

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Feast of Pentecost. The Epistle Acts 2:1-11. The Gospel is from John 7:35-52, 8:12.

Today is also Father's Day.

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, June 16, 10 AM –**  
Liturgy for Pentecost, Kneeling Prayers and Father's Day – Patronal Feast of the Parish

**Monday, June 17, 9 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy - Holy Spirit Day

**Monday, June 17, 7 PM –**  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, June 18, 8:30 AM –**  
Hours

**Wednesday, June 19, 7 PM –**  
Adult Catechism Class

**Friday, June 21, 9 AM –** Old Testament Class

**Saturday, June 22, 4 PM –**  
Vespers

**Sunday, June 23, 10 AM –**  
Liturgy – All Saints – End of Church School

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## Readers Schedule

6/16 – Susan Paltauf  
6/23 – Paul Toaso  
6/30 – Jonathan McCormack

## Coffee Hour

6/16 – Father's Day/Pentecost  
6/23 – OPEN  
6/30 – OPEN

**Help Re-Stock our Kitchen:**  
Sturdy 10-inch plates, napkins, kitchen counter cleaner.

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

## Tag Sale went very well!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, take a spot to sell their items, cook food, clean up and in general make the event run smoothly for the parish. God bless all of you!

## 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 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](http://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/>

## 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.

## New Cemetery Fence

**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

**Road Race Sponsors—** We will be looking for sponsors for our Perogie Dash 5K Road Race set for August 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Holy Trinity Golf Outing

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## 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.

## 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](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.*

## Birthdays

June	
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

## Upcoming Events

**OYMT Final Meeting and Cookout**—Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Leader Meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

**Dorothy Day** – Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m.

**OYMT Trip** – July 6 to July 14

**Holy Trinity Golf Outing** – Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>

**Semi-Annual Meeting**—Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> following liturgy

**Camp Nazareth** – July 21 – July 27

**Perogie Dash 5K** – Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

**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.

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### Dorothy Day Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

**Dorothy Day Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**—This will be our next time to serve at Dorothy Day. It is also the pack day for the OYMT trip for ASP to Kentucky. For that reason we will be in particular need of people to work the second half of the day from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are able to help out this month. If anyone would like to prepare a meal for us to serve that would be welcome as well.



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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](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=oblwu7zab&oeidk=a07eg95i0mjd06d468_4)

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. It is a three-day event in the Liturgical life of the church. The Saturday before Pentecost is the Saturday of the Souls, where we pray for all of our loved ones who have passed away, remembering also all the saints and faithful people who have been part of our church from the time of Pentecost until the present. Sunday is the feast of Pentecost, when we commemorate the Holy Spirit descending on the Apostles and enabling them to spread the Gospel in all the languages known to man. And Monday is affectionately known as the "Monday of the Holy Spirit," though some call it the feastday of the Holy Trinity.

Examining the Epistle of Pentecost, there are two important things to take away. First, it is that the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and enabled these men, many of whom were simple fishermen and uneducated, to become heralds of the Gospel, preachers of the Good News, leaders of the early church, and able to speak in all the languages known to mankind. How was that possible? The answer is a word we call "grace." Grace is a quality of the Holy Spirit which completes what is lacking in people. By the Grace of the Holy Spirit were illiterate fishermen able to become dynamic speakers. By the Grace of the Holy Spirit, sinful men, then, and up to today, are able to take on the mantle of leadership in the church, to preach the perfect Christ even though they themselves are far from perfect. Grace is what "effects" all of our sacraments in the church, how ordinary gifts of bread and wine can be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. That is by the grace of the Holy Spirit. It is the same grace that enables sinful people to be cleansed of sin in confession, or which enables a man and a woman to be consecrated as a family when they get married, or which enables a sinful man to become a priest of God.

The second thing we take away from this reading concerns languages. The Apostles walked away from Pentecost able to preach the Gospel in all languages. There is a need to spread the Gospel in all languages. This includes all of the spoken languages of the world's countries and cultures. It also includes the languages of subgroups of the population. For instance, there is a "language" one uses to preach the Gospel to a toddler, a different "language" for a teenager, and yet a different "language" for a senior citizen, even if the spoken language for all three is English. This is why we have Sunday school, summer camps, youth groups and senior groups, to get the Gospel to all people in the "language" they need to hear it in. It is important to remember in the church that the Sunday sermon is not the only place for the Gospel to be preached, or for it to be heard. And the priest is not the only person who can deliver the "sermon." The Gospel should be preached on the playground, in the office, at home, on the baseball field, and it should be preached by how we act, not only by what we say.

Grace is given to each of us through the sacraments of the church, and even through a simple prayer. And because we each have this grace, we, the ordinary people, are empowered and expected to do the extraordinary things of faith. Saint Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 4: 12-13, "*When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate.*" It is grace that enables us to do all these things.

Every Divine Liturgy is supposed to be a little "Pentecost" for not only we receive Christ in Holy Communion but we receive the Holy Spirit at the time of the consecration, when the celebrant asks God to "*send down Your Holy Spirit upon US, and upon these gifts here presented.*" (From the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom) Before asking God to have the Holy Spirit consecrate our gifts, we ask Him for the Holy Spirit to come down on us, as He did for the Apostles on Pentecost.

One additional liturgical note. There is a reason why the Divine Liturgy is traditionally celebrated in the morning, somewhere between 9:00 a.m. and noon. And it comes from the verses that follow the passage from Acts read on Pentecost. Acts 2:12-15 reads as follows:

*And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day."*

The "Hours" refer to the hours of sunlight during the day. The first hour is sunrise, the third hour is mid-morning, the sixth hour is mid-day, the ninth hour is mid-afternoon and the twelfth hour is sunset. The length of the hours differs according to the season of the year. However, because we now have a day with 24 equal hours, the "third hour" would correspond with 9:00 a.m. and the "sixth hour" would correspond with noon. Because Pentecost occurred at the "third hour", this is why the Divine Liturgy is general held after the third hour and before the sixth hour, between 9:00 a.m. and noon. There are of course, exceptions to this, such as an evening Divine Liturgy at the Nativity or the Midnight Liturgy on Pascha. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy during Lent is not a full Liturgy, and is prescribed to be celebrated at night. But generally the Divine Liturgy is celebrated between the third and sixth hour. There are no churches where it will be celebrated at noon or mid-afternoon.

*The Holy Spirit is light and life, and a living noetic fount. Spirit of wisdom, Spirit of understanding; good, upright, noetic, ruling, purging offences; God and deifying; He is fire issuing from fire, uttering, inciting, distributing the gifts of grace. Through Him the Prophets and the Apostles of God and the Martyrs all were crowned. Strange to hear, strange to see, fire distributed for the apportioning of gifts. (Kekragaria, from the Vespers of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Trans. by Fr. Seraphim Dedes)*

Experience the grace of the Holy Spirit through prayer. Speak the "language" of the Gospel to whomever you encounter today!

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