

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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<http://myocn.net/>

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

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The Epistle Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. The Gospel is from John 4:5-42. Apostles Carpus & Alpheus of the 70.

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, May 26, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 26, 11:30 AM –
Panachida for Olga Greene,
Chrissanth's mother.

Sunday, May 26, 1 PM -
Blessing Graves at St. Platon's
Cemetery

Tuesday, May 28, 8:30 AM –
Hours

Tuesday, May 28, 9 AM –
Perogie Session

Wednesday, May 29, 7 PM –
Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, May 30, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, May 30, 10:15 AM-
New Testament Class

Friday, May 31, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Saturday, June 1, 10 AM to 3 PM–
Men's Group First Meeting

Saturday, June 1, 3:30 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, June 2, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Graduation
Sunday

Sunday, June 2, 11:30 AM
– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, June 2, 3 PM to 5 PM –
OYMT Meeting

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Readers Schedule

5/26 – Luke Mihaylo
6/2 – Robert Faubel

Coffee Hour

5/26 – Gross
6/2 – Nicu/Carlos
6/9 – OPEN
6/16 – Father's Day/Pentecost

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

New Cemetery Fence--We are looking to install a new fence along the back side of our cemetery. It will be made of long-lasting black chain link with privacy slats that will provide a neat backdrop and block the view into the neighboring yards. If anyone would like to donate to the cost of the fence and the survey please let Fr. Luke know.

Road Race Sponsors—We will be looking for sponsors for our Perogie Dash 5K Road Race set for August 17th. Sponsorship levels start at \$100. All sponsors will have their logo on our t-shirt and the opportunity to contribute promotional material to our runner bags. Please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know if you or a business you frequent would like to be a sponsor.

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.

| Parish Group Meeting

Parish Men's Group Meeting – There has been a request for the Men of the parish to meet and discuss ideas about a parish Men's Group. Please see Nicu Melnic and/or Carlos Morfa. To start the Men's Group we will be meeting Saturday, June 1 from 10 Am to 3 Pm to pray, meet and discuss ideas. Nicu and Carlos will be there early as they will be roasting a pig for the men to enjoy and to share with the parish for Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 2.

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.

Parish Tag Sale

Parish Tag Sale—On Saturday, June 15th from 9 a.m. -- 2 p.m. we will be having a parish tag sale. Here's how it works:

- Reserve your spot on the lawn for \$35
- Bring your own table or blanket and set up and sell your items
- We will publicize the event and also offer food for sale
- At the end of the day, take home any items you brought that did not sell.

NOTE: There will not be a parish table so please do not bring in single items for sale. We will not be collecting items for the sale—each person is responsible for brining, selling and disposing of their own items.

Suad and Rodger Behrend will be in charge of the kitchen for selling food. Please see Lisa Farrah if you are interested in reserving a spot. Or, you can email her at: tsarina8558@gmail.com

| Andrew Gould Visit

Andrew Gould Visit—On Saturday, June 8th and Sunday June 9th, Andrew Gould the artist and craftsman who created our choros chandelier will be coming to Holy Trinity. On Saturday afternoon he will give a presentation about the iconostas, followed by Vespers and a pot luck dinner. On Sunday, June 9th during coffee hour there will be a presentation about his work. Please plan to attend and ask questions. We particularly encourage all the artists in the parish to join in this creative discussion about future beautifying of our church.

| Graduate Sunday

Graduate Sunday—We have a number of youth graduating from high school and college this year and plan to celebrate their accomplishments on Sunday June 2nd at the end of liturgy. If you have a student who is graduating, please email Susan Sulich at ssulich@yahoo.com the name, school or college your student is graduating from and their future plans if known.

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	
Jenny Fong	14
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

Perogie Sessions—After our very successful Easter Bake Sale we need to replenish our supply of perogies. We are planning two perogie sessions: Tuesday, May 28th and Tuesday, June 11th. Both sessions will start after the Hours service, about 9 a.m. New and old pinchers welcome!

Upcoming Events

Men's Group – Saturday, June 1

Graduate Sunday—Sunday, June 2nd

Parish Council Meeting—Sunday, June 2nd

OYMT Meeting—Sunday, June 2nd, 3-5 p.m.

Stuffed Cabbage Making – Wednesday, June 5th

Monthly Bake Sale—Thursday, June 6th, 4-6 p.m.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service— Thursday, June 20th, 7 p.m.

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

Dorothy Day – Friday, July 5th 1-5 p.m.

OYMT Trip – July 6 to July 14

Holy Trinity Golf Outing – Thursday July 18th

Semi-Annual Meeting—Sunday, July 21st following liturgy

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"— The Stock Sale for the Orthodox Youth Mission Team is wrapping up and we are just a little short of our goal. If you plan to donate to the mission team and have not yet done so, see one of the team members: Adrien or Nataly Guerrero, Grace Radcliff, AJ Villa, Jacob, Anthony or Martin Villa, Adriano Morfa, Nick or Jennie Fong, Luke Faubel, Carlos Morfa, Leon Guerrero or Susan Sulich. Shares of "mock stock" are \$10 and will support our upcoming youth mission trip to Appalachia in July. Please consider investing in this opportunity for our high school youth to put their Faith to work. To those of you who have already contributed, we thank you very much!

Holy Trinity Golf Outing

Holy Trinity Golf Outing—It's not too early to get a foursome together for our Holy Trinity Golf Outing on Thursday, July 18th. We will be in a new place this year—Richter Park right here in Danbury. There will be a Hole in One contest and prizes awarded. Male and female golfers welcome. Please consider inviting friends and family to join this fun summer fundraiser.

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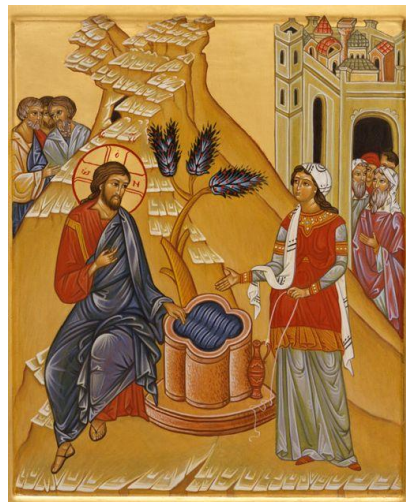
The Diocesan-wide **Altar Boy retreat** will take place from **Sunday evening, June 30th** (Registration is from 6p.m. - 8 p.m.) **until Wednesday, July 3rd**. The Retreat will once again take place at our Christ the Savior Seminary, Cathedral and Education Center in Johnstown and SS. Peter & Paul Church 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.

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.



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