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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

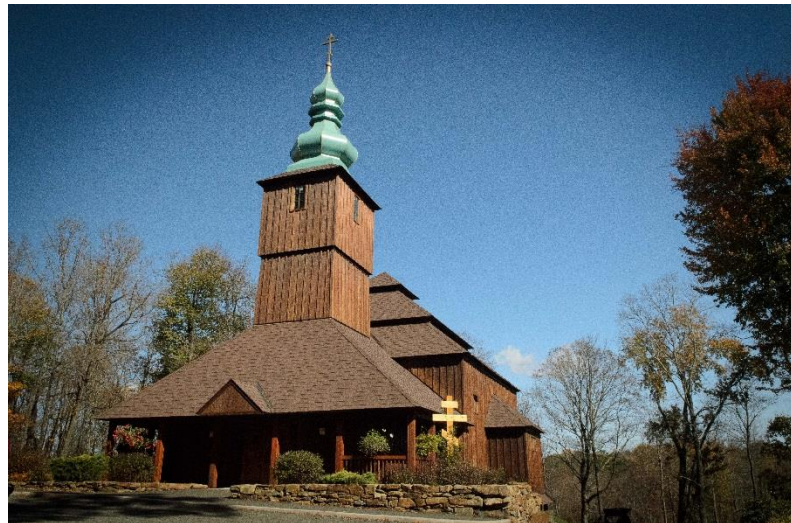
Today is Palm Sunday.
The Epistle is Philippians
4:4-9. The Gospel is from
John 12:1-18.

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

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Sunday, April 9, 10 AM – Divine
Liturgy Feast of PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9, 11:30 AM –
Lenten Cook Off

**Patriarchal Pence Collection—
Today, Palm Sunday, April 9th
we will have our annual
collection for the Patriarchate
of Constantinople**

Monday, April 10, 9 AM –
Bridegroom Matins

Monday, April 10, 6 PM –
Presanctified Liturgy

Tuesday, April 11, 9 AM –
Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 11, 6 PM –
Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, April 12, 9 AM –
Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 12, 12 noon –
Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, April 12, 6 PM –
Holy Unction

Thursday, April 13, 9 AM –
Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil
Liturgy Institution of the Holy
Eucharist

Thursday, April 13, 7 PM –
Matins and the Reading of the 12
Passion Gospels

Friday, April 14, 9 AM – Royal
Hours –STRICT FAST

Friday, April 14, 7 PM – Vespers
of Great and Holy Friday

Saturday, April 15, 9 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Saturday, April 15, 11 PM –
Nocturnes, Matins, Divine Liturgy
followed by the blessing of
Baskets and Agape Meal - HOLY
PASCHA

Sunday, April 16, 12 noon –
Paschal Vespers - Blessing of
Baskets

Readers Schedule

4/9 – Suzanne Molineaux
4/16 – Paul Sulich
4/23 – Harry Fong
4/30 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour

4/9 – Lenten Cook Off
4/16 - PASCHA

Help restock our Kitchen:

10-inch paper plates and decaf coffee.

Lenten Cook Off—On

Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday) we will have our annual Lenten Cook Off. Bring your best meatless, dairy-free dish to share for coffee hour and copies of the recipe if you wish. We'll vote for best main dish, side dish and dessert. Winners announced at Pascha midnight.

Guarding the Tomb for Great and Holy Friday –

There is sign-up sheet in the vestibule for guarding the Tomb from Friday after Vespers to the start of Divine Liturgy Saturday morning

Easter Craft and Bake Sale—

Thank you to all who helped cook, bake, serve, work at our church store, set up and clean up from the bake sale. Orders are still being filled and it was a very good sale! We still have limited amounts of rolls, perogies, stuffed cabbage and kielbasa left if you would like some please purchase at coffee hour.

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.

| Confession

You are asked to come to confession earlier in the week and not to wait until the last minute. Confession is not to be taken lightly or as an option. It is sacrament that opens one's soul to the healing salve of God's grace.

Unless one looks deeply into their spiritual life and unearth those spiritual weeds that fill the garden of our hearts, we will choke out the spiritual flowers that have been planted there. Tend to the garden of your heart: Go to Confession!

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017

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

Online Registration Begins March 1

Online Registration MUST be complete AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order

to qualify for the \$20 Early Bird Discount. Early Bird Discount per Child and one-time only, not per week.

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

Volunteer and Clergy Applications are due NO LATER THAN JUNE 1st!!!! How does this effect Clergy and Volunteers? **Clergy and Volunteers will be required to get fingerprinted** on their own and then provide Camp with proof of this BEFORE they arrive at Camp.

Interested in being on the Camp's Medical Staff (MD or RN), please contact Fr. Stephen at the Camp. 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.

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.*

Prayer Group

Prayer Group—After Pascha our Prayer Group will go back to meeting on Tuesday mornings immediately following morning 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.

| Diaper Drive

Diaper Drive— We're wrapping up our Diaper Drive for the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. The Center's focus is to be a safe-haven and provider of services to women in crisis from domestic and sexual abuse. As part of the Center's mission, they provide a 13-bed shelter which temporarily provides a refuge to women and

children, and they are often in need of diapers since many of the women have trouble affording these necessary items. For the next 4 weeks we will be collecting diapers and baby wipes. The center is particularly in need of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers. Any diaper donations that you can make will be gladly accepted! If you have any questions, please see Jennie Fong.

Clothing Drive Starts | Lazarus Saturday Activities | Camp Nazareth Raffle/Family Day

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

Thank you to everyone who came out yesterday for Liturgy and our activities for Lazarus Saturday. We had over thirty-five people here.

It was great to see so many families and to get together and make palm crosses, luminaries and dye eggs in preparation for Holy Week. Thank you to Sandi Fong for teaching us how to make prayer ropes. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up our grounds for Pascha.

Tickets are now available for the Annual Camp Nazareth Family day Raffle. Stasia Thompson and Mariana Todosiev are in charge of selling tickets.

Family Day at Camp Nazareth is set for June 9 to June 11. Register Online at campnazareth.org . Email campnazareth@acrod.org or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Lenten Cook Off – Palm Sunday, April 9

Mother's Day Brunch— Sunday, May 14th

OYMT Weekend Training Session with OCMC—Sat. April 29-30th

Parish BBQ Fundraiser for Camp Bus and Altar Boy/Young Women's Retreat—Pentecost, Sunday June 4th following liturgy

OYMT Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser—Sunday April 30th following liturgy

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

Dorothy Day—Friday May 5th

OYMT OCMC trip to Alaska —Saturday July 7-Monday July 18th

Lenten Fast

As we journey in Lent together, the following minimal fasting regulations are designated for our clergy and faithful:

- 1) Great and Holy Friday, and Great and Holy Saturday, namely April 14 and 15 are days of strict abstinence. On these days, no meat or dairy products may be eaten.
- 2) Meat and meat products may not be eaten during all of Holy Week, namely April 10 through April 15.
- 3) For the evening Pre-sanctified Liturgy, a minimum three-hours fast from all food and drink must be observed before the reception of Holy Communion. Normal fasting from midnight is still practiced

before the Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.

These are the minimal requirements to observe during this Season. But for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, I wholeheartedly recommend the penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us.

Birthdays

April	
Christopher Mihaly	11
Melissa McVeigh	11
Grace Radcliff	14
Adriano Morfa	14
Melanie Sulich	17
Rosalyn Mihaylo	18
Viorel Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Dan Kuzmich	28

Help Support our Orthodox Youth Mission Team—After 6 years of serving in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) the OYMT will be participating in an Orthodox Christian Mission Center short-term mission trip to Alaska. Youth and leaders from our parish (Ana and Grace Radcliff, Madeline Sulich, Susan Sulich and Fr. Luke) and 5 others will be serving Orthodox brothers and sisters in the small village of Napaskiak, running youth camp programs and helping with construction projects. This is the first time a high school team will be volunteering through OCMC. It is a wonderful and unprecedented opportunity for our youth and we are very excited to go and do Christ's work! As in the past, OYMT is selling stock for \$10 a share to fund our trip during coffee hour. You may have received a stock letter in the mail. You can bring to coffee hour, mail back or donate online at www.oymt.info. We ask that you please be as generous as you can in your support and pray for us as we prepare for our mission trip. Thank you!

For the Children

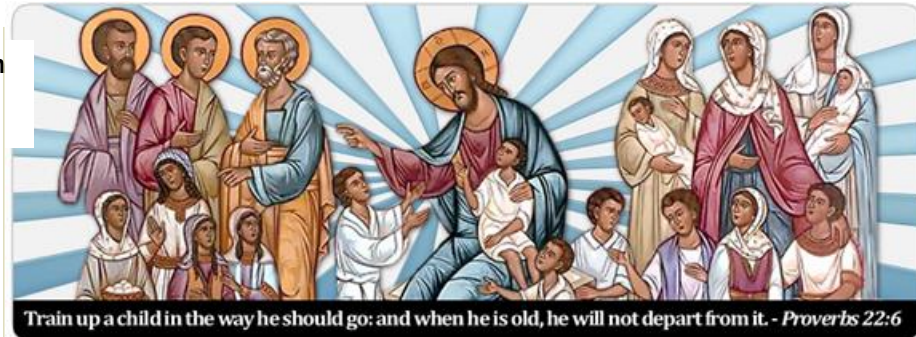
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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



Parish Dinner Out— We are planning a parish dinner out for the Thursday of Bright Week, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. at a new barbecue restaurant, The Cue, located at 2 Pembroke Rd, Danbury, CT. The dinner will be served family style. We will have 5 kinds of BBQ: Baby Back Ribs, Beef Brisket, Dry Rubbed Smoked Chicken (Free Range), Sweet Sausage and Pulled Pork and 2 sides. The cost is \$30 per person which includes gratuities. Please let Susan Sulich know if you would like to attend by Monday, April 17th.

We're on the Web!
holytrinitydanbury.org



What makes you happy? Can you think of something that always makes you smile? A friend? A favorite thing you do? A joke? Did you know God wants us to be joyful, to be happy?

Today is Palm Sunday, a day full of joy and happiness. When we hear the Gospel reading, we hear how the people were so joyful when they saw Jesus coming into Jerusalem. They shouted and waved branches. They were so happy that their King, Jesus, was coming to the royal city!

In today's epistle reading, we hear words that tell us, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, Rejoice...The Lord is near." God wants us to rejoice today...and every day! When we think about how God is with us, we have a reason to rejoice, to be full of happiness. When we think about what God has done for us, we have a reason to rejoice, to be full of happiness.

Palm Sunday is a beautiful day, and we can celebrate how God is the real King! But can you try to keep those special words in your heart all the time (not just today)? "Rejoice in the Lord always!" Be full of joy because God is with us!

Palm Sunday Around the World

Do you have palm trees in your backyard? Probably not, but you might still receive a beautiful palm cross after church today. Most of the palms in America have been shipped in from Florida. But did you know that Orthodox Christians in some countries celebrate this day without palms? In some places, palms are too hard to find. Let's look at how people around the world celebrate the Sunday before Easter!

In the Middle East, like Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria, Orthodox faithful carry branches from olive trees and palm trees. The priest blesses everybody with an olive branch dipped in holy water.

In Russia and the Ukraine, the climate is too cold for palm trees to grow. Instead, Orthodox Christians receive pussy willow branches to remember the branches that Jesus' followers laid down on the ground. They use pussy willows in Albania too!

In Romania, faithful Christians call this day Flowers Sunday (Florii). Instead of palms, people bring spring flowers from their gardens, and after church, everybody brings home bouquets of flowers and basil.

Bulgarians also celebrate this day with flowers. If you have a flower-related name, like Lilia or Violeta, you would celebrate today as your nameday.