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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The Epistle is Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. The Gospel is from John 4:5-42. Virgin Martyr Theodosia.

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, May 31, 8:30 AM - Hours

Wednesday, June 1, 7 PM - Catechism Class

Thursday, June 2, 8:30 AM - Akathist Service

Friday, June 3, 9:30 AM - Old Testament Class

Saturday, June 4, 3 PM - Vespers

Sunday, June 5, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 5, 11:30 AM - Graduate Sunday

Sunday, June 5, 12 noon - Parish Picnic

This is the first of three wedding BANN for Logan Dale Thompson and Anastasia Elizabeth Mihaly. If anyone knows of any reason why they should not be married please see Fr. Luke

Readers Schedule

5/29 – Paul Sulich
6/5 – Bob Faubel
6/12 – Paul Toaso
6/19- Susan Paltauf
6/26 – Susan Sulich

Coffee Hour

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 5th, 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.

Cemetery Clean Up | Ladies Night

On Saturday June 11th we will have a clean-up day at our cemetery starting at 10:00 a.m. Please bring rakes, clippers, weed wackers and pruning shears.

This Tuesday, May 31st we will be having a Ladies Night Out at Hacienda San Miguel on Federal Rd. in Brookfield, starting at 6:30 p.m. If you are able to attend, please let Susan Sulich know.

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.

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

| Parish Picnic

Save the date, Sunday June 5th 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 | ETIQUETTE REMINDER

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.

ETIQUETTE REMINDER

The summer months are upon us and that means enjoying warm weather and "fun in the sun". While shorts (for males and females), flip-flops, tank tops, 'spaghetti straps, short skirts well above the knees, etc. are practical and may be acceptable at the pool or the lake front they are not appropriate attire at church, and must not be worn during the Divine Services of the Church. If you are traveling after services, you can change into these clothes afterwards. At every Eucharistic celebration we

are spiritually and physically brought in the awesome presence of Jesus Christ Himself, and when we commune He comes to dwell within us in a miraculous way. Therefore the sanctity, solemnity and dignity of the Divine Liturgy must be preserved for the well-being of all. Parents your assistance and guidance are most especially helpful and appreciated.

- Fr. Luke

Upcoming Events

Parish Picnic/Graduate Sunday—Sunday, June 5th

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

Cemetery Clean Up – Saturday June 11th 10:00 a.m.

Council Meeting—Sunday June 12th—following liturgy

St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, June 16th 7:00 p.m.

Father's Day – Sunday, June 19th

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

Dorothy Day - Friday July 1st

OYMT Meeting—Friday, July 1st 5:00—7:00 p.m.

OYMT trip to Appalachia – July 9 to July 17

Camp Nazareth –July 24 to July 30

Perogie Dash Road Race to Benefit Healing Hearts—Saturday, August 20th

Birthdays

May	
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
June	
Elaine Bomely	3
Anastasia Radcliff	3
Anne Marie Huott	6
Michael Baroody	8
Anastasia Mihaly	9
Cyril Mihaly	9
Christina Chow	12
Fr. Nicholas Mihaly	13
Eleanor Szymanowicz	14
John & Connie Somoskovec	14
Robert & Carolyn Faubel	16
Filip Bundra	20
Katherine Chow	20
Monika Mihaly	28
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo	30

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



One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations.

After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26. - See more at:

http://lent.goarch.org/sunday_of_the_samaritan_woman/learn/#sthash.WhMVV6J2.dpuf

We're on the Web!

holytrinitydanbury.org

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.