

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday after Theophany. The Epistle Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:12-17. James of Nisibis.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence, Metropolitan 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, January 13, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 13, 12:30 PM
– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, January 13, 3 PM to 5 PM
– OYMT Meeting

Monday, January 14, 7 PM
– Spirituality Class

Tuesday, January 15, 8:30 AM
– Hours

Tuesday, January 15, 9 AM
– Perogie Session

Wednesday, January 16, 7 PM
– Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, January 17, 8:30 AM
– Akathist

Thursday, January 17, 9:15 AM
– New Testament Class

Thursday, January 17, 7 PM
– St. Nectarios Service

Friday, January 18, 9 AM
– Old Testament Class

Saturday, January 19, 5 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, January 20, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 20, 11:30 AM
– Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting for Holy Trinity Orthodox Church on Sunday, January 20.

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Readers Schedule

1/13 – Bob Faubel
1/20 – Sandi Fong
1/27 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

1/13 – OPEN
1/20 – OPEN
1/27 – OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen—

decaf coffee, sturdy 10-inch paper plates, 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/holytrinitydanbury/?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.

Annual Parish Meeting—

On Sunday, Jan. 20th immediately following liturgy we will have our annual parish meeting. We will be electing some new council members, approving the budget for the upcoming year and discussing other parish matters. Your attendance and contribution to this meeting are very important. Please make every effort to attend. This is the second announcement.

New Address for:
Ken and Diana Borsari
13 Hilltop Road
Katonah, NY 10536

Clothing Drive

Clothing Drive—The next clothing drive is on! Please bring your items in plastic garbage bags and leave behind the candle table. If you have questions about what can be donated, see the sheets in the coat area or ask Ann Huott. Thank you Huott family for continuing to run this very successful fundraiser for our parish.

| Time to Make the Perogies

Time to Make the Perogies—After very successful Thanksgiving and Christmas Bakes sales our perogies freezers are depleted and it's time to start refilling them for our Easter Sale. Perogie sessions will start on Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 9:00 a.m. (following the Hours service at 8:30 a.m.) New and experienced pinchers, boilers and packagers are welcome! We will also try to schedule some evening sessions if there are people who would like to help but cannot come during the day.

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: *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* by Dr. Philip Mamalakis

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

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently were are reading and studying *The Acts of the Apostles*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun Joshua.

OYMT Updates

OYMT Pie Sales—There are still a couple of pies left! If you enjoyed them at Christmas and would like another see one of our team members. Pies are \$12

Orthodox Youth Mission Team—Our 2019 team will have its first meeting today at 3:00 p.m. here in Danbury. We will again have an all Orthodox center in Appalachia and have over 80 people from parishes in several states signed up to go. Thank you for your continued support for this project!

| Metropolitan Gregory to Visit | Donation Envelopes

Metropolitan Gregory to Visit—Save the date! Metropolitan Gregory will be visiting our parish the weekend of Feb. 2-3. He will bless the new rectory and we are looking forward to hosting him and spending time with his eminence. Please keep these dates open and stay tuned for an updated schedule.

Envelopes—Unfortunately, there was a printing error with some of our envelopes and not all are colored properly. New envelopes will be coming in shortly. In the meantime, you can use your current envelopes but just read carefully what it says the donation is for in order to ensure proper recording.

Diocesan Parenting Workshop Series Launches

Our Diocese is pleased to announce a series of **Parenting Workshops** designed to help parents raise their children in the Faith. The title of the series is "Raising Believing Children" and will focus on the ways parents can help their children stay faithful to Christ and His Church in a world that is filled with doubt and most often works against their Faith. The Workshops are for parents of any age – you're never too old to be a son or daughter, and likewise you're never too

old to be a parent! This series of Parenting Workshops will be hosted by different Churches and Deaneries around our Diocese starting in March 2019. The first Workshop in the Series will be hosted by Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Rockaway, NJ on March 2, 2019. The first will feature His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa and Very Rev. Stephen Lopusky as presenters and workshop facilitators. Each workshop will be broadcast live online and will be archived for later viewing as well, and will

include both presentations and small group moderated discussions to allow participants to help each other in their lives as parents. This is an exciting and important endeavor. His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory invites you to join him in support of parents as our Diocese launches this initiative to help them in their parental vocation.

For more information and to register for the first Workshop, or if you would like to host a Parenting Workshop, visit our Diocesan Website- acrod.org and look for the Diocesan Parenting Workshop Series logo.

Birthdays	
January	
Andres Villa	1
Adam Varney	2
Pablo Gabriel Villa	3
James Kavallines	10
Eric Evans	13
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its second annual **Senior Retreat** which will take place at Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center in Mercer, PA from May 13-16, 2019. The Retreat will feature keynote addresses by His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory who is inviting all our Diocesan Seniors, ages 55 and over, to join him for 3 days of fellowship, prayer, and rejuvenation. "How's Your 'Eyesight'? Keeping your Focus on God as a Senior" is the theme of the Retreat. The Retreat will help our Seniors navigate the many challenges they face including retirement, transition, health and family all while remaining focused on and committed to our Lord. It will include worship, fellowship, learning, fun, time for reflection and relaxation, and time spent with our Diocesan Hierarchy!

Online Registration will begin on February 1, 2019. Visit acrod.org for more information and to register for the Retreat. Participants will also be able to register by mail. Again, visit acrod.org for more information. You may also call (724-662-4840) or email (campnazareth@acrod.org) the Camp for more information.

Don't miss out on our second annual Senior Retreat!

Upcoming Events

Monthly St Nectarios Service—Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting—Sunday, Jan. 20th immediately following liturgy

Church School—Friday, Jan. 25th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Metropolitan's Visit to bless the new rectory – February 2-3

Monthly Akathist to the Mother of God for Our Children—Thursday, Feb. 7th 8:30 a.m.

Monthly Bake Sale—Thursday, Feb. 7th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting—Sunday, Feb. 13th following liturgy

OYMT Training Session—Sunday, Feb. 13th 3:00-5:00 p.m.

New Parish Directory | Church School | Parish Trip to Slovakia

New Directory—It has come to our attention that there is some outdated/incorrect information in our new directory. Please take a moment to check your information and send any changes to Susan Sulich at ssulich@yahoo.com. We will have hard copies of the updated directory at the annual meeting. Our plan is to update the directory twice a year so please get all info in before the annual meeting.

Church School—We will continue our church school program with teaching by Fr. Luke and art by Miss Elena on the following dates:

Fri. Jan 25th
 Sat. Feb. 9th
 Fri. Feb. 15th
 Sat. March 9th
 Fri. March 29th
 Sat. April 20th—Lazarus Sat.
 Liturgy/Breakfast/Church and Family School Activities

The Friday classes take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and the Saturday classes are from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Attendance has been wonderful and we encourage families to continue to make this a priority.

Parish Trip to Slovakia—An itinerary has been set for our trip to Slovakia scheduled for August 18-30, 2019. We will start out in Prague, travel through Slovakia and have day trip into Hungary. Highlights of the trip include wooden churches, underground caves and other natural wonders, spas, castles and many other cultural and religious sites. A full itinerary and prices will be published shortly. Please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know if you would like to attend. Spaces are limited and we are offering them to our parishioners first.

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



Camp Nazareth Family Camp
2019 - Friday, May 31 – Sunday,
June 2

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its seventh annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families "camping" together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

This year's theme – "*Being a Believing Family*". Come join His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory in the beautiful environment of Camp Nazareth. Come and learn what it means to be a believing family. "...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household...and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God." (Acts 16:31-34). Believing in God as a Family is more and more difficult these days. There are however, examples of families that kept believing even when it was difficult. Come and learn about them and help your family believe and rejoice in God.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Space is limited to the first 10 families, so register soon. **Register online at campnazareth.org**. Registration closes after Friday, May 24. Visit campnazareth.org for more information.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - Fr. Luke will be scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

- 1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.
- 2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.
- 8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!



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