

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Romans 2:10-16. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:18-23. Saints of Carpatho-Russia.

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, July 5, 8:30 AM – Hours**

**Wednesday, July 6, 7 PM – Catechism Class**

**Thursday, July 7, 8:30 AM – Akathist**

**Thursday, July 7 4 PM to 7 PM – Monthly food sale**

**Friday, July 8, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class**

**Friday, July 9, 4 PM- 6 PM – OYMT drop off luggage**

**Saturday, July 9, 7:30 AM – OYMT Meet to leave to West Virginia**

**Sunday, July 10, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy with Fr. Sergei Bouteneff**

**Sunday, July 17, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy with Fr. Sergei Bouteneff**

**Wednesday, July 20, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for Prophet Elias**

**Thursday, July 21, 9 AM – Trinity Golf Tourney**

**Friday, July 22, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class**

**Saturday, July 23, 2 PM – Akathist to Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup**

**Saturday, July 23, 4:30 PM – Meet for Family Outing to Bridgeport bluefish Game**

**Sunday July 24, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy**

This is the First of Three Announcements for our semi-Annual parish meeting on Sunday, July 31 immediately following Divine Liturgy.

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## Readers Schedule

7/10 – Nicholas Fong  
7/17 – Paul Sulich  
7/24 – Sandi Fong  
7/31 – Paul Toaso

## Coffee Hour

7/3 – OPEN  
7/10 – OPEN  
1/17 – OPEN  
7/24 – OPEN  
7/31 – Semi-Annual Meeting

## Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

We are in need of paper towels, 10-inch paper plates, bowls and decaf coffee.

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## Monthly Food Sale

Monthly Food Sale-Our next monthly food sale will be Thursday, July 7th from 4-7 p.m. We need one more person to help man the freezers this month. These sales have yielded at least \$100 each month and have brought a few new customers to the church as well. If you are able to help please see Rodger Behrend or Susan Sulich.

## Golf Tournament

Golf Tournament-the 2016 Trinity Tourney is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st at the Beekman Country Club in Hopewell Junction. Please invite family and friends to participate. This is our biggest fundraiser over the summer. For information or to register, see Harry Fong. Registration form is attached.

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## Orthodox Youth Mission Team Leaving for West Virginia

Next Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will be heading to Huff Creek, WV for our week long mission trip. We will be participating in the Appalachian Service Project helping to make homes "warmer, safer and drier." Thanks to your generous support, 34 youth and adult leaders from 7 Orthodox parishes in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey will be

participating in this mission trip. Fortunately the bad storms that hit WV last week were not very close to where we will be working. We ask for your prayers for our safety and for the work we will be doing and the families we will be serving.

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## Parish Family Outing

Save the Date: Bridgeport Bluefish Family Day-On Saturday July 23rd we will take a parish trip to see the Bridgeport Bluefish baseball team play at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport. The game begins at 6:12 pm and there will be a fireworks show after the game. We will meet at the church and carpool. More details to come.

## Landscape Plans

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with the installation and maintenance of our new plants in the front of the church.

At this time, there are several areas around the church that need to be "adopted" by individuals or families who would like to care for them. If you

have previously committed to a particular area or you wish to take on an area, see Susan Sulich. Caretakers can come and work whenever it is convenient for them. You do not need to be an experienced gardener-information on what needs to be done will be provided.

## 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. Our next Akathist service to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup is Saturday, July 23 at 2 PM.

### 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

**Monthly Food Sale** – Thursday, July 7th 4:00-7:00 p.m.

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

**Golf Tournament** – Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

**Akathist service to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup** - Saturday, July 23

**Parish Family Outing**  
**Bridgeport Bluefish Minor League Baseball Game** – Saturday, July 23

**Camp Nazareth** –July 24 to July 30

**Semi-Annual Meeting**— Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Family Day Fruit Picking** - Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Perogie Dash Road Race to Benefit Healing Hearts**—Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

### Birthdays

July	
Elena Kozlov	3
Michael & Sarah Barody	3
Rebecca Gartner	5
Rachael Gartner	5
Roger &Suad Behrend	9
Taylor Anne Gartner	9
Martin Villa	9
Jeff Szymanowicz	11
Elaine (Fedyna) Bomely	12
Suzanne Molineaux	13
Scott Radcliff	13
Jacob Villa	16
Father Luke	18
Daria Gross	20
Anna Radcliff	20
Andrea Paltauf	21
Katherine Ann Huott	22
Ryan McVeigh	25
Vivian Szymanowicz	28
Marilyn Zaengle	30
Paul Toaso	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. Nikolai Velimirovich: Only the foolish think that suffering is evil . . .](#)

Only the foolish think that suffering is evil. A sensible man knows that suffering is not evil but only the manifestation of evil and healing from evil. Only sin in a man is a real evil, and there is no evil outside sin. Everything else that men generally call evil is not, but is a bitter medicine to heal from evil. The sicker the man, the more bitter the medicine that the doctor prescribes for him. At times, even, it seems to a sick man that the medicine is worse and more bitter than the sickness itself! And so it seems at times to the sinner: the suffering is harder and more bitter than the sin committed. But this is only an illusion – a very strong self-delusion. There is no suffering in the world that could be anywhere near as hard and destructive as sin is. All the suffering borne by men and nations is none other than the abundant healing that eternal Mercy offers to men and nations to save them from eternal death. Every sin, however small, would inevitably bring death if Mercy were not to allow suffering in order to sober men up from the inebriation of sin; for the healing that comes through suffering is brought about by the gracefilled power of the Holy and Life-giving Spirit.

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich, “23. The Third Sunday After Easter: The Gospel on the Miracle at Bethesda John 5:1-16,” [Homilies Volume 1: Commentary on the Gospel Readings for Great Feasts and Sundays Throughout the Year](#)

### [St. John Damascene: These eight passions should be destroyed as follows . . .](#)

“These eight passions should be destroyed as follows: gluttony by self-control; unchastity by desire for God and longing for the blessings held in store; avarice by compassion for the poor; anger by goodwill and love for all men; worldly dejection by spiritual joy; listlessness by patience, perseverance and offering thanks to God; self-esteem by doing good in secret and by praying constantly with a contrite heart; and pride by not judging or despising anyone in the manner of the boastful Pharisee (cf. Luke 18 : 11–12), and by considering oneself the least of all men. When the intellect has been freed in this way from the passions we have described and been raised up to God, it will henceforth live the life of blessedness, receiving the pledge of the Holy Spirit (cf. 2 Cor. 1 : 22). And when it departs this life, dispassionate and full of true knowledge, it will stand before the light of the Holy Trinity and with the divine angels will shine in glory through all eternity.”

+ St. John Damascene, “On the Virtues and the Vices” from [The Philokalia: The Complete Text \(Vol. 2\)](#)

## 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 Ne

Altar Cloths so we can be sure to properly direct the donation. So far \$1250.00 has been donated.

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