Weekly Bulletin

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the First Ecumenical Council. The Epistle is Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The Gospel is from John 174:1-13. Simeon the Stylite.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, May 24 – *NO* SERVICES at DANBURY.

9 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St. Johns Church, 600 Silver Lane, Stratford, CT.

Ordination of Nicholas Mihaly to the diaconate

Monday, May 25, 12 noon – Panachida for the departed military of our parish

Monday, 25, 6 PM Prayer Group

Monday, May 25, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 26, 8:30 AM – Service of the Third Hour

Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 PM – First Confession Class

Thursday, May 28, 8:30 AM – Service of the Third Hour

Thursday, May 28, 5:30 PM – First Holy Confession Class

Friday, May 29, 5:30 PM – Last Day of Church School

Friday, May 29, 6 PM – ASP Adult Leader Dinner

Saturday, May 30, 4 PM – Vespers of Pentecost

Sunday, May 31 – 10 AM – Liturgy of Pentecost

Sunday, May 31, 11:30 AM – End of Church School and Parish BBQ

Readers Schedule
5/31 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour
5/24 – NO Church in Danbury – Nick's ordination
5/31 – Parish BBQ

The Orthodox Youth Mission Team is about half way towards its fundraising goal for our ASP mission trip this July. We will be going to Kentucky to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. This year our team has grown to 37 participants from 7 different Orthodox parishes in CT, NY, and NJ. If you have not yet purchased any stock we hope that you will consider "investing" in this opportunity for our youth to put their faith to work. To make a donation, see one of the Holy Trinity team member: Luke Faubel, Kaitleen Villa, Jacob Villa, or Madeline Sulich. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

The Sulich Family would like to invite everyone to a **service of Thanksgiving on Friday June 5th at 6 p.m**. with dinner to follow.

Camp Nazareth | Fellowship Luncheon

Papers for the 2015 Summer **camping session at Camp Nazareth** are now available at: http://www.campnazareth.org/Forms&Registration.htm. Start your planning now – your kids won't want to miss this. Get 'em while they're hot!

We will have a Fellowship Lunch on Tuesday June 2nd at the church hall. It's been a long winter and we look forward to finally getting together with some of our parishioners that we don't get to see regularly! Please let Suad or Susan know if you are available to help cook or provide rides to or from lunch.

Nicholas Mihaly to be ordained Deacon

By the Grace of God, **Nicholas Mihaly** will be **ordained deacon** by His Grace, Bishop Gregory, on Sunday May 24 at St. Johns Church, 600 Silver Lane, Stratford, CT.

There will be no church service at Danbury on that Sunday. All are encouraged to attend the ordination. There will be a breakfast following the ordination at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway. The cost is $23 per person. Meal reservation have to be in by May 10. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the church hall.

For those who would like to bowl this also the ACRY bowling Tournament that is being hosted by the Silver Lane Chapter. His Grace Bishop Gregory will be here also. There is a grand banquet the same Sunday, May 24. The cost for the banquet is $50 for adults.

Pentecost/BBQ

Parish BBQ May 31st: On Pentecost, our Parish Feast Day we will be having a BBQ to celebrate the end of church school and to raise funds for the Altar Boy Retreat/Young Women's Retreat and the Camp Nazareth Bus. The BBQ will take place in lieu of our regular coffee hour. The church will supply the meat, we ask parishioners to bring sides dishes. There will also be a Pie Baking Contest. Bring your favorite pie, any flavor or variety. Prizes will be awarded to best pies and they will then be served for dessert. We ask everyone attending to make a donation to help our youth enjoy the summer programs being offered by the Diocese.

Update Landscape Plan

Church Landscape: It's time to update our Landscape Plan. If you have signed up to care for a section of the church property, please decide if you want to continue or change to a different section. Please feel free to team up with another family want to sign up and share an area. Please see the map in the hall.

Clothing Drive

As spring cleaning is probably just around the corner, we will having another used clothing drive as a fund raiser for the parish. So please set aside your gently used clothing for us. The date will be set for later in the year. Ann Huott has graciously offered to store them in their shed until the pick-up. If you have any questions about what can be donated, please see Ann.

Lakota Nation Trip

Lakota Native American Mission Trip: Dates for the mission trip have been set for October 6-14th. We will be working with the youth in their after school program and providing general assistance as needed on the reservation. There will also be an opportunity to travel to the Badlands and Wounded Knee. A **$50 deposit is due by June 1st**. Estimated total cost of the trip is $850 per person, based on current costs. Please see Fr. Luke if you are interested in going on the trip.

Penny Social

Back by popular demand, we will be having our 2nd Penny Social this October, date TBD. Our 1st Penny Social was a success mainly because of the quantity and quality of the donations. So we need your help! Like before, we will accept any item with a tag or in its original packaging. We are also looking for gently used collector's items including (but not limited to!) china, glassware, jewelry and home décor.

If you do not have any of the above, please **c**onsider donating a small gift ($10 or less). Ideas include: dish soap/ towels, baby products/food, books, decorative candles, tea/coffee, set of mugs or travel mug, body/hair products, jewelry, gloves ,socks or scarves, tools, children's toys, picture frames/albums, food items, cooking utensils, and of course, gift cards. Don't forget to check out the clearance section of your favorite store!

The best news is we will be accepting donations starting NOW! Please bring your items to church anytime.

We are also in need of large raffle items. We would be so appreciative of vouchers for a product or service provided by your place of employment or your own business, donations from local businesses and handmade items.

The other two factors contributing to our success were the Penny Social volunteers and YOUR participation that day! If you would like to help with this Penny Social or have any questions, please contact Kristen Szymanowicz at kszymano@gmail.com or 203.529.3144. And please, tell your family and friends to come and enjoy a fun afternoon! We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming events

Nicholas Mihaly Diaconate Ordination – May 24

Parish BBQ/End of Church School Sunday - May 31 (Pentecost)

Service of Thanksgiving and Dinner offered by the Sulich Family - June 5th 6 p.m.

First Holy Confession – Sunday, June 7

Trinity Tourney Golf Tournament – July 23

Altar Boys Retreat – June 28 to July 1

Young Women's Retreat – June 28 to July 1

ASP Week – July 11 to July 19

New England Deanery Camp Nazareth Week – July 19 to July 25

Semi-Annual Meeting – Sunday, July 26

Parish trip to Greece/Macedonia - August 2 to August 17

Perogie Dash 5 K Road Race – Saturday, August 29

Birthdays

May	
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich **Anniversary**	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar **Annversary**	29
Joe Derevjanik	31

Pledge Forms: Reminder, if you haven't had a chance to return your pledge form yet, please fill out and give to Fr. Luke. Your pledge of time and talent will help with future parish events and your financial pledge will assist us in moving forward with a parish budget.

First Holy Confession is set for **Sunday, June 7th**. If you have a child who is ready to partake of this sacrament, please see Fr. Luke so classes can be scheduled.

Help Re-Stock our Kitchen—We are currently in need of the following items for the kitchen: 10-inch sturdy paper plates, 8-ounce cold cups, paper towels, and decaf coffee. Any donations greatly appreciated.

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

Fathers of the 1st Council **May 24**

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

We're on the Web!
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Camp Nazareth Information

Camp Nazareth is eagerly awaiting and preparing for the arrival of the Summer Camping Season. Diocesan priests and parents have already been calling to find out the details of the 2015 Summer Camping Schedule. The 2015 Schedule has been posted on the Camp's website – www.campnazareth.org. In addition, all the necessary forms for parents, campers, clergy, volunteers and staff have been posted. We ask you to help us disseminate this information in your parishes.

Here is what is different from previous years in this information:
*Dates have changed but especially the Application and Early Bird Deadlines May 15th!!

*The **Fee for Camp is: $295/diocesan camper and $345/non-diocesan camper.**

***Staff applications are due March 15th, 2015.**

***If any of your parishioners are interested in being on the Camp's Medical Staff (MD, or RN), please have them contact me at the Camp.** Please also let your faithful know that 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.