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<http://myocn.net/>

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is St. Thomas Sunday. The Epistle Acts 5:12-20. The Gospel is from John 20:19-31. Aristarch & Pudens of the 70

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

Sunday, April 15, 12:30 PM –
Blessing of Graves at parish Cemetery

Monday, April 16, 7 PM -
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, April 17, 8:30 AM -
Hours

Wednesday, April 18, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, April 19, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, April 12, 9 AM –
Prayer Group

Thursday, April 19, 7 PM – St.
Nectarios Anointing Service

Friday, April 20, 9 AM – Old
Testament Class

Saturday, April 21, 12 noon –
OYMT – Tool training

Saturday, April 21, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, April 22, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

4/15 – Suzanne Molineaux
4/22 – Bob Faubel

Coffee Hour

4/15 – Mihaly/Sulich
4/22 – OPEN
4/29 - OPEN

Help Re-Stock our Kitchen:

Decaf Coffee

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.

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.

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.

| Music on the Mount

Music on the Mount - On Saturday May 5th we will have our next Music on the Mount Concert and Art Show. Members of the Chamber Choir of St. Tikhon's Monastery under Artistic Director, Benedict Sheehan, will offer *The Journey to Pascha: Orthodox Hymns of Repentance, Renewal, and Resurrection*. Following the concert there will be wine and cheese reception with the choir members as well as an art show displaying 2D and 3D works of art from parishioners of Holy Trinity. Tickets are \$35 (includes reception). Please see Harry Fong to reserve your tickets.

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."

OYMT Stock Sales

OYMT Stock Sales —Starting this Sunday members of the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will be selling mock shares of "stock" for people who wish to invest in the ASP mission trip the teens will take this summer to Tennessee. Shares cost \$10 each. We have 12 teens and adults participating from our parish this year—our biggest group ever! The support of the parish has been a large part of the success and growth of the youth mission team. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Events

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, April 19th 7:00 p.m.

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

Council Meeting—Sunday, April 22nd after coffee hour

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

Perogie Crew Luncheon—Tuesday, May 8th 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	
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

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



[We have seen the Lord!](#) By [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)

Have you ever had a guest come to your house, somebody you were so happy to see? Maybe you had a visitor you weren't expecting, somebody who brightened up your day!

Just last week, we celebrated the greatest feast, when our Lord, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Jesus's followers had heard that Christ had risen, but some of them weren't sure what to think. Some of them weren't sure if the story was true. Most of them were scared. And all of them missed their teacher, Jesus Christ. They were sad that He was not there anymore.

So, can you imagine how happy Jesus's disciples were when they looked up and saw Jesus with them again? He stood with them, and said "Peace be with you." The Bible says, "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." They were glad, because Christ was with them again! Christ turned their sadness into joy. They had a visitor—the best visitor of all!

We know that God is with us all the time. In another part of Bible, we read how Jesus promises His followers, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." When we know that God is with us, we also know that God will turn our sadness into joy too. Christ is a visitor we always want to have with us!

Saint Alexander of Oshevsk (+ 1479) was the founder of the Oshevsk Dormition Monastery and enlightener of the Kargopol area, and was tonsured in the White Lake Monastery. He appeared to Saint Diodorus of George Hill (November 27) in the seventeenth century when his Holy Trinity Monastery ran out of supplies, and the brethren complained because there was nowhere to buy food in the wilderness. Saint Alexander reminded Diodorus of how the Lord had fed the five thousand in the wilderness, and ordered him to go fishing. Saint Diodorus, fearing that the vision was a demonic delusion, ignored it. When Saint Alexander appeared a third time, Diodorus, wishing to test him, asked him to say a prayer. Saint Alexander recited "It is Truly Meet," and his face shone with a radiant light. The saint revealed himself as Alexander, the igumen of Oshevsk Dormition Monastery, and repeated his order to go fishing. Obeying this command, the monks went out and caught many fish.

Commemorated on [April 20](#)