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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. The Epistle is 2 Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel is from Luke 18:10-14. Martyr Agatha of Sicily. Today is Scout Sunday.

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

Sunday, February 5, 10 AM –
Liturgy

Sunday, Sunday February 5, 11:30 AM – Installation of the new parish officers

FAST FREE WEEK

Monday, February 6, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 7, 8:30 AM –
Hours

Tuesday, February 7, 9 AM –
Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 8, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, February 9, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Friday, February 10, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 11, 6 PM –
Wild Game Dinner

Sunday, February 12, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 12, 3 PM –
OYMT Training

Readers Schedule

2/5 – Paul Toaso
2/12 – Christopher Mihaly
2/19 – Susan Paltauf
2/26 – Bob Faubel

Coffee Hour

2/5 – Veronica/Carmen
2/12 – OPEN
2/19 – OPEN
2/26 – OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen: Decaf coffee.

Wild Game Dinner—On Saturday, Feb. 11th we will have our annual game dinner. Please see Lorraine Fedyna to sign up to make a game or ethnic dish, salad, side or dessert. Tickets are \$30 per person (BYOB) and reservations are strongly recommended. Help will be needed in the kitchen as well as for set up and clean up. We are also looking for raffle basket donations for the event.

Alcoholism and Addiction | Church School

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. Look here for our next service.

Church School meets on Sundays. Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy. Fr. Luke will be talking to the parents of the high school students to work on a schedule to meet outside of Sunday.

The Children's Word

When we hear a story, sometimes we think about how we fit into it, don't we?

Today we hear the story of the Publican and the Pharisee. Do you remember it? Two men went to the temple to pray. One of them said, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people." He went on to compare himself to other people, other sinners. He told God all the great

things he did. But the other man would not even look up, and just said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

When we hear this story, we think about how we fit into it. You can ask yourself: Which way do I pray? Do I tell God all the great things I have done? Do I compare myself to the bad kids at school, and remind God that I'm not like them? OR do I tell God that I make

mistakes? Do I ask Him to help me with my problems?

Which way do YOU pray?

Just think: the two men came to the same temple. They came to talk to the same God. But how different they were! Remember, God wants all of us to talk to Him, to pray to Him. But let's follow the example of the humble man. "God be merciful to me, a sinner!"

Prayer Group

Prayer Group—Our Prayer Group is now meeting on Thursday mornings, immediately following services. We are currently reading "Courage to Pray" by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom and George Lefebvre. In this class we are learning about prayer, personal and intercessory, and it is an opportunity to share some of the struggles and encouraging parts of our prayer lives.

Installation of Officers

God grant many years to our 2017 Parish Officers who will be installed today during liturgy

President – **Susan Sulich**
Vice President – **Harry Fong**
Treasurer – **Monika Mihaly**
Assistant Treasurer – **Luke Mihaylo**
Secretary – **Nicholas Fong**
Members at Large:
Lorraine Fedyna
Luke Faubel
Diana Borsari

Clothing Drive Starts

Our next Clothing Drive is ON! Thank you, Ann and the entire Huott Family. Start saving all your extra clothes, shoes, pillows, etc. for our clothing drive. The last clothing drive we collected more than a tone of clothes and we received more than \$400.00

Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions—It's time to start making perogies for our spring bake sale. We will meet again on Tuesdays mornings at 9:00 a.m. (after the Hours service). All pinchers or wanna be pinchers welcome—no experience needed!

Young Adult Retreat

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh invite **College Students and Young Adults** ages 18-35 to participate in a new exciting new retreat program! This **Retreat will be held at Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center in Mercer, PA from March 17-19, 2017** and will feature keynote addresses by Very Rev. Dr. Edward Pehanich and Mr. Nick Lionas. Our theme will be, "Navigating Life Using Your Spiritual Compass." Welcome home, everyone!

Birthdays

February	
Jerry Kachevsky	5
Emily Varney	13
AJ Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf Anniversary	14
Kristina Bundra	20

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.

Upcoming Events

Wild Game Dinner –
Saturday, February 11

OYMT Training Session –
Sunday, Feb. 12th 3-5 p.m.
at St. Barbara in Orange

Missions Sunday – Visit from Alex Goodwin from OCMC - Sunday, February 26

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen—Friday March 3rd 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Eastern Region Inter-Diocesan Lenten retreat – April 1 Bethlehem, PA

2017 Diocesan Altar boy Retreat - June 25-28, 2017.

House Blessings

Fr. Luke will be scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.

2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.

3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.

4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones

should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.

5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.

6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.

7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.

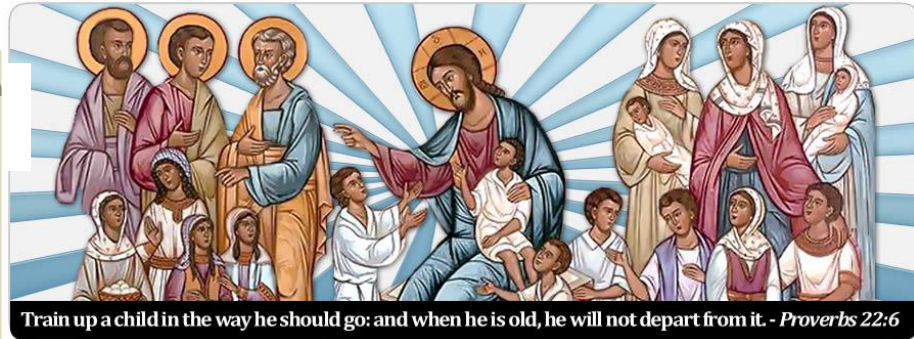
8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

For the Children

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



CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!

REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2017!!!

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Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1 -- July 16 - 22, 2017

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Week 2 -- July 23 - July 29, 2017

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Week 3 -- July 30 - August 5, 2017

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

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Register Online Starting March 1, 2017

Register at – campnazareth.org

From the Home Page, From the 2017 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2017 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

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\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!! (one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2017!!!!

Online Registration **MUST** be complete AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 14 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

When you register online please note that you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical) which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician’s assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.

Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.*



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