

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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<http://myocn.net/>

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

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

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.

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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

Monday, June 3, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, June 4, 8:30 AM –
Hours

Wednesday, June 5, 9 AM –
Stuffed Cabbage Session

Wednesday, June 5, 6 PM –
Vespers for Ascension

Wednesday, June 5, 7 PM –
Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, June 6, 8:30 AM –
Liturgy Ascension

Thursday, June 6, 9:30 AM –
New Testament Class

Thursday, June 6 4 PM to 6 PM –
Monthly Bake Sale

Friday, June 7, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Saturday, June 8, 3 PM–
Andrew Gould Presentation on Icon screens

Saturday, June 8, 5 PM –
Vespers and Pot luck dinner

Sunday, June 9, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 9, 11:30 AM –
Panachida for Peggy's mother and grandmother, Brenda and Anna

Sunday, June 9, 11:45 AM –
Coffee Hour Presentation by Andrew Gould on his work

Readers Schedule

6/2 – Robert Faubel
6/9 – Robert Faubel
6/16 – Susan Paltauf
6/23 – Paul Toaso
6/30 – Jonathan McCormack

Coffee Hour

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

Help Re-Stock Our

Kitchen—Decaf coffee, sturdy 10-inch plates, napkins

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/?ref=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 YWE

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/>

| Graduates 2019

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High School:

Sean Gordon—Graduating from Ridgefield High School and is going to Michigan State, where he will major in computer engineering.

Tyler Gordon—Graduating from Ridgefield High School and is going to Indiana State business school.

Jacob Villa—Graduating from Henry Abbot Tech Carpentry Program. He is planning to begin working in his field.

Kaitleen Villa—Graduating from Henry Abbot Tech's Hairdressing Program. She is going on to Norwalk Community College here she plans to pursue a Veterinary Tech degree.

College:

Daria Grayson Gross—Received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fiber from Maryland Institute College of Art.

Madeline Sulich—Received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Interior Design from Endicott College and will be starting a position at Bergmeyer in Boston, MA.

Masters:

Katie Huott—Received a Master's Degree in Accounting in December 2018 and recently had her hooding ceremony. She is employed by KPMG in Albany, NY.

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 *Spreading the Word* by Fr. Michael Keiser

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 at 3 PM 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. If you would like to contribute something for the pot luck, please let Susan Sulich know.

| Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale—our kitchen will be open this Thursday, June 6th for our monthly bake sale. Fresh batches of perogies and stuffed cabbage will be available for sale. Invite your friends and neighbors!

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.*

Upcoming Events

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

Birthdays

June	
Anastasia Radcliff	3
Anne Marie Huott	6
Michael Barood	8
Anastasia Mihaly Thompson	9
Cyril Mihaly	9
Jeff Szymanowicz	11
Fr. Nicholas Mihaly	13
Eleanor Szymanowicz	14
Robert & Carolyn Faubel - Anniversary	16
Jack & Maria Bouffard - Anniversary	16
Jose & Katie Helu - Anniversary	17
Logan & Anastasia Thompson – Anniversary	18
Filip Bundra	20
Adrian Guerrero	24
Monika Mihaly	28
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo – Anniversary	30

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

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.

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.

Stuffed Cabbage Session—we will be making stuffed cabbage this Wednesday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. All rollers welcome!

Sunday of the Blind Man

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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

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

Never since the world began...

Can you think of a time that you saw something you had never ever seen before? Maybe it was an interesting animal or car or even food. Maybe you said to yourself, "I've never seen that before!"

In today's Gospel reading we read about something that happened while Jesus visited the people. He healed a man who had been blind since he was born! And after Jesus healed him, everybody seemed to say, "I've never seen that before!" Later on in the Gospel reading, the man who had been blind says, "Never since the world began has anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind." Nobody had ever seen that before, because it had never happened! Our Lord Jesus Christ did something that nobody had ever done.

One of our wonderful saints, Saint Athanasios the Great, tells us why this miracle is such a big deal. He tells us that there were lots of miracles in the Old Testament, before Jesus came to earth. People even were raised from the dead! But Saint Athanasios reminds us about the prophecy in the Old Testament, the words that were written 700 years before Christ was born. Those words tell us that the savior is here when the eyes of the blind are opened. This miracle was such a big deal because nobody had ever done it before. This miracle showed that Jesus was the one who would save the whole world!

We're on the Web!

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