20 donation is requested per family.

Project Mexico Santa Project | Ladies Night Out

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Project Mexico Santa project. If you brought your items today, give them to Susan Sulich. Our child, Ivan, had all of the items on his list purchased and they will be mailed out tomorrow.

Ladies Night – Ornament Exchange on Friday, December 19th, 6:30 p.m. at Susan Sulich's house. Bring a wrapped ornament if you wish to participate in the exchange. Please let Susan know if you plan to attend.

JOHNSTOWN, PA -- With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, Christ the Saviour Cathedral is pleased to announce that it will host a three week Advent Lecture series. The lectures, which will be open to the public and will be live streamed via the internet, will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning December 2, 2014. They will be one hour in duration and will include a Q & A session.

The lectures will be delivered by professors from Christ the Saviour Seminary. Topics will include "The Incarnation: the Hardest Story for the Modern World, and How to Tell It Well" and "Rejoice O Isaiah... A Scriptural Study of the Old Testament Prophecies and Their Fulfillment in the Nativity of Our Lord.

Faithful from Diocesan parishes in the Johnstown Deanery are encouraged to attend the lecture series at the Cathedral. Parishes with internet capabilities are encouraged to watch the lectures as a group. A chat room feature will allow for interaction with the presenter during the Q & A sessions.

Birthdays –
November/December

November	
Nicholas Gross	30
December	
Katarina Betancourt	2
Luke Faubel	4
Michael Kerpchar	8
Trianna Gutzman	10
Chrissanth Gross	22
Marty Howley	26
Elaine Toaso	30

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



St. Gregory of Palamas: . . . God marked this ever-virgin Daughter now praised by us from before the ages . . .

So, in order to render the Virgin worthy of this sublime purpose, God marked this ever-virgin Daughter now praised by us, from before the ages, and from eternity, choosing Her from out of His elect.

Turn your attention then, to where this choice began. From the sons of Adam God chose the wondrous Seth, who showed himself a living heaven through his becoming behavior, and through the beauty of his virtues. That is why he was chosen, and from whom the Virgin would blossom as the divinely fitting chariot of God. She was needed to give birth and to summon the earth-born to heavenly sonship. For this reason also all the lineage of Seth were called “sons of God” (Gen. 6), because from this lineage a son of man would be born as the Son of God. The name Seth signifies a rising or resurrection, or more specifically, it signifies the Lord, Who promises and gives immortal life to all who believe in Him.

And how precisely exact is this parallel! Seth was born of Eve, as she herself said, in place of Abel, whom Cain killed through jealousy (Gen. 4:25); and Christ, the Son of the Virgin, was born for us in place of Adam, whom the author of evil also killed through jealousy. But Seth did not resurrect Abel, since he was only a type of the resurrection. But our Lord Jesus Christ resurrected Adam, since He is the very Life and the Resurrection of the earth-born, for whose sake the descendents of Seth are granted divine adoption through hope, and are called the children of God. It was because of this hope that they were called sons of God, as is evident from the one who was first called so, the successor in the choice. This was Enoch, the son of Seth, who as Moses wrote, first hoped to call on the Name of the Lord (Gen. 4:26).

In this manner, the choice of the future Mother of God, beginning with the very sons of Adam and proceeding through all the generations of time, through the Providence of God, passes to the Prophet-King David and the successors of his kingdom and lineage.

– St. Gregory Palamas, Excerpt from *Discourse on the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Holy of Holies*

We're on the Web!
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Holy Trinity Penny Social

January 25th, 2015

Ways you can help!

Household Donations

- ❖ Any item with a tag or in its original packaging!
- ❖ Collectors items including glassware, china, home decor
- ❖ Children's books, hard cover books or cookbooks all gently used
- ❖ We are also in need of some larger raffle items. Ideas include:
 - ❖ Gift Cards
 - ❖ Vouchers for a product or service provided by your place of employment or your own business
 - ❖ Donations from local businesses
 - ❖ Handmade items
- ❖ If you do not have any of the above, please consider providing a small gift from the next column. We will assemble the prizes from what you donate!

Small gifts (\$10 or less)

- ❖ Look for clearance items when shopping
- ❖ Be thrifty and creative!
- ❖ Ideas (but not limited to!):
 - ❖ Dish soap/dish towels
 - ❖ Baby products/baby food
 - ❖ Books – children and adult
 - ❖ Decorative candles
 - ❖ Tea or coffee and a set of mugs or travel mug
 - ❖ Hand lotion and gloves or socks
 - ❖ Tools
 - ❖ Children's toys
 - ❖ Picture frames/Photo albums
 - ❖ Food items
 - ❖ Cooking utensils
 - ❖ Gift Cards

Kristen Szymanowicz will be accepting donations. Please bring all donations to church by January 5. Please contact Kristen with any questions at 203.529.3144 or kszymano@gmail.com.