

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

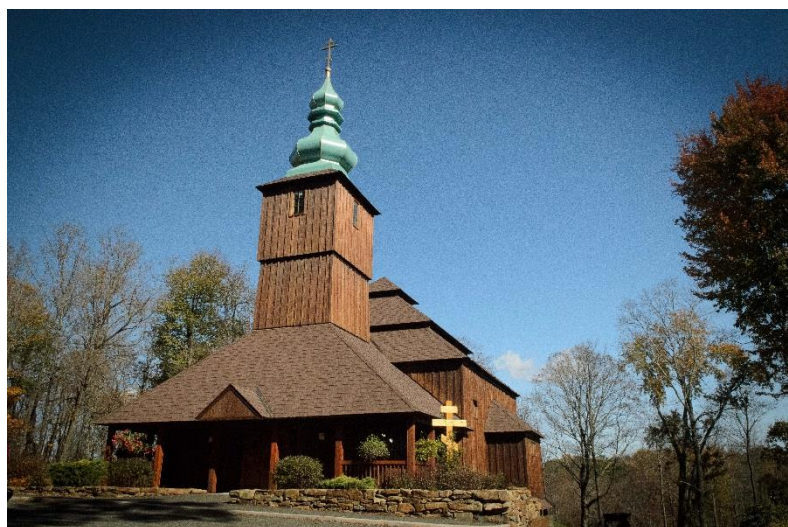
Today is the Sunday of the Paralytic. The Epistle is Acts 9:32-42. The Gospel is from John 5:1-15. Great Martyr John of Vladimir.

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

**Monday, May 23, 6 PM –**  
Prayer Group

**Monday, May 23, 7 PM –**  
OCMC presentation by Kenny Kidde, Development Director

**Tuesday, May 24, 8:30 AM -**  
Hours

**Wednesday, May 25, 7 PM –**  
Catechism Class

**Thursday, May 26, 8:30 AM –**  
Akathist Service

**Friday, May 27, 9:30 AM –** Old  
Testament Class

**Saturday, May 28, 4 PM –**  
Wedding of Nicholas Fong and  
Jenny Bostic

**Sunday, May 29, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

This is the third and final wedding BANN for Nicholas Fong and Jenny Bostic. If anyone knows of any reason why they should not be married please see Fr. Luke

## Readers Schedule

5/22 – Harry Fong  
5/29 – Paul Sulich

## Coffee Hour

5/22 – Chow Family  
5/29 – OPEN  
6/5 – Parish Picnic  
6/12 – OPEN  
6/19 – Father’s Day  
6/26 – OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:  
Regular and Decaf Coffee.

**Graduate Sunday:** On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the day of our parish picnic, we will honor all our graduates. If you have a high school or college graduate this year please let Fr. Luke know as soon as possible.

## Orthodox Youth Mission Team Stock Sale | Martin Howley

Our team has been training for the last 4 months and now we need to raise the funds to send 25 teens and 10 adults to West Virginia in July to participate in the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). We are selling “stock shares” for \$10 each. All “stockholders” will receive a postcard from our trip and a special coffee hour when we return with a presentation about our trip.

Martin Howley has moved. His new address is: Torrington Health and Rehabilitation Center, 225 Wyoming Avenue, Torrington, CT 06790. Marty is very happy to hear from his parish family—send a card when you have time.

## Fong Wedding

Nicholas Fong and Jennie Bostic are getting married this Saturday, the 28th of May. All are welcome to attend the wedding service at 4PM. There is

a reception immediately following, but unfortunately given the limited space in the Church Hall only those who received invitations will have seating. We

know that each and every one of you are with us in spirit though!

## Altar Boys/Young Women’s retreats | Family Camp

The annual Diocesan Altar Boys’ Retreat (ABR) at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA and the Young Womens’ Retreat (YWR) at SS. Peter and Paul in Windber, PA will take place from Sunday evening, June 26 through Wednesday noon, June 29.

Those who are planning on participating are asked to contact Fr. Luke ASAP. Registration for the YWR is available online at: [acrodywe@gmail.com](mailto:acrodywe@gmail.com).

The first 10 families to register will be able to participate in this year’s Family Camp program, which is entitled: “Not Letting Orthodoxy be Your Family’s Secret Identity.”

The program for families with the expanded cabins and the new High and Low Ropes course will insure a wonderful experience for all. Register at: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)

## | Parish Picnic

Save the date, Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> we will be having a chicken BBQ. The event will be a fundraiser for the Altar Boy’s Retreat and the bus for Camp Nazareth. Plan to come out and enjoy the day with your parish family while raising funds for summer youth activities. If you would like to help, see Rodger Behrend. We will be looking for people to bring salads, chips and drinks. Sign-up sheet in the hall.

## Landscape Plans

The council has approved a plan to update the plantings in the front of the church. Some of the shrubs and bushes have outgrown the space. They will be moved to new locations as possible and some

new plants put in. In addition, we will be looking at our property plan and designating areas that need caretakers and will have that available for sign ups soon.

## Alcoholism and Addiction | Easter Plants

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.

**Easter Plants:** We would like to save the Peace Lilies that were used in our beautiful Easter flowers around the tomb this year. If you are willing to take one or more home and take care of them during the year with the goal of keeping them alive and to bring them back next year, please take them from the church today. Here are some websites that provide helpful information for the care of these plants: (insert the websites Stella sent you—she didn't send them to me). Additional plants have been placed outside the church by the side wall near

the parking lot. If anyone would like them to plant on their own, feel free to take them

## Upcoming Events

**OCMC Presentation by Kenny Kidde** - Monday, May 23 at 7 PM

**OYMT trip to Appalachia** – July 9 to July 17

**Parish Picnic/Graduate Sunday**—Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**Camp Nazareth** –July 24 to July 30

**Orthodox Youth Mission Team Meeting** - Sunday June 5th 3:00—5:00 p.

**Father's Day** – Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

**Altar Boys Retreat/Young Women's Retreat** – June 26 to June 29

**Dorothy Day** - Friday July 1st

### Birthdays

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

**Knitting Group:** Our knitting group will be meeting certain Sundays, immediately following coffee hour. All ages and experience levels welcome. If you would like to learn to knit, see Suad for a list of supplies to bring and if you have any questions.

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### [St. Ephraim the Syrian: According to thy mercy, pour out . . .](#)

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According to thy mercy, pour out upon me, who am miserable, at least one small drop of grace to make me understand and be converted, that I might make at least some small effort to correct myself. For if thy grace does not illumine my soul, I will not be able to see the carelessness and negligence that the passions have produced in me through my apathy and recklessness.

+ St. Ephraim the Syrian, “69: The Wiles of the Enemy and the Resources of Sin,” [A Spiritual Psalter or Reflections on God](#)

### [St. Anthony the Great: If we make every effort to avoid death . . .](#)

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If we make every effort to avoid death of the body, still more should it be our endeavor to avoid death of the soul. There is no obstacle for a man who wants to be saved other than negligence and laziness of soul.

+ St. Anthony the Great, “On the Character of Men and on the Virtuous Life: One Hundred and Seventy Texts,” Text 45, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 1)*

### **Elder Sampson: The drunkard, the fornicator, the proud—he will receive God’s mercy. . . .**

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The drunkard, the fornicator, the proud—he will receive God’s mercy. But he who does not want to forgive, to excuse, to justify consciously, intentionally . . . that person closes himself to eternal life before God, and even more so in the present life. He is turned away and not heard [by God].

+ Elder Sampson, *Orthodox Word* #177, “Discussions & Teachings of Elder Sampson”

### **Donations for New Altar Cloths**

We are having new altar cloths made and the estimated cost is about \$1500.00. The color will be green for the Feast of Pentecost. Anyone is welcome to donate towards the new altar cloths. Please indicate New Altar Cloths so we can be sure to properly direct the donation.

We do have a Purple set that we use for Lent.