

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women. The Epistle is Acts 6:1-7. The Gospel is from Mark 15:43-16:8. Apostle James, Son of Zebedee

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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### Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

**Sunday, April 30, 10 AM -** Divine Liturgy followed by an OYMT pancake breakfast fundraiser.

**Sunday, April 30, 1pm to 2 pm** – Parents Q&A with Andy Lekos

**Monday, May 1, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, May 2, 8:30 AM** – Paschal Hours

**Tuesday, May 2, 9 AM** – Prayer Group

**Wednesday, May 3, 7 PM** – Catechism Class

**Thursday, May 4, 8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Friday, May 5, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Friday, May 5, 1 PM to 5 PM** – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, May 6, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, May 7, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, May 7, 12:30 PM** – Parish Council

## Readers Schedule

4/30 – Paul Toaso  
5/7 – Susan Paltauf  
5/14 – Bob Faubel  
5/21 – Christopher Mihaly  
5/28 – Suzanne Molineaux

## Coffee Hour

4/30 – OYMT Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
5/7 – Natalia Budyonny  
5/14 – Mother's Day Breakfast

## Help restock our Kitchen:

10-inch paper plates and decaf coffee.

## Help Support the Orthodox Youth Mission Team—

This Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> the Orthodox Youth Mission team will host a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for our upcoming trip through OCMC to Napaskiak, Alaska. We hope you will join us! This will be the culmination of a weekend long training session conducted by Mission Specialist Andy Lekos who will be coming to train us from the mission center in St. Augustine, Florida. Please feel free to talk ask any of our team members or Andy questions you may have about our mission work.

## Alcoholism and Addiction | Church School

The **Akathist Service to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup** has proven to be a great help to all those who know someone or who themselves are struggling with alcoholism and addiction. We at Holy Trinity have quietly started serving the Akathist to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup. If you are interested in attending the service please see Fr. Luke. This service is open to all parishioners. Look here for our next service.

**Church School** meets on Sundays. Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy. Fr. Luke will be talking to the parents of the high school students to work on a schedule to meet outside of Sunday.

## CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

### Week 1 -- July 16 - 22, 2017

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

### Week 2 -- July 23 - July 29, 2017

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

### Week 3 -- July 30 - August 5, 2017

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Online Registration Begins March 1

Online Registration **MUST** be complete **AND** payment must be submitted by **May 15** in order

to qualify for the **\$20 Early Bird Discount**. **Early Bird Discount per Child and one-time only, not per week.**

**Registrations after June 14 will incur an additional \$20 late fee!!**

**Volunteer and Clergy Applications are due NO LATER THAN JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!** How does this effect Clergy and Volunteers? **Clergy and Volunteers will be required to get fingerprinted** on their own and then provide Camp with proof of this BEFORE they arrive at Camp.

**Interested in being on the Camp's Medical Staff (MD or RN)**, please contact Fr. Stephen at the Camp. The Nurse or Doctor on staff each week will receive a Stipend (\$400) and a campership

for one of their children or for someone whom they designate.

**When you register online please note that you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical) which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.**

**Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.***

## Prayer Group

**Prayer Group** — Our prayer group class will resume meeting on Tuesday mornings immediately following the Hours service (class time: 9:00 a.m.) beginning on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be starting a new book, *Three Prayers* by Olivier Clement. All are welcome!

## | Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

**Dorothy Day**--Our next date to serve at the soup kitchen is Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are able to help out for all or part of the afternoon.

## Clothing Drive Starts | Camp Nazareth Raffle/Family Day

**Our next Clothing Drive is ON!** Thank you, Ann and the entire Huott Family. Start saving all your extra clothes, shoes, pillows, etc. for our clothing drive. The last clothing drive we collected more than a tone of clothes and we received more than \$400.00

Tickets are now available for the Annual Camp Nazareth Family day Raffle. Stasia Thompson and Mariana Todosiev are in charge of selling tickets.

Family Day at Camp Nazareth is set for June 9 to June 11. Register Online at [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org) . Email [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto:campnazareth@acrod.org) or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

## Upcoming Events

**OYMT Weekend Training Session with OCMC—**  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser—**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Dorothy Day—**Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Council Meeting—**  
Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Mother's Day Brunch—**  
Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Parish BBQ Fundraiser for Camp Bus and Altar Boy/Young Women's Retreat—**Pentecost, Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**2017 Diocesan Altar boy Retreat -** June 25-28, 2017.

**OYMT OCMC trip to Alaska**  
—Saturday July 7-Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>

## Go and Make Disciples: Evangelization and Outreach in US Orthodox Parishes

The first ever, national study on evangelization and outreach in Orthodox parishes in the United States has been released by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA.

Download the report in various formats:

- [Executive Summary](#) (pdf)
- [Full Report](#) (pdf)

The report "Go and Make Disciples: Evangelization and Outreach in US Orthodox Parishes" explores the practices and strategies developed by some Orthodox parishes that can be viewed as "exemplary" in their missionary and outreach efforts. Examples of what the readers will find in the report include:

- The "secrets" of being a parish that attracts and welcomes new members;
- Eight good practices of welcoming first-time visitors and inquirers about the Faith;
- How do "exemplary" parishes achieve a high degree of involvement of their members in parish life;
- Four distinct features of religious education in the "exemplary" parishes;
- Six "lessons" that Church leadership (bishops) can learn from the "exemplary" parishes.

Parishes of seven Orthodox jurisdictions participated in this study.

The report was prepared by Alexei Krindatch, the Assembly's Research Coordinator in cooperation with Fr. Eric Tosi (OCA), Fr. John Parker (OCA) and Adam Roberts (Antiochian Archdiocese). The study was initiated and sponsored by the Committee for Agencies and Endorsed Organizations (Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, Chairman).

## Birthdays

<b>May</b>	
Luca Szymanowicz	5
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Kaitleen Villa	12
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31

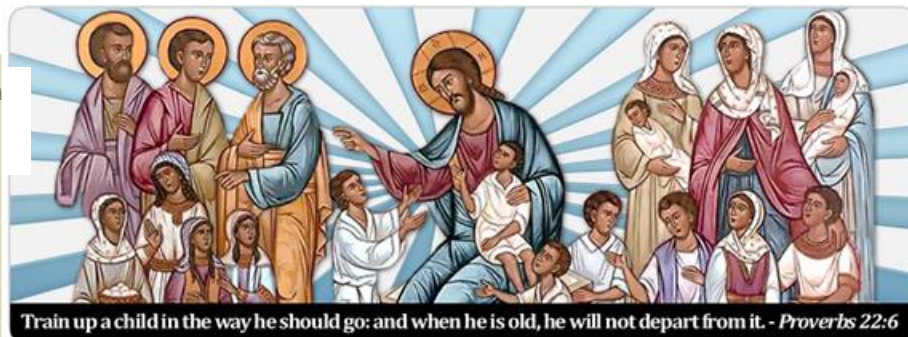
**Help Support our Orthodox Youth Mission Team—**After 6 years of serving in West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) the OYMT will be participating in an Orthodox Christian Mission Center short-term mission trip to Alaska. Youth and leaders from our parish (Ana and Grace Radcliff, Madeline Sulich, Susan Sulich and Fr. Luke) and 5 others will be serving Orthodox brothers and sisters in the small village of Napaskiak, running youth camp programs and helping with construction projects. This is the first time a high school team will be volunteering through OCMC. It is a wonderful and unprecedented opportunity for our youth and we are very excited to go and do Christ's work! As in the past, OYMT is selling stock for \$10 a share to fund our trip during coffee hour. You may have received a stock letter in the mail. You can bring to coffee hour, mail back or donate online at [www.oymt.info](http://www.oymt.info). We ask that you please be as generous as you can in your support and pray for us as we prepare for our mission trip. Thank you!



## For the Children

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



**Do you have a favorite story you like to hear again and again? Do you ask your parents to read a book to you over and over?**

Two weeks ago, we celebrated the great feast of Pascha (Easter), when our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead! On that day, we heard the story of the sad women, who came to His tomb. They brought nice-smelling myrrh for His body. They wanted to do something to honor Jesus. But when they came, they saw an angel who told them, "He has risen, He is not here!"

We heard those wonderful words two weeks ago, but we like to hear the story again and again! Today, we hear the Gospel about the myrrh-bearing women again. For 40 days, we say "Christ is risen!" to each other. And on every Sunday of the year, we hear hymns about the Resurrection. We Christians love to hear this favorite story of ours. Why? Because it's true!

We love to hear about Christ's resurrection, because it means everything to us. When our Lord rose from the dead, He opened heaven for us. Now, we can hope and pray that one day we can be with Christ in heaven forever. And now you can tell other people this favorite story of yours too! Christ is risen!

### **SAINT IRENE: A GREAT MARTYR**

Lots and lots of the saints of our church lived just about 1,600 years ago. Why? Because the emperors were all pagan. They worshipped idols, false gods who weren't God. In those days, nobody could worship our God and get away with it!

St. Irene lived in Greece during this time. Her father was the king, Licinius. He knew that lots of other people were coming to believe in Jesus Christ, and he definitely did not want his daughter to do the same thing! So he locked her in a tower all through her childhood so she wouldn't learn about Christ. But somehow, she still found out about Him anyway, and she was baptized.

Her father was so angry that his daughter had become a Christian that he did something awful. He sent his daughter to be trampled by horses. But what happened then? The horses wouldn't move. Instead they came after the king, Licinius! When he saw this miracle, he changed his life. He—along with his whole family, and 3,000 other people—became Christian. They knew then that this was the true faith.

Finally, a new king came along. He refused to let Irene live as a Christian in peace (Irene means "peace"), so he had her killed. But now, of course, Saint Irene lives in peace with our Lord!

**We celebrate the feast of Saint Irene on Friday, May 5th.**

**We're on the Web!**  
[holytrinitydanbury.org](http://holytrinitydanbury.org)