

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Palm Sunday.  
The Epistle Paul to the  
Philippians 4:4-9. The  
Gospel is from John 12:1-  
18. Mary of Egypt.

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  
hierarchy.

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, April 1, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy PALM SUNDAY

We will be taking the Patriarchal  
Pence collection today at the  
end of liturgy. Please be  
generous donations go to  
support the Patriarchate of  
Constantinople.

**Monday, April 2, 7 PM -**  
Spirituality Class

**Wednesday, April 4, 7 PM –**  
Holy Unction Service

**Thursday, April 5, 7 PM –**  
Matins and the Reading of the  
12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 6, 7 PM –** Great &  
Holy Friday Vespers with  
Procession and Guarding the  
Tomb

**Saturday, April 7, 11 PM –**  
Nocturne, Paschal Matins,  
Paschal Divine Liturgy followed  
by blessing of the Baskets and  
Agape Meal

**Sunday, April 7, 12 Noon –**  
Paschal Vespers

**Everyone is invited to bring  
food for the Agape meal  
following the Paschal Divine  
Liturgy.** While it is the  
tradition amongst the Slavs to  
bring a basket with specific  
kinds of food, **please bring  
whatever you like.**

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## Readers Schedule

4/1 – Paul Sulich  
4/8 – Harry Fong  
4/15 – Suzanne Molineaux  
4/22 – Bob Faubel

## Coffee Hour

4/1 – Palm Sunday  
4/8 – PASCHA  
4/15 – OPEN  
4/22 – OPEN  
4/29 – OPEN

## Help Re-Stock our Kitchen:

10-inch sturdy paper plates and bowls.

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site

[www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://www.holytrinitydanbury.org)

And to those with a Facebook accounts please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here

<https://www.facebook.com/htcdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

**Coffee Hour** - We need people to sign up for coffee hour. As a reminder, coffee hour need not be elaborate. Bagels or rolls and butter are fine or anything simple. Consider signing up with someone else to make it easier.

**Food Safety Courses**—We will be looking to update our food safety certifications to meet new Health Department regulations. If you are interested in taking a half day food handler safety class please let Susan Sulich know.

## New Rectory

The **new rectory** is progressing rapidly. The foundation has been poured and the house set is scheduled for Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Check out photos and updates on our website: [www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://www.holytrinitydanbury.org). Subscribe if you haven't already so you won't miss posts. At this point we need approximately \$75,000 above what we have raised so far to finish the project. We do have a line of credit available to bridge the gap but any additional donations that come in will reduce (or eliminate) the amount we need to borrow.

## Easter Craft and Bake Sale – Thanks!

**Easter Craft and Bake Sale – Thanks!** - Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for our Easter Craft and Bake. It was a huge success. We started all the way back in January! From baking perogies, stuffed cabbages, cookies, baking rolls, making kielbasa, ordering bookstore items, getting the vendors, setting up, cooking in the kitchen, filling orders, cleaning up. It was an entire parish effort and we thank each and everyone one of you for all your hard work. So far we are still filling orders and have brought in over \$6,000.00

## Adult Education Opportunities

We have a number of adult education classes going on currently:

**Spirituality Class** – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Currently reading and discussing: *Spiritual Counsels (select passages from My Life in Christ)* by Fr. John or Kronstadt

**Catechism Class** – Wednesdays at 7:00

p.m. (following Lenten meal after Pre-Sanctified) For those studying to come into the Church and those in the Church who want to deepen their understanding and participation in the Faith. We are learning Divine Liturgy using Nicholas Cabasilas's book: *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy*

**Prayer Group** – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Currently reading: *Churchianity vs. Christianity* by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

**Old Testament Class** – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We are about to begin Numbers.

Lent is a great time to try one or more of these classes!

## Pascha Breads

**Pascha Breads-** If you would like a Pascha bread for Easter please write down how many you want and give to Pani Bethany or Susan Sulich. We will make one batch during Holy Week.

## Diocesan Seniors' Retreat

Our Diocese is pleased to offer its first annual **Seniors' Retreat this year from April 23-25 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA.** You can review the attached registration form and flyer, and other information. You can also find these documents on the Diocesan website ([www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)). Online Registration begins March

1, 2018. There will be the option to register via mail as well. All registrations are due by April 18, 2018.

## Save the Date

**Save the Date**—Our next Music on the Mount concert will be on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. An ensemble from St. Tikhon's choir will be performing.

## Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets

**Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets** – You know it's Spring when you see the raffle tickets for the Annual Camp Nazareth Raffle come in the mail! Tickets are available during coffee hour. Tickets are \$20.00 each. If you are paying by check please make the check out to "Camp Nazareth Raffle."

## Upcoming Events

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service**—Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Diocesan Seniors Retreat** – Monday, April 23-Wednesday, April 25

**Young Adult Retreat at Camp Nazareth** – Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6

**Dorothy Day** – May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Music on the Mount Concert with St. Tikhon's**—Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Tool and Safety Training and Adult Leader Dinner**—Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> starting at Noon

## Lenten Fast

The following minimal fasting regulations are designated for our clergy and faithful for Great Lent:

1) Great and Holy Friday, and Great and Holy Saturday, namely April 6 and 7 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 2 through April 7.

**penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us.**

**These are the minimal requirements to observe during this Season. But for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, I wholeheartedly recommend the**

## Birthdays

April	
Adriano Morfa	4
Adam Rosenfield	5
Markus Paltauf	8
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
Sarah Bracey	30

**YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT** - Our Keynote Speakers will be His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese and Steven Christoforou, Director, Dept of Youth & Young Adult Ministries (Y2AM), Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.  
**When:** 7:00 pm, **Fri, May 4** - 12:00 noon, **Sun, May 6**. **Where:** **Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center**. The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation! To register please contact Fr. Stephen Loposky (724.662.4840 // [fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com](mailto:fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com)).  
**Registration Fee: \$75.**  
**Note: Financial-need Scholarships may be available through your home parish or diocese. If you need assistance**

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



**Donations**—Going forward we would like to institute a new policy regarding donations of items to the church. While we are very grateful that parishioners want to offer the church items that might be useful, we have a limited amount of space. As we try to reorganize the hall and maximize the storage space that we have available we ask you to go through our new Donations Coordinator, Elaine Toaso, if you wish to donate something to the church. Please speak to Elaine ([elaine.toaso@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.toaso@gmail.com)) before bringing any items in and she will be able to tell you (or find out from the parish council) if the items can be utilized. Thank you!

**[Following Christ – today and always!](#) By [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)**

**Today is Palm Sunday!** This is the day we celebrate when our Lord, Jesus Christ came into Jerusalem. This was a big celebration for Jesus's followers then, and it still is a big celebration for Jesus's followers today!

Lots and lots of people lined up to welcome Christ into Jerusalem. They waved palm branches just like we wave our flags in a 4th of July parade. They even spread their clothes on the ground so the donkey could walk on them!

So many people cheered for Christ on Palm Sunday. But do you remember what happens at the end of the week? Jesus, our Lord, is put to death and is crucified. And who is with Him at the end? When He was on the Cross, just a few people were with Him—His mother, His disciple (John), and a few women. That wasn't the great crowd of people who were with Him had when He entered Jerusalem!

Let's always remember to try to be with our Lord, Jesus Christ, ALWAYS! Let's be with Him not just when it is popular, but even when it is not popular. Let's stick with Him when it is easy and when it is hard. Let's turn to Him today on Palm Sunday and on Holy Friday, too! After all, He is with US always.

**BLESSED JOSEPH WHO FORGAVE HIS BROTHERS**

**Tomorrow we begin Holy Week**, and on each day of Holy Week we remember something or somebody different. Tomorrow, on Holy Monday, we remember Blessed Joseph.

Have you heard the story of St. Joseph (not the one who took care of Mary, the Theotokos)? This is the Joseph from the Old Testament, the one who lived more than a thousand years before Christ was born.

Joseph had eleven brothers. They were jealous of Joseph because their father, Jacob, loved him so much. The brothers took Joseph one day, threw him in a pit, and then sold him into slavery! But many years later, the brothers found Joseph, and they didn't recognize him. Joseph forgave his brothers, even though they had treated him so horribly. He saves his brothers from hunger.

Why do we remember Blessed Joseph tomorrow, on Holy Monday? Because when we think of Joseph's story, we think of our Lord, Jesus Christ's story. His own people treated Him so horribly too. But in the end, He forgives all, and wants to save us all too!

**We remember Blessed Joseph tomorrow, April 2nd, on Holy Monday.**