

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is **PASCHA** the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Epistle is Acts 1:1-8. The Gospel is from John 1:1-17.

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.

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**Christ is Risen!  
Indeed He is Risen!**

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

**NO FASTING for Bright Week**

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

**Monday, April 17, 9 AM -**Divine Liturgy with Procession – Bright Monday

**Monday, April 17, 7 PM –** Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, April 18, 9 AM –** Divine Liturgy - Bright Tuesday

**Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 PM –** Monthly St. Nectarios Anointing Service - Rescheduled

**Wednesday, April 19, 7 PM –** Catechism Class

**Thursday, April 20, 6:30 PM –** Parish Dinner out at *The CUE Restaurant*. Please consider carpooling

**Friday, April 21, 9 AM –** Old Testament Class

**Sunday, April 23, 10 AM –**Divine Liturgy

On behalf of my entire family, I extend you the Paschal greeting: Christ is Risen! I want to thank all of you who seriously took upon themselves the Lenten discipline to the best of your ability. The Lord bless you for your efforts! I want to

thank all those who helped with preparing for this Most Glorious Feast. Those who participated in the Lenten services, prepared the Lenten meals, our Choir Director, Stephen Fong, and the entire choir for the long hours of practice in order to give us such beautiful music - offered to our Lord on behalf of the entire congregation! For all those who came to confession and took their spiritual life seriously and made it a priority, for those who came at the last minute to grasp as God's grace; you the first and you the last, welcome and enjoy the banquet of the Resurrection!

**Fr. Luke and Pani Bethany and Family**

## Readers Schedule

4/23 – Harry Fong  
4/30 – Paul Toaso  
5/7 – Bob Faubel  
5/14 – Susan Paltauf

## Coffee Hour

4/16 – PASCHA  
4/23 – OPEN  
4/30 – OYMT Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

## Help restock our Kitchen:

10-inch paper plates and decaf coffee.

## Lenten Cook Off: It's a tie!

Congratulations to Stasia Thompson for her "Stasia-touille" dish and Diana Borsari for the Halushki.

## St. Nectarios Service—Note

date change for our St. Nectarios Service: it will be this Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. preceding our Catechism Class.

## 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.

## | Parish Dinner Out

**Parish Dinner Out**— We are planning a parish dinner out for the Thursday of Bright Week, April 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Vegetarian option available. The cost is \$30 per person which includes gratuities. Please let Susan Sulich know if you would like to attend by Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!** 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 | 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

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](http://campnazareth.org). Email [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto:campnazareth@acrod.org) or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

## Upcoming Events

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service** — Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Parish Dinner Out-** Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cue in Danbury, 6:30 p.m.

**OYMT Weekend Training Session with OCMC**—Sat. April 29-30<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**—Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Dorothy Day**—Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Council Meeting**— Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Mother's Day Brunch**— Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Parish BBQ Fundraiser for Camp Bus and Altar Boy/Young Women's**

**Retreat**—Pentecost, Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

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

**OYMT OCMC trip to Alaska** – Saturday July 7-Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>

## Birthdays

April	
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](http://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!

## Holy Pascha

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): "... for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and

wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

### THE FEAST OF FEASTS

The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God's free gift of joy given to spiritual men as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church's liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon)....

The V. Rev. Paul Lazor  
New York, 1977

## For the Children

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



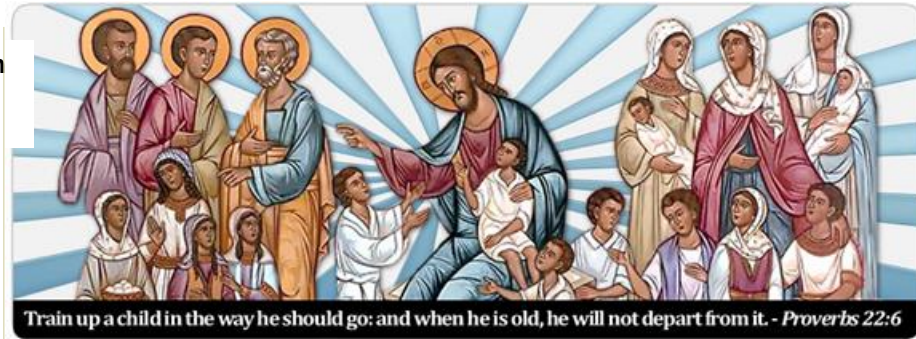
... THE DAY WITHOUT EVENING

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha.  
O Wisdom, Word and Power of God,  
grant that we may more perfectly  
partake of Thee in the never-ending  
day of Thy kingdom  
(Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon).

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**We're on the Web!**  
[holytrinitydanbury.org](http://holytrinitydanbury.org)



**Do you have a flashlight or a candle?** What does it look like when you shine it in a dark room? When you bring it into the room, the darkness instantly goes away. Everything looks different.

Today, and for the next few weeks, you might hear a beautiful hymn at church. It starts, "It is the day of the Resurrection. Let us shine brightly for the festival..."

How can we shine brightly? We can wear our best, our fanciest clothes. We can hold candles. But the hymn tells us how we can shine the brightest way of all. We can hug one another. We can forgive one another (even people who really don't like us!) We can tell each other the good news that Christ rose from the dead.

Christ is risen! You know that, of course, but we love to say it again and again. When we tell each other the good news, "Christ is risen!" we shine brightly.

Just like when you shine a flashlight or a candle in a dark room, when we have the good news of "Christ is risen!" everything is different! We are full of joy. Then, we can shine brightly too!

### THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING: A FEAST OF MARY, THE THEOTOKOS

Have you ever seen a waterfall? The water spills over and over from the top, and it never seems to end!

On the Friday after Pascha (Easter), we celebrate the feast of the "Life-Giving Spring." The icon is kind of strange. In the icon, you see Mary, the Theotokos, in a fountain, with water flowing out of it!

Once, more than 1,500 years ago, Emperor Leo (but before he became emperor) tried to help a blind man find water. Leo heard a voice telling him where to go. He found a spring, flowing with water. He put some of the water on the blind man and the man suddenly could see.

Later, Emperor Leo built a big church over the spring, and he dedicated it to the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. Lots of sick people came to the spring and came back all better.

We remember this special church, because we know that Mary, the Theotokos, always gives life to us. She is like a waterfall, because her help flows and flows, and it never seems to end. It was Mary who became the mother of God. And today, on Easter, He gave life to us, too!

You might have a friend named Zoe. Do you? Her name means "life" in Greek, and every year, on Bright Friday, we celebrate her nameday.

**We celebrate the feast of the Life-giving Spring this year on Friday, April 21st.**