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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt. The Epistle is Hebrews 9:11-14. The Gospel is from Mark 10:32-45. Wonderworker Titus.

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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Sunday, April 2, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Sunday, April 2, 11:30 AM – Church School

Sunday, April 2, 11:30 AM – Easter Craft & Bake Sale

Sunday, April 2, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, April 3, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, April 4, 8:30 AM – Lenten Hours

Wednesday, April 5, 6 PM – Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Meal

Wednesday, April 5, 7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, April 6, 8:30 AM – Lenten Hours

Thursday, April 6, 9 AM – Prayer Group

Friday, April 7, 9 AM – Lenten Hours

Friday, April 7, 9:30 AM - Old Testament Class

Friday, April 7, 6 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 8, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 8, 10 AM – Family and Youth Retreat – Making Palm Crosses, Dyeing

Eggs, making Luminaries and Prayer Ropes preparing for Palm Sunday and Pascha

Saturday, April 8, 5 PM – Great Vespers with Litya for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy Feast of PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9, 11:30 AM – Lenten Cook Off

Patriarchal Pence Collection— On Palm Sunday, April 9th we will have our annual collection for the Patriarchate of Constantinople

Readers Schedule

4/2 – Susan Paltauf
4/9 – Suzanne Molineaux
4/16 – Paul Sulich
4/23 – Harry Fong
4/30 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour

4/2 – Bunda
4/9 – Lenten Cook Off
4/16 - PASCHA

Help restock our Kitchen:

10-inch paper plates and decaf coffee.

Lenten Cook Off—On

Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday) we will have our annual Lenten Cook Off. Bring your best meatless, dairy-free dish to share for coffee hour and copies of the recipe if you wish. We'll vote for best main dish, side dish and dessert. Winners announced at Pascha midnight.

Perogie/Baking Sessions—

Many thanks to all those who rolled, pinched, sugared, filled, kneaded and otherwise helped prepare all the delicious food for our Easter Bake sale. Sales have been brisk and comments about all our products very favorable. We are grateful for all the help.

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

Our Easter Craft and Bake Sale will continue today following liturgy. Please be sure to check out the beautiful craft items from our vendors and pick up your bake sale orders. There are still some rolls, cookies, etc. available for purchase if you did not pre-order. Please let us know if you would like a Pascha bread as we will be baking another batch before Pascha.

The Children's Word

Have you ever tried really hard to be first in line? Have you even pushed people out of the way to get there? Even Jesus' disciples made that mistake once!

Today's Gospel reading tells us about two of Jesus' disciples, who wanted Jesus to give them a special place in his kingdom. They thought Christ was going to be some kind of king on earth, so they

wanted to be close to the King!

After all, wouldn't it be nice to be served, like a king and his helpers? You wouldn't have to work so much. You could be entertained and fed and you certainly would never have to clean your room! Christ came to serve! Can we serve too?

But Christ told them that even He, Jesus Christ, the King of all, "came not to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45).

If even our Lord, Jesus Christ came to serve, we should also try to serve too! That means looking out for other people first. That means thinking of ways you can help people with their needs.

Let's try to think of ways that we can serve—not be served...at home, at school, and all around us.

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.

| Diaper Drive

Diaper Drive—We're kicking off another Diaper Drive for the Women's Center of Greater Danbury. The Center's focus is to be a safe-haven and provider of services to women in crisis from domestic and sexual abuse. As part of the Center's mission, they provide a 13-bed shelter which temporarily provides a refuge to women and

children, and they are often in need of diapers since many of the women have trouble affording these necessary items. For the next 4 weeks we will be collecting diapers and baby wipes. The center is particularly in need of size 4, 5, and 6 diapers. Any diaper donations that you can make will be gladly accepted! If you have any questions, please see Jennie Fong.

Clothing Drive Starts | Lazarus Saturday Breakfast, Activities and Parish Clean-Up

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

Lazarus Saturday—On Saturday April 8th we will celebrate Lazarus Saturday starting with liturgy at 9:00 a.m. All church school children are encouraged to attend and to go to confession starting at 8:30 if they have not already done so during Lent. After liturgy we will have a blini breakfast followed by activities to prepare for Holy Week including making palm crosses, luminaries to be used at Pascha Midnight

service and coloring eggs. If you can bring something for the breakfast please let Susan Sulich or Stasia Thompson know. All are welcome!

We will have a grounds clean up to get the church ready for Pascha. It is also the day of our Lazarus Saturday liturgy, breakfast and family activities. Please plan to give a few hours late morning or in the afternoon to pick up sticks and clean up the grounds. Bring leaf blowers and rakes if you have them.

Upcoming Events

Easter Bake and Craft Sale - April 2nd.

Lenten Cook Off – Palm Sunday, April 9

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

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

OYMT Weekend Training Session with OCMC—Sat. April 29-30th

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

Lazarus Saturday Liturgy, Breakfast and Family Activities – Saturday, April 8th

OYMT Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser—Sunday April 30th following liturgy

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

Parish Grounds Clean Up-Saturday, April 8th – 10:30 a.m.

Dorothy Day—Friday May 5th

Mother's Day Brunch— Sunday, May 14th

Lenten Fast

As we journey in Lent together, the following minimal fasting regulations are designated for our clergy and faithful:

- 1) Great and Holy Friday, and Great and Holy Saturday, namely April 14 and 15 are days of strict abstinence. On these days, no meat or dairy products may be eaten.
- 2) All Wednesdays and Fridays during this entire Season are days of abstinence from meat.
- 3) Meat and meat products may not be eaten during all of Holy Week, namely April 10 through April 15.
- 4) For the evening Pre-sanctified Liturgy, a minimum three-hours fast from all food

and drink must be observed before the reception of Holy Communion. Normal fasting from midnight is still practiced before the Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.

These are the minimal requirements to observe during this Season. But for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, I wholeheartedly recommend the penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us.

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[This material is taken from the introduction to The Lenten Triodion. In modern practice, the above rules tend to be somewhat relaxed, and they have always been relaxed for children and the infirm. Fast as you are able, and consult Fr. Luke as needed. As you eat less physical food, it is important to increase your intake of spiritual food – prayer and reading scripture and the fathers of the Church.]

Birthdays

April	
Adriano Morfa	4
Adam Rosenfield	5
Markus Paltauf	8
Christopher Mihaly	11
Melissa McVeigh	11
Grace Radcliff	14
Adriano Morfa	14
Melanie Sulich	17
Rosalyn Mihaylo	18
Viorel Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Dan Kuzmich	28

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

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CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017

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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

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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.

We're on the Web!
holytrinitydanbury.org