

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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<http://myocn.net/>

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Holy Pascha.

The Epistle Acts 1:1-8.

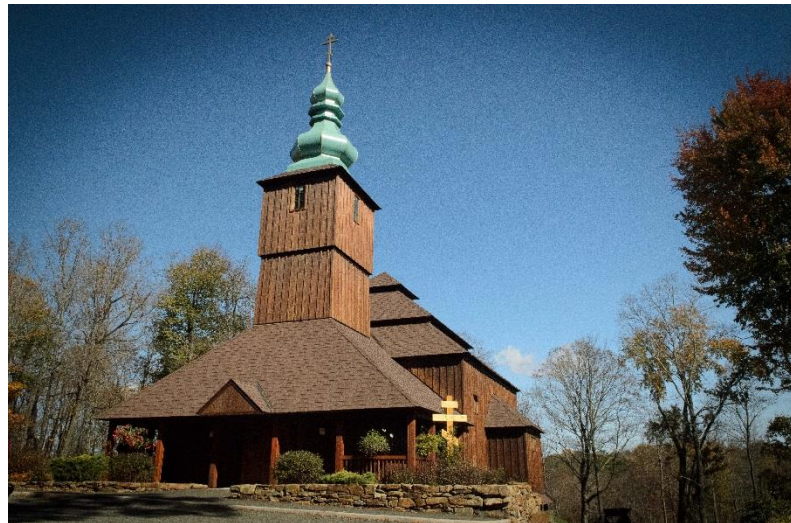
The Gospel is from John  
1:1-17.

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

**There is NO Fasting this week**

**Sunday, April 28, 12 Noon –**  
Paschal Vespers, Blessing Basket and continued Agape meal

**Monday, April 29, 9 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Monday, April 29, 7 PM –**  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, April 30, 9 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, May 1, 7 PM –**  
Catechism class

**Thursday, May 2, 8:30 AM –**  
Akathist

**Thursday, May 2, 9:15 AM –**  
New Testament Class

**Friday, May 3, 9 AM –**  
Old Testament Class

**Friday, May 3, 1 pm to 5 PM –**  
Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, May 4, 6 PM –**  
Remember Me Dance

**Sunday, May 5, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy – Collection for the Patriarchate of Constantinople

**Sunday, May 5, 12:30 PM –**  
Parish Council Meeting

On this glorious Feast of Feast, the Holy Pascha of our Lord, His Holy and Glorious Resurrection, I extend to you on behalf of myself and my entire family God's choicest blessings! I want to thank each and every one of you for your help and participation in making this Lenten season so special. Your participation in the Lenten services, the classes, the cleaning, and the decorations of the church with the many flowers has contributed to a very rewarding Lenten season. May God continue to bless our parish community! Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! – Fr. Luke

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This is the third of three wedding banns for Peter Astras and Sandi Fong who are to be married on May 11. Anyone who knows why they should not be married please see Fr. Luke.

## Readers Schedule

4/28 – Paul Toaso  
5/5 – Harry Fong  
5/12 – Jonathan McCormack  
5/19 – Suzanne Molineaux  
5/26 – Luke Mihaylo

## Coffee Hour

4/28 – PASCHA  
5/5 – Radcliff  
5/12 – Mother's Day - See Harry and Paul

## 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](http://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.

**Parish Tag Sale**—Save the date and start gathering your unwanted items for a parish tag sale to be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

## Family Dinner Dance

**Remember Me: Family Dinner Dance**—On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 p.m. we will have a family dance celebrating our connection to relatives who have passed on. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite family food to share. BYOB. Please let Chrissanth Gross know if you plan to attend ([chrissanth@mac.com](mailto:chrissanth@mac.com)). Also, if you have not already done so, please bring in or email Chrissanth digital files of photos of any of your loved ones who have passed on along with their name, relation to a living relative, and anything you'd like to remember about them. The church school children are working hard to use these to make decorations for the party.

## 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

## | 2019 Young Women's Encounter

**2019 Young Women's Encounter** - - Registration is now open for the SIXTH Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter which will take place from Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. We encourage our young women, ages 12 to 18 to attend. Registration will be primarily online and is open now! A link to register is on the home page at [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org) or a direct link can be found at [here](#).

Please encourage interested families to find more information about this event by

looking through past photo albums which can be found at <https://www.acrod.org/ministries/youth/ywe/>

Space will be limited to the first thirty respondents, so participants are urged to register in a timely manner. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 7, 2019.

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 Judges.

## CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2019

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Register Online Starting March 1, 2019

Register at – [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org)

From the Home Page, From the 2019 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2019 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

**\$20 Early Bird Discount** Per Child!!!! (one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay **by May 15, 2019!!!!**

Online Registration **MUST** be complete **AND** payment must

be submitted by **May 15** in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

- ❑ 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.*

*The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!*

**REGISTER ONLINE STARTED MAR. 1, 2019!!!**

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

#### Week 1: July 14-20, 2019

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

#### Week 2: July 21-27, 2019

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

#### Week 3: July 28-August 3, 2019

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

## Upcoming Events

**Family Dinner Dance**—Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 p.m.

**OYMT Construction Day**—Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**OYMT Trip** – July 6 to July 14

**Dorothy Day**-Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-5:00 pm.

**Andrew Gould Icon/icon screen Presentation** – June 8 and June 9

**Camp Nazareth** – July 21 – July 27

**Council Meeting**--Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> following coffee hour.

**Parish Tag Sale** – June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Trip to Slovakia** – August 18 – August 30

### Parish Trip to Slovakia

### OYMT “Stock Sales”

### Dorothy Day

**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.

**OYMT “Stock Sales”**—Members of the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will be selling shares of mock stock for \$10 each during coffee hour to support our upcoming youth mission trip to Appalachia in July. Please consider investing in this opportunity for our high school youth and young adults to put their Faith to work. To those of you who have already contributed, we thank you very much!

**Dorothy Day**--we will be serving this Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-5:00. Please let Susan Sulich know if you can help for all our part of the afternoon.

Birthdays	
<b>May</b>	
Luca Szymanowicz	5
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Kaitleen Villa	12
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

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

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

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



## Great and Holy Pascha

On the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, Orthodox Christians celebrate the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This feast of feasts is the most significant day in the life of the Church. It is a celebration of the defeat of death, as neither death itself nor the power of the grave could hold our Savior captive. In this victory that came through the Cross, Christ broke the bondage of sin, and through faith offers us restoration, transformation, and eternal life.

### Commemoration of The Great and Holy Feast of Pascha

Holy Week comes to an end at sunset of Great and Holy Saturday, as the Church prepares to celebrate her most ancient and preeminent festival, Pascha, the feast of feasts. The time of preparation will give way to a time of fulfillment. The glorious and resplendent light emanating from the empty Tomb will dispel the darkness. Christ, risen from the dead, cracks the fortress of death and takes "captivity captive" (Psalm 67:19). All the limitations of our createdness are torn asunder. Death is swallowed up in victory and life is liberated. "For as by a man came death, by a man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:21-22). Pascha is the dawn of the new and unending day. The Resurrection constitutes the most radical and decisive deliverance of humankind.

**The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fundamental truth and absolute fact of the Christian faith.** It is the central experience and essential kerygma of the Church. It confirms the authenticity of Christ's remarkable earthly life and vindicates the truth of His teaching. It seals all His redemptive work: His life, the model of a holy life; His compelling and unique teaching; His extraordinary works; and His awesome, life-creating death. Christ's Resurrection is the guarantee of our salvation. Together with His Ascension it brings to perfection God's union with us for all eternity.

**The Resurrection made possible the miracle of the Church, which in every age and generation proclaims and affirms "God's plan for the universe, the ultimate divinization of man and the created order."** The profound experience of and the unshakable belief in the risen Lord enabled the Apostles to evangelize the world and empowered the Church to overcome paganism. The Resurrection discloses the indestructible power and inscrutable wisdom of God. It disposes of the illusory myths and belief systems by which people, bereft of divine knowledge, strain to affirm the meaning and purpose of their existence. Christ, risen and glorified, releases humanity from the delusions of idolatry. In Him grave-bound humanity discovers and is filled with incomparable hope. The Resurrection bestows illumination, energizes souls, brings forgiveness, transfigures lives, creates saints, and gives joy.

**The Resurrection has not yet abolished the reality of death. But it has revealed its powerlessness (Hebrews 2:14-15).** We continue to die as a result of the Fall. Our bodies decay and fall away. "God allows death to exist but turns it against corruption and its cause, sin, and sets a boundary both to corruption and sin." Thus, physical death does not destroy our life of communion with God. Rather, we move from death to life - from this fallen world to God's reign.

<https://www.goarch.org/en/pascha>