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<http://myocn.net/>

<http://www.ancientfaith.com/>

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is St. Thomas Sunday. The Epistle Acts 5:12-20. The Gospel is from John 20:19-31. Great Martyr Irene.

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 a 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 5, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Collection for the Patriarchate of Constantinople

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

Monday, May 6, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Friday, May 10, 6 PM –
Wedding Rehearsal Fong-Astras

Saturday, May 11, 3 PM –
Fong-Astras Wedding

Sunday, May 12, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy Mother's Day

Fr. Luke will be away for the Diocesan Priests Convocation Tuesday, May 7 to Friday, May 10. Please call the rectory for any emergencies.

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This is the final wedding bann 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

5/5 – Harry Fong
5/12 – Jonathan McCormack
5/19 – Suzanne Molineaux
5/26 – Luke Mihaylo

Coffee Hour

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

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 15th. Stay tuned for more details.

Family Dinner Dance

Remember Me: Family Dinner Dance—Thank to everyone who work so hard on our family dance which celebrated our connection to relatives who have passed on. There was a lot of work and effort put in to this evening. We dedicated several church school classes about life after death. Many brought photos 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 decorations, the food, the set up and clean up all went very smoothly. And importantly everyone had a very enjoyable time!

| 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 30th to Wednesday, July 3rd, 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 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.

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 Judges.

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2019

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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

Register Online Starting March 1, 2019

Register at – 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.*

Birthdays

May	
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

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting--Sunday May 5th following coffee hour.

Mother's Day Brunch – May 12th

Monthly St. Nectarios Service – Thursday, May 16th at 7 p.m.

OYMT Construction Day— Saturday, May 18th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Men's Retreat – Saturday, June 1

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

Parish Tag Sale – June 15th

Altar Boy Retreat/Young Woman's Encounter – June 30th – July 3rd

OYMT Trip – July 6 to July 14

Holy Trinity Golf Outing – Thursday July 18th

Camp Nazareth – July 21 – July 27

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 17th

Trip to Slovakia – August 18 – August 30

Parish Trip to Slovakia

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. 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"

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!

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 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!

Antipascha: St Thomas Sunday

Commemorated on [May 5](#)**Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**74 Joes Hill Rd
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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



The Diocesan-wide **Altar Boy retreat** will take place from **Sunday evening, June 30th** (Registration is from 6p.m. - 8 p.m.) **until Wednesday, July 3rd.**

The Retreat will once again take place at our Christ the Savior Seminary, Cathedral and Education Center in Johnstown and SS. Peter & Paul Church facilities in Windber. This year our outing will be to Coal Tubing in Johnstown for a tubing ride down the Stoney Creek River. This is the time and place for your faithful Altar Servers to join other Altar Boys from all over our Diocese. The cost of this year's retreat is \$100.00. This includes everything for the three days and also includes a commemorative "Encounter 2019" T-Shirt.

Registration will be electronic this year and can be accessed at: http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=oblwu7zab&oeidk=a07eg95i0mjd06d468_4

In addition, A Participation Form, Health Form and Tubing Release Form will need to be filled out and sent in with payment. Electronic Registration, filled out Participation and Health Forms and Tubing Release Form and payment must be made no later than Friday, June 7th and sent to Fr. David Cochran at 40 Beaver Dam Road, Stratford, CT 06614. Registrations not received or paid for by then cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt or even a spot at the retreat.



Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

This day is also known as "Antipascha." This does not mean "opposed to Pascha," but "in place of Pascha." Beginning with this first Sunday after Pascha, the Church dedicates every Sunday of the year to the Lord's Resurrection. Sunday is called "Resurrection" in Russian, and "the Lord's Day" in Greek.

Don't touch?

Have you ever really wanted to touch something, but you couldn't? Maybe you were at an art museum, and you really wanted to touch a painting or a sculpture so you could know what it felt like. (Maybe you even discovered the alarms that are all around the art work!)

In today's Gospel reading, and in today's celebration, we remember Saint Thomas, the disciple who really wanted to touch Something too—our Lord, Jesus Christ! The Gospel tells us that all the other disciples had already seen Jesus, Who had risen from the dead. Thomas hadn't seen Him yet though, and at first he didn't believe the other disciples.

Thomas said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." So you see, Thomas really wanted to touch the Lord so he could believe too!

But did you know something? The Lord wasn't like an art museum, where you just can't touch! He invited Saint Thomas to touch His side, so that he would believe He had risen! Our Lord calls everybody—everybody in the world— to believe in Him! Our Lord wants everybody to have this joy of the Resurrection!

We're on the Web!

holytrinitydanbury.org