

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The Epistle Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. The Gospel is from John 4:5-42. Job the Long-suffering.

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.

## Schedule of Services and Events for this week

**Sunday, May 6, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

We will have a Panachida for Katerina Sumilas relative of Elaine Petrik, Also, for Valentina Nicu's mother and Chanita, Ana's grandmother.

**Monday, May 7, 7 PM** - Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, May 8, 9 AM** – Hours

**Tuesday, May 8, 12 noon** – Perogie Crew Lunch at the Cue

**Wednesday, May 9, 7 PM** – Catechism Class

**Thursday, May 10, 8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Thursday, May 10, 9 AM** – Prayer Group

**Friday, May 11, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, May 12, 9 AM – 3 PM** – OYMT Training at Danbury

**Saturday, May 12, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, May 13, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy – Mother's Day

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## Readers Schedule

5/6 – Susan Paltauf  
5/13 – Suzanne Molineaux  
5/20 – Christopher Mihaly  
5/27 – Paul Sulich

## Coffee Hour

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](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.

## Mother's Day/Father's Day

**Mother's Day/Father's Day**—Harry Fong is looking for volunteers to help put on a spectacular brunch for our Moms on Mother's Day (May 13<sup>th</sup>). Please let him know if you can help. Moms and children will be called upon to put on an equally spectacular event for the Dads of our parish on Father's Day (June 17<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to head up this coffee hour please let Susan Sulich know.

## Guatemala OCMC Presentation

**Guatemala OCMC Presentation** – Fr. John Chakos one of OCMC Mission specialist will be here at Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 19 following Vespers to give a presentation on his incredible work in Guatemala. Vespers will start at 5 PM followed by a pot luck dinner and Fr. John's presentation.

Fr. John will also be with for Liturgy on Sunday, May 20. Come and learn and see how God is actively working in Guatemala. Bring a friend!

## 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 starting a new Book. It is *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris

**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.

## Need a Freezer?

**Need a Freezer?** We have a small upright freezer that the church no longer needs. Please let Susan Sulich know if you would like it asap.

## Vida Bundra: Smart banking Presentation

Please join Vida Bundra **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** immediately after coffee hour to learn more about **Smart banking**.

Topics will include:

- How to prevent financial fraud and identity theft
- How to report financial fraud if you are a victim
- Strategies to protect your financial being
- Plus much more and any other financial topics of interest!

## 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

**Perogie Crew Luncheon**— Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon

**Mother's Day Brunch**— Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service**—Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Church School**—Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Noon

**Guatemala Missions Presentation** - Saturday, May 19, 5:30 PM

**Pentecost Parish BBQ/Fundraiser Summer Youth Activities**—Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Smart Banking Presentation** – Sunday, June 3

**Monthly Food Sale**— Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Father's Day Brunch**— Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour

## 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](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!

## Church School

We have schedule **church school** for 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 First Holy Confession Classes

## Birthdays

May	
Luca Szymanowicz	5
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Kaitleen Villa	12
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Jason Varney	27
Paul & Susan Sulich – Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

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**The Fifth Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter** will be held from July 1-4 in Windber, PA. Any young woman aged 12-18 is encouraged to go. For more information please talk to Fr. Luke or email Pani Eleni Stagon at: [acrodywe@gmail.com](mailto:acrodywe@gmail.com)

**DIOCESAN ALTARBOY RETREAT** - All Parish Altarboys are invited and urged to take part in the annual retreat to be held at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA from July 1-4. Please see Fr. Luke if interested in attending.

**[In Spirit and Truth](#)** By **[Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#)** in **[The Children's Word](#)**

**Have you ever listened to a story... but you only got to hear part of the story?**

You might have missed the whole point. Maybe you didn't understand it at all.

Today we hear a true story in the Bible. It's the story of our Lord, Jesus Christ talking to a woman about God. The woman wanted to know more about God, but she didn't know she was talking to God Himself! Jesus told her that people "must worship God in spirit and truth." What does that mean? One of the saints of our church, Saint Ignatius (Brianchaninov) once told the people in his church just what this means! He explained that we Christians worship God, but we worship Him "in spirit and truth." Truth is Jesus Christ. We read in the Bible that Jesus once said, "I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life." Christ is the Truth. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit.

So, we Christians worship God "in spirit and truth." We worship God the Father. We worship Jesus Christ (the Son). We worship the Holy Spirit. We worship one God.

We Christians have heard the whole story...not just part of it! We know God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### **SAINT ISAIAH THE PROPHET**

Have you ever given somebody a message? Maybe your parents told you to tell your teacher something. Or maybe you told a friend to tell another friend something.

God asked people to give messages for Him too! These special people were called prophets. The Prophet Isaiah lived 700 years before Christ lived. God wanted Isaiah to tell the people some things for him. At that time, the people were worshipping false gods, called idols. God wanted the people to turn back to Him, and Prophet Isaiah gave the people the message.

We read the words of the Prophet Isaiah around Christmas time, because he told how a woman (Mary) would have a baby without an earthly father.

We read the words of the Prophet Isaiah during Holy Week, because he told how the Savior would be hurt for our sins.

And each time before we have Holy Communion, we sing with the choir the words of the Prophet Isaiah, because he tells about the angels in heaven. They say, "Holy, holy holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory."

So the holy Prophet Isaiah gave God's messages that we still hear today!

**We celebrate the prophet Isaiah on Wednesday, May 9th (May 22nd, OC).**

We're on the Web!

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