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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. The Epistle is Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The Gospel is from John 17:1-13. St Nicetas of Chalcedon.

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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Today we will serve a Panachida for all the deceased veterans of our parish. WE will also include the members of the Sulich/Kuziak family and Thomas Krafick whom we recently laid to rest on Friday. May their memory be eternal!

This is the second of three **weddings banns** for **Konstantin Radcliff** and **Tania Almonte**. If anyone knows of why they should not be married, please see Fr. Luke.

Congratulations to all those who participated in their First Holy Confession! May God bless all of you all the days of your lives!

Sunday, May 28, 9:30 - First Holy Confession

Sunday, May 28, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 29, 7 PM - Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 30, 8:30 AM - Hours

Tuesday, Monday 30, 9 AM - Prayer Group today

Wednesday, May 31, 7 PM - Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, June 1, 8:30 AM - Akathist

Thursday, June 1, 4 PM to 6 PM - Monthly Perogie and Ethnic Food Sale

Friday, June 2, 9 AM - Old Testament Class

Saturday, June 3, 9 AM - Soul Saturday

Saturday, June 3, 5 PM - Vespers

Sunday, June 4, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy - Pentecost

Sunday, June 4, 10 AM - Parish Picnic

Readers Schedule

5/28 – Suzanne Molineaux
6/4 – Paul Toaso
6/11 – Harry Fong
6/18 – Paul Sulich
6/25 – Susan Paltauf

Coffee Hour

5/28 – First Holy Confession
6/4 - Parish BBQ
6/11 –
Carlos/Veronica/Lady/Ana
6/18 – Father's Day
6/25 – Open
7/2 - Suzanne

Help restock our Kitchen:
Decaf coffee.

Woodpecker Food—They're back!! Our woodpecker friends are back and going through a good amount of suet. Donations of suet cakes to keep them happy and off our church would be greatly appreciated!

Mary Kay Fundraiser for OYMT—as a reminder, Pani Bethany is offering 30% of Mary Kay sales to the Orthodox Youth Mission Team Trip to Alaska for anybody who asks that their order benefit the team. You can order through her website www.marykay.com/bmihaly, or by email at coachbe1@aol.com.

Weddings, graduations, proms—there's lots of reasons to try a new look or host a party with your friends and help OYMT at the same time!

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. **Wednesday, May 24th at 12 noon**

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.

| Monthly Food Sale

Monthly Food Sale—This Thursday, June 1st will be our next monthly food sale from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Spread the word that we have perogies, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and some rolls for sale.

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 1st!!!! 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.). We will be starting a new book, *Three Prayers* by Olivier Clement. All are welcome!

| Pentecost BBQ/Youth Activities Fundraiser

Pentecost BBQ/Youth Activities Fundraiser— On Sunday, June 4th Pentecost, we will celebrate our parish's day with a barbecue in place of coffee hour. We need some people to volunteer to man the grill. Church will offer the grill meats and we will need people to sign up for side dishes, beverages and desserts. There will be

a free will donation for the BBQ and all funds collected will go to pay for summer youth activities including: the camp bus, Altar Boy and Young Women's Retreat and Camp Nazareth Scholarships.

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. Today is the last day to buy tickets

Family Day at Camp Nazareth is set for June 9 to June 11. Register Online at campnazareth.org. Email campnazareth@acrod.org or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

Upcoming Events

First Holy Confession — Sunday May 28th

Retreat—Pentecost, Sunday June 4th following liturgy

OYMT OCMC trip to Alaska – Saturday July 7-Monday July 18th

Monthly Perogie and Ethnic Food Sale— Thursday, June 1st 4:00—6:00 p.m.

Father's Day BBQ—June 18th

Golf Tournament—Thursday, July 20th

Monthly St. Nectaros Service—Thursday June 15th 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting—June 15th 7:00 p.m.

OYMT Last Training Session—Saturday, June 24th 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Parish BBQ Fundraiser for Camp Bus and Altar Boy/Young Women's

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

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.

- 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.

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).

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:

Parishes of seven Orthodox jurisdictions participated in this study.

Birthdays

May	
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Ken Borsari	31
Joe Derevjanik	31
June	
Anastasia Radcliff	3
Anne Marie Huott	6
Michael Baroodly	8
Anastasia Mihaly	9
Cyril Mihaly	9
Christina Chow	12
Nicholas Mihaly	13
Eleanor Szymanowicz	14
John & Connie Somoskovec - Anniversary	14
Robert & Carolyn Faubel - Anniversary	16
Tatyana Nanocchio	16
Filip Bundra	20
Katherine Chow	20
Adrian Guerrero	24
Monika Mihaly	28
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo - Anniversary	30

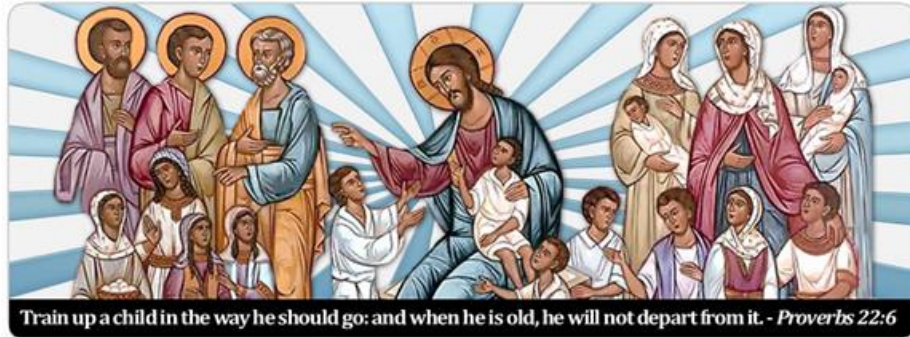
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“... a place of refuge full of love and joy.”



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. 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



Have you ever tried to make a big decision all by yourself? Even little choices can be hard to make when you make them alone! Lots of times, it helps to make a decision with other people. You might know one thing, but your friends or family probably know other things. When you talk about them, you can agree together.

Today in our Church we remember the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. (That's the Church's first big meeting). They met together because they had to make big decisions. They knew it was better to agree on them together.

In the Gospel today, we hear the prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ prayed before He was about to be arrested and before He would die on the Cross. He prayed to God the Father, “Holy Father, keep them in your name...that they may be one, even as we are one.” Our Lord wanted His disciples to be one. That means they would agree on things together. They would have the same faith.

Did you know that after Jesus rose from the dead, His disciples had a meeting too? We can read about it in the Bible. We can read how they talked together, and made a decision together. They knew the Church is one!

THE RIGHT KIND OF PROTEST: SAINT THEODOSIA OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Have you ever heard on the news about some kind of protest? You know, sometimes people might march in the streets with signs and shouts because they want something to change. Sometimes the protesters have good reasons to march around, but lots of times, they don't.

Saint Theodosia was a protester too, but she had a very good reason to protest. She was a young Christian woman who loved the Church very much. When she was around, the Emperor started to make rules that said Christians could not have icons. They started to take down icons around the holy city of Constantinople.

Saint Theodosia wanted to do something about it. She was a young woman, but she led a march around the city, and lots of brave, faithful Christians followed her. When they saw somebody taking down an icon, they kept him from doing it.

Saint Theodosia knew she would be punished for going against the Emperor's rules...and she was. She was hurt so much and thrown into prison when she wouldn't give up. Then she was even killed for her faith. But, isn't it great that now, 1300 years later, we still remember her name, her bravery, her love for Christ, and her place in heaven with Him?

We celebrate the nameday of St. Theodosia tomorrow, Monday, May 29th.

We're on the Web!

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