# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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# Welcome to Holv Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. The Gospel is from Luke 15:11-32. Meletius of Antioch.

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, February 12, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 12, 3 PM – OYMT Training Postponed

Monday, February 13, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 14, 8:30 AM – Hours

**Tuesday, February 14, 9 AM –** Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 15, 7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, February 16, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Friday, February 17, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 18, 9 AM

– Liturgy Soul Saturday

Saturday, February 18, 6 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 19, 10 AM

—Divine Liturgy

#### Readers Schedule

2/12 – Christopher Mihaly 2/19 – Susan Paltauf 2/26 - Bob Faubel

#### Coffee Hour

2/12 - OPEN2/19 - OPEN 2/26 - OPEN

#### Help Re-stock Our Kitchen: Decaf coffee.

#### 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.

#### | Easter Bake and Craft Sale

**Easter Bake and Craft Sale**—Preparations are underway for our Easter Bake and Craft Sale on April 1st and 2nd. If you would like to have one of our crafter tables to showcase your homemade artisan items or if you know a crafter that you think might be interested in being in our show, please contact Susan Sulich, Spaces are \$35 for the two days.

#### The Children's Word

What would you do if you had an hour free to do whatever you wanted? How about a weekend, or even a whole summer break? How would you spend your time? Reading books? Napping? Playing video games? Sometimes we might want to spend our time in a good way, but when it comes down to it, we waste our time on silly things.

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. You remember that Gospel reading, don't you? The young man wasted all his

money on things he shouldn't have. He might have wanted to spend his money on good things, but when he had the money in his hands, he wasted it all, every single bit of it! He didn't have any money left for something he really neededlike food.

You'd probably never do what that young man did, but sometimes we do waste things, don't we? We might waste food, clothes, or money, but the biggest thing we waste is TIME! God wants us to spend our free time in a good way, but lots of times we waste it. We might spend too

long watching TV, or playing video games, or other things. (Your parents might waste time too, but just on other things!) Then, we don't have any time left to use on something we really need-like praying to God and trying to grow closer to Him.

Let's try to use our free time on things that God likes—like reading the Bible, praying to our Lord, helping and visiting others, and more!

#### **Prayer Group**

Prayer Group—Our Prayer Group is now meeting on Thursday mornings, immediately following services. We are currently reading "Courage to Pray" by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom and George Lefebvre. In this class we are learning about prayer, personal and intercessory, and it is an opportunity to share some of the struggles and encouraging parts of our prayer lives.

#### | Meet with Alex Goodwin from OCMC

Meet with Alex Goodwin from OCMC—While in town to give a presentation to our parish for Missions Sunday on Sunday Feb. 26th, Alex Goodwin from the OCMC will be available to sit and talk with anyone who has questions about OCMC or missions in the church on Saturday the 25th at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Susan Sulich. Light refreshments

will be served. Please let Susan know if you would like to attend.

#### **Clothing Drive Starts**

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

#### | Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions—It's time to start making perogies for our spring bake sale. We will meet again on Tuesdays mornings at 9:00 a.m. (after the Hours service). All pinchers or wanna be pinchers welcome—no experience needed!

#### Young Adult Retreat

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh invite College Students and Young Adults ages 18-35 to participate in a new exciting new retreat program! This Retreat will be held at Camp Nazareth **Retreat and Conference Center** in Mercer, PA from March 17-19, 2017 and will feature keynote addresses by Very Rev. Dr. Edward Pehanich and Mr. Nick Lionas. Our theme will be. "Navigating Life Using Your Spiritual Compass." Welcome home, everyone!

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

# February Emily Varney 13 AJ Villa 13 Rob & Andrea Paltauf 14 Anniversary Kristina Bundra 20 Knitting Group: Our knitting group

**Birthdays** 

Knitting Group: Our knitting group will be meeting certain Sundays, immediately following coffee hour. All ages and experience levels welcome. If you would like to learn to knit, see Suad for a list of supplies to bring and if you have any questions.

# **Upcoming Events**

**OYMT Training Session** – Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m. at St. Barbara in Orange

Missions Sunday – Visit from Alex Goodwin from OCMC - Sunday, February 26 **Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen**—Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>
1:00-5:00 p.m.

Easter Bake and Craft Sale - April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Eastern Region Inter-Diocesan Lenten retreat – April 1 Bethlehem, PA

### **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:

- Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 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.
- 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.

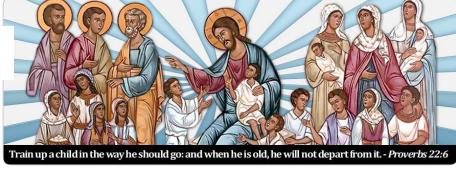
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but 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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#### For the Children

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



#### **CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017**

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<u>Dates for the Summer Camping Program</u>

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 <u>AND</u> payment must be submitted by <u>May 15</u> 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!!

Staff applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>! There are positions available as counselor, head counselor, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, athletic director, program director (and assistant program director), technology director (and assistant technology director), Ropes Course Facilitator, and lifeguard. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to get involved in this vital and meaningful diocesan apostolate, form lasting friendships, and use their God-given talents for the benefit and up-building of our Church.

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.



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