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<http://myocn.net/>

<http://www.ancientfaith.com/>

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Holy
PASCHA, the
Resurrection of Jesus
Christ. The Epistle 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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Sunday, April 8, 12 Noon –
Paschal Vespers

Monday, April 2, 7:30 PM -
Spirituality Class

Wednesday, April 11, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, April 12, 8:30 AM –
Paschal Hours

Thursday, April 12, 9 AM –
Prayer Group

Friday, April 13, 10:30 AM –
Old Testament Class

Saturday, April 14, 5 PM –
Vespers at Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
6 PM – Dinner at Assumption
Greek Orthodox Church

7:30 PM - Parent Talk by Philip
Mamalakis from Holy Cross
School of Theology

Sunday, April 15, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – St. Thomas
Sunday

**There is NO Fasting This
week**

Readers Schedule

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

Coffee Hour

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

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 18th. Check out photos and updates on our website: 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.

| YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT

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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).

Registration Fee: \$75.

Note: Financial-need Scholarships may be available through your home parish or diocese. If you need assistance

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!

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). 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.

| MOTM

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

Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets

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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 19th 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 4th

Music on the Mount Concert with St. Tikhon's—Saturday, May 5th

OYMT Tool and Safety Training and Adult Leader Dinner—Saturday, April 21st starting at Noon

Donations

Donations—As a reminder we have a 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) 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!

Birthdays

April	
Markus Paltauf	8
Christopher Mihaly	11
Melissa McVeigh	11
Grace Radcliff	14
Adriano Morfa	14
Melanie Sulich	17
Rosalyn Mihaylo	18
Viorel Bunda	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Sarah Bracey	30

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



Let's shine brightly! By Presvytera Alexandra Houck in The Children's Word

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 13th.

We're on the Web!

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