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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Blindman. The Epistle Acts 16:16-34. The Gospel is from John 9:1-38. Virgin Martyr Glyceria.

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, May 13, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Mother's Day

We will have a Panachida for Jenny, Stephanie Fong's mom and for all the departed mom's of the parish.

Monday, May 14, 7 PM -
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 15, 9 AM –
Hours

Wednesday, May 16, 6 PM -
Vespers for Ascension

Wednesday, May 16, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, May 17, 9 AM –
Liturgy for Ascension

Thursday, May 17, 10 AM –
Prayer Group

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

Friday, May 18, 9 AM – Old
Testament Class

Saturday, May 19, 10 AM to
12 noon – Church School

Saturday, May 19, 5 PM –
Vespers

Saturday, May 19, 5:30 PM –
Pot-Luck Dinner and
Presentation by Fr. John
Chakos on the missionary work
in Guatemala

Sunday, May 20, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 20, 1 PM – Parish
Council Meeting

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Readers Schedule

5/13 – Suzanne Molineaux
5/20 – Christopher Mihaly
5/27 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

5/13 - Mother's Day see Harry
5/20 – OPEN
5/27 – Chrissanth in
memory of her mother, Olga

Help Re-Stock our Kitchen:

Decaf Coffee

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/htcdanbury/?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.

Food Safety Courses—We
will be looking to update our
food safety certifications to meet
new Health Department
regulations. If you are interested
in taking a half day food handler
safety class please let Susan
Sulich know.

New Rectory

The **new rectory** is
progressing rapidly. The
foundation has been
poured and the house set is
scheduled for Monday,
February 18th. Check out
photos and updates on our
website:
www.holytrinitydanbury.org.
Subscribe if you haven't
already so you won't miss
posts. At this point we need
approximately \$75,000
above what we have raised
so far to finish the project.
We do have a line of credit
available to bridge the gap
but any additional
donations that come in will
reduce (or eliminate) the
amount we need to borrow.

Mother's Day/Father's Day

**Mother's Day/Father's
Day**—Harry Fong is looking
for volunteers to help put on
a spectacular brunch for our
Moms on Mother's Day (May
13th). Please let him know if
you can help. Moms and
children will be called upon
to put on an equally
spectacular event for the
Dads of our parish on
Father's Day (June 17th). If
you would like to head up
this coffee hour please let
Susan Sulich know.

Guatemala OCMC Presentation

Guatemala OCMC Presentation –
Fr. John Chakos one of OCMC
Mission specialist will be here at
Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 19
following Vespers to give a
presentation on his incredible work
in Guatemala. Vespers will start at
5 PM followed by a pot luck dinner
and Fr. John's presentation.

Fr. John will also be with for Liturgy
on Sunday, May 20. Come and
learn and see how God is actively
working in Guatemala. Bring a
friend!

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: *Spiritual
Counsels (select passages
from My Life in Christ)* by
Fr. John or Kronstadt

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

Prayer Group – Thursdays at
9:00 a.m. Currently reading:

Churchianity vs. Christianity by
Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

Old Testament Class – Fridays
at 9:00 a.m. We are about to
begin Numbers.

Vida Bundra: \$mart banking Presentation

Please join Vida Bundra
Sunday, June 3rd

immediately after coffee
hour to learn more about

\$mart banking.

Topics will include:

- How to prevent
financial fraud and identity
theft
- How to report
financial fraud if you are a
victim
- Strategies to protect
your financial being
- Plus much more and
any other financial topics
of interest!

Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets

Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets – You know it's Spring when you see the raffle tickets for the Annual Camp Nazareth Raffle come in the mail! Tickets are available during coffee hour. Tickets are \$20.00 each. If you are paying by check please make the check out to "Camp Nazareth Raffle."

Parish Dinner Out

Parish Dinner Out—On Thursday, May 31st we will be having a parish dinner out at Anthony's Lake Club in Danbury. The dinner is served family style and consists of salad, pasta course, two entrees, sides, wine, beer, soda, coffee and tea. Cost is \$27 per person, including gratuity. Let Susan Sulich know if you would like to attend by May 20th.

Birthdays

May	
Kaitleen Villa	12
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Jason Varney	27
Paul & Susan Sulich – Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Brunch— Sunday, May 13th Coffee Hour

Monthly St. Nectarious Service—Thursday, May 17th 7:00 p.m.

Church School—Saturday, May 19th 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Guatemala Missions Presentation - Saturday, May 19, 5:30 PM

Pentecost Parish BBQ/Fundraiser Summer Youth Activities—Sunday, May 27th following liturgy

Smart Banking Presentation – Sunday, June 3

Monthly Food Sale— Thursday, June 7th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Father's Day Brunch— Sunday June 17th Coffee Hour

Donations

Donations—As a reminder we have a policy regarding donations of items to the church. While we are very grateful that parishioners want to offer the church items that might be useful, we have a limited amount of space. As we try to reorganize the hall and maximize the storage space that we have available we ask you to go through our new Donations Coordinator, Elaine Toaso, if you wish to donate something to the church. Please speak to Elaine

(elaine.toaso@gmail.com) before bringing any items in and she will be able to tell you (or find out from the parish council) if the items can be utilized. Thank you!

Church School

We have schedule **church school** for **Saturday, May 19 from 10 AM to 12 noon**. Please contact Roz Mihaylo for more information and also to let her know if you child is of age for First Holy Confession Classes

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



The Fifth Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter will be held from July 1-4 in Windber, PA. Any young woman aged 12-18 is encouraged to go. For more information please talk to Fr. Luke or email Pani Eleni Stagon at: acrodywe@gmail.com

DIOCESAN ALTARBOY RETREAT - All Parish Altarboys are invited and urged to take part in the annual retreat to be held at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA from July 1-4. Please see Fr. Luke if interested in attending.

Noticing people By Presvytera Alexandra Houck in The Children's Word

Have you ever walked into a room, and maybe you didn't notice that somebody was there? Maybe you thought you were all alone, or maybe you just noticed a friend or somebody you really wanted to talk to or see. Sometimes we might not see everything or everybody, or maybe sometimes we just don't care.

In today's Gospel reading (and in lots of other ones too), we hear how our Lord, Jesus Christ noticed somebody who needed help. A young man couldn't see at all, and Jesus's helpers brought him to be healed. Jesus noticed him. He touched his eyes and healed him!

When we read the Gospels, we read so many other stories like this one. We read how our Lord noticed people who needed help. The Bible tells us that God is with us, and God still notices people who need help. When we pray to God, we ask Him to notice us too and to help us.

God wants us to notice others too. When we see people who need help, we can do our best to help them. Remember, Christ didn't ignore the blind or the sick or the lonely people or the people who couldn't walk. He didn't ignore the children either. Can you remember to pay attention to people who need help too?

SAINT GLYCERIA: A MARTYR OF THE ONE, TRUE GOD

In school, you have probably learned a little about the Greek myths. These stories about Zeus and Hercules and Poseidon and Athena (and many more) are all exciting stories. But sometimes we forget that people once really believed them!

Today, we remember a saint who lived in Greece during a time when most people believed in those many Greek gods. Saint Glyceria had learned about Jesus Christ and she decided to become a Christian. She knew that these Greek gods were all myths. She knew that there was really one, true God.

Once, the governor had a big festival, and everybody was supposed to sacrifice to the statues. Saint Glyceria was a Christian. She refused to worship something that wasn't God. She saw the statue of Zeus and turned it over! When the governor saw this, he ordered all kinds of tortures for her.

Finally, Saint Glyceria was sent to be attacked by wild animals. One of them bit her, and she died. Saint Glyceria knew the truth, and she died for it. And now, God has rewarded her with a place in Heaven!

We celebrate St. Glyceria on Sunday, May 13th (May 26th, OC).