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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of Publican and Pharisee. The Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel is from Luke 18:10-14. Theodore the Soldier.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence, Metropolitan 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 17 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Fast Free Week

Monday, February 18, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 19, 8:30 AM –
Hours

Tuesday, February 19, 9 AM –
Perogies

Wednesday, February 20, 7 PM –
Adult Catechism

Thursday, February 21, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, February 21, 9:15 AM –
New Testament Class

Thursday, February 21, 7 PM –
St. Nectarios Service

Friday, February 22, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Friday, February 22, 11 AM –
Set up for Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner

Saturday, February 23, 4 PM –
Vespers

Saturday, February 23, 6 PM –
Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner

Sunday, February 24, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy and installation of the New Parish Council

Sunday, February 24, 12:30 PM –
Parish Council Meeting

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Readers Schedule

2/17 – Susan Paltauf
2/24 – Suzanne Molineaux

Coffee Hour

2/17 – OPEN
2/24 – OPEN
3/3 – Leon G
3/10 – Ana & Nicu
3/17 – OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen—

decaf coffee, sturdy 10-inch paper plates, bowls

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/holytrinitydanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

We will be hosting **Sunday of Orthodox Vespers** here at Holy Trinity on **Sunday, March 17 at 4 PM**. We are asked to have light Lenten foods afterwards for the Fellowship that will follow.

Clothing Drive

Clothing Drive—The next clothing drive is on! Please bring your items in plastic garbage bags and leave behind the candle table. If you have questions about what can be donated, see the sheets in the coat area or ask Ann Huott. Thank you Huott family for continuing to run this very successful fundraiser for our parish.

| Perogies Sessions

Time to Make the Perogies—After very successful Thanksgiving and Christmas Bakes sales our perogies freezers are depleted and it's time to start refilling them for our Easter Sale. Perogie sessions are on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. (following the Hours service at 8:30 a.m.) New and experienced pinchers, boilers and packagers are welcome! We will also try to schedule some evening sessions if there are people who would like to help but cannot come during the day.

| Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat: Save the Date—We are planning a women's retreat to Camp Hi-Rock in Mt. Washington, MA from Friday, March 22 into Saturday, March 23rd. We will meet at the church early afternoon and carpool to the camp. We will be staying in a private lodge. The cost for the retreat is \$125 per person which includes 3 meals—dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please give payments to Susan Sulich.

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: *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* by Dr. Philip Mamalakis

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

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently were are reading and studying *The Acts of the Apostles*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun Joshua.

OYMT Updates

OYMT Pie Sales—There are still a couple of pies left! If you enjoyed them at Christmas and would like another see one of our team members. Pies are \$12

Donation Envelopes

Envelopes—New Envelopes are in. They are in the back of the church. If you wish to have envelopes and do not see a box with your name on it, see Susan Sulich.

Safe Food Handling Course

Safe Food Handling Course—the city of Danbury is offering a Safe Food Handler's Course on Wednesday, March 6th from 9-12 noon. If you work in the kitchen for the parish and would like to take this course, please see Susan Sulich. Advance sign up is required.

| Wild Game Dinner

Wild Game Dinner—Our Wild Game Dinner is coming up on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$20 for children 13-18. It is strongly recommended that you make reservations for this event as it usually sells out. We will need help preparing dishes (see Fr. Luke) and also setting up, selling raffle tickets and cleaning up for the event. See attached flyer.

Coffee Hour

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.

| Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next day to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, March 1st from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come and help for all or part of the afternoon. Please let Susan Sulich know if you wish to serve.

Ladies Night to Celebrate International Women's Day

Elena Gordon is hosting a get together at her home (88 Mamasasco Road, Ridgefield, CT), on Friday, March 8th starting at 6 p.m. All women from the parish are invited. There will be pampering and fun. Please let Elena know if you plan to attend: 203-957-0000 text/call, or at this email elenagordon@hotmail.com.

Diocesan Parenting Workshop Series Launches

Our Diocese is pleased to announce a series of **Parenting Workshops** designed to help parents raise their children in the Faith. The title of the series is "Raising Believing Children" and will focus on the ways parents can help their children stay faithful to Christ and His Church in a world that is filled with doubt and most often works against their Faith. The Workshops are for parents of any age – you're never too old to be a son or daughter, and likewise you're never too

old to be a parent! This series of Parenting Workshops will be hosted by different Churches and Deaneries around our Diocese starting in March 2019. The **first Workshop** in the Series will be hosted by **Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Rockaway, NJ on March 2, 2019**. The first will feature His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa and Very Rev. Stephen Loposky as presenters and workshop facilitators. Each workshop will be broadcast live online and will be archived for later viewing as well, and will include both presentations

and small group moderated discussions to allow participants to help each other in their lives as parents. This is an exciting and important endeavor. His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory invites you to join him in support of parents as our Diocese launches this initiative to help them in their parental vocation.

For more information and to register for the first Workshop, or if you would like to host a Parenting Workshop, visit our Diocesan Website- acrod.org and look for the Diocesan Parenting Workshop Series logo.

Upcoming Events

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, Feb. 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Game Dinner Set Up—Friday, February 22nd 11:00 a.m. (Following Old Testament Class)

Game Dinner—Saturday, February 23rd 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting—Sunday, Feb. 24th following liturgy

Dorothy Day—Friday, March 1st 1-5 p.m.

Parenting Workshop – Saturday, March 2nd Rockaway, NJ

Church School Sat. March 9th 10 a.m. - Noon

Church School Fri. March 29th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Church School Sat. April 20th – Lazarus Sat. Liturgy/Breakfast/Church and Family School Activities

Church School | Parish Trip to Slovakia | Holy Trinity Children Art Exhibit

Church School—We will continue our church school program with teaching by Fr. Luke and art by Miss Elena on the following dates:

Sat. March 9th
 Fri. March 29th
 Sat. April 20th –Lazarus Sat. Liturgy/Breakfast/Church and Family School Activities

The Friday classes take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and the Saturday classes are from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Attendance has been wonderful and we encourage families to continue to make this a priority.

Parish Trip to Slovakia—An itinerary has been set for our trip to Slovakia scheduled for August 18-30, 2019. We will start out in Prague, travel through Slovakia and have day trip into Hungary. Highlights of the trip include wooden churches, underground caves and other natural wonders, spas, castles and many other cultural and religious sites. An itinerary was emailed and there is also a hard copy on the parish bulletin board. We are currently looking for commitments to go on the trip. Group airfare available on a first come first serve basis. If you have not yet signed up and would like to, let Fr. Luke know.

Holy Trinity Children Art Exhibit - Artwork from our children will be on display at Ridgefield Recreation Center from now until March 1st. The address of the exhibit is 195 Danbury Rd., Ridgefield, CT. Hours are Mon-Fri 6 a.m.—10 p.m. and on weekends from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. All of the parish are invited to come and see the artwork the children have been working on as well as works from the art class Elena Gordon teaches in Ridgefield. If you have any questions, feel free to text/call Elena at 203-957-0000 or email elenagordon@hotmail.com.

Birthdays

February	
Kristina Bundra	20

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its second annual **Senior Retreat** which will take place at Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center in Mercer, PA from May 13-16, 2019. The Retreat will feature keynote addresses by His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory who is inviting all our Diocesan Seniors, ages 55 and over, to join him for 3 days of fellowship, prayer, and rejuvenation. "How's Your 'Eyesight'? Keeping your Focus on God as a Senior" is the theme of the Retreat. The Retreat will help our Seniors navigate the many challenges they face including retirement, transition, health and family all while remaining focused on and committed to our Lord. It will include worship, fellowship, learning, fun, time for reflection and relaxation, and time spent with our Diocesan Hierarchy!

Online Registration will begin on February 1, 2019. Visit acrod.org for more information and to register for the Retreat. Participants will also be able to register by mail. Again, visit acrod.org for more information. You may also call (724-662-4840) or email (campnazareth@acrod.org) the Camp for more information.

Don't miss out on our second annual Senior Retreat!

Raffle Baskets Needed—We are looking for a few more raffle baskets/items for our game dinner this Saturday, Feb. 23rd. If you are able to put together an item or contribute an item that could be raffled, please let Susan Sulich know.

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



Camp Nazareth Family Camp
2019 - Friday, May 31 – Sunday,
June 2

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its seventh annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families "camping" together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

This year's theme – "*Being a Believing Family*". Come join His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory in the beautiful environment of Camp Nazareth. Come and learn what it means to be a believing family. "...Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household...and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God." (Acts 16:31-34). Believing in God as a Family is more and more difficult these days. There are however, examples of families that kept believing even when it was difficult. Come and learn about them and help your family believe and rejoice in God.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Space is limited to the first 10 families, so register soon. **Register online at campnazareth.org**. Registration closes after Friday, May 24. Visit campnazareth.org for more information.

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:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) 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.
- 3) 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!!



We're on the Web!

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