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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

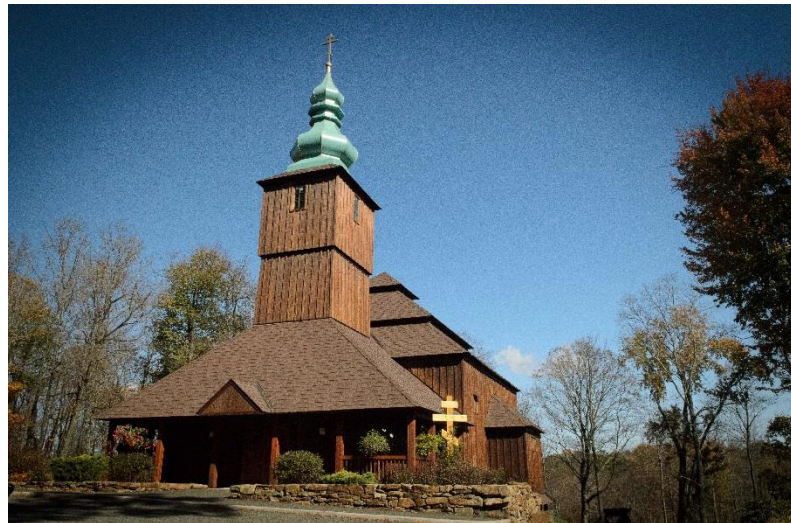
Today is the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women. The Epistle Acts 6:1-7. The Gospel is from mark 15:43-16:8. Theodore the Sykeote

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 22, 10 AM –
Divine

Sunday, April 22, 12:30 PM –
Parish Council Meeting

Monday, April 23, 7 PM -
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, April 24, 8:30 AM –
Hours

Tuesday, April 24, 9:30 AM -
Planting Christmas Trees

Wednesday, April 25, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, April 26, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, April 26, 9 AM –
Prayer Group

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

Friday, April 27, 9 AM – Old
Testament Class

Friday, April 27, 5:30 PM -
7:30 PM – Church School

Saturday, April 28, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, April 29, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

4/29 – Christopher Mihaly
5/6 – Susan Paltauf
5/13 – Suzanne Molineaux
5/20 – Harr Fong
5/27 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

4/29 – OPEN
5/6 – Nicu/Anna
5/13 - Mother's Day see Harry
5/20 – OPEN
5/27 - 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.

Christmas Tree Seedlings Planting

We are planting **100 Christmas Tree Seedlings** this Tuesday, April 24 starting at 9:30 AM. Anyone who would like to help is welcome. We are planting 50 Blue Spruce and 50 White Spruce. I would like to thank Nick Huott and Kirk for clearing the ground at the top of the hill and preparing the ground with a roto tiller. It will take about 5 years for these trees to mature and be available for sale.

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.

Birthdays

April	
Viorel Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Sarah Bracey	30

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting—Sunday, April 22nd after coffee hour

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

Monthly Food Sale –
 Thursday, May 3 from 4 PM to 6 PM

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!

Church School

We have schedule church school for Friday, April 27 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday, May 19 from 10 AM to 12 noon. Please contact Roz Mihaylo for more information and also to let her know if you child is of age for Frist Holy Confession Classes

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



For they were afraid By **Presvytera Alexandra Houck** in **The Children's Word**

Have you ever been afraid of something that was actually good for you? Maybe you were afraid of starting a new school? Or afraid of a shot at the doctor's office? Sometimes we might be scared of something that is really good for us, something that will help us.

Today we remember a group of women who felt that same way. After Jesus had died, some women came to His tomb so they could bring sweet smelling myrrh (like perfume) for the Lord's body. When they got to the tomb, they saw the tomb was open, and there was an angel there! The angel told the women, "He is risen. He is not here." The angel told them to tell the good news to Jesus's disciples.

Christ had risen! Shouldn't the myrrh-bearing women be happy? Shouldn't they be excited to tell everybody? Well, the Gospel tells us, "They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." They were afraid of a good thing. They were afraid of something that was good for the whole world. They were afraid of something that would save the whole world!

Sometimes we might be scared of something. After a while, you might understand that the new school is good for you, or the shot at the doctor is good for you. Later on, these women began to understand the best news ever—Christ is risen!

SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST

When you read a book, do you ever read the "About the Author" page? You might find out something about the writer that explains how he wrote the book. You might learn why he wrote it in the first place.

Today, at church, we read the Gospel reading about the myrrh-bearing women. But do you know who wrote those words? Do you know about the author? It is Saint Mark, and we celebrate his nameday this week.

Saint Mark is called an Evangelist, because he wrote part of the Evangelion—that means "Good News" or Gospel. He wrote about the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Saint Mark knew Jesus when He lived on earth. After Jesus died and rose from the dead, Saint Mark wanted to tell everybody the good news. He traveled around with Saint Paul and helped spread the gospel. Saint Mark worked with Saint Peter in Rome too. After that, he started Christian churches in Egypt too. He taught them about Christ and helped them learn to worship our one, true God.

In his Gospel, Saint Mark tells how Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." That is just what Saint Mark tried to do. He was even killed because he told people about Christ. And now you know something "about the author"!

We celebrate Saint Mark on Wednesday, **April 25th (May 8, OC)**.

We're on the Web!

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