

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Feast of the Synaxis of Carpatho-Rusyn Saints. The Epistle Romans 2:10-16. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:18-23. Carpatho-Rusyn Saints.

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 30, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of the Carpatho-Rusyn Saint

Monday, July 1, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, July 2, 8:30 AM – Hours

Wednesday, July 3, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Friday, July 6, 1 PM – 5 PM – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Saturday, July 6, 7 AM – Orthodox Youth Mission Team leaves for Appalachia

Sunday, July 7, 10 AM – Sub deacon Joel Pleban will lead a Pro-Liturgy with the distribution of Holy Communion while Fr. Luke is away on the Youth Mission Trip

Sunday, July 14, 10 AM – Reader Christopher Mihaly will lead a Reader Service while Fr. Luke is away on the Youth Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 17, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, July 18, 9 AM – Parish Golf Outing at Richter Park

Saturday, July 20, 9 AM – Liturgy Prophet Elias

Saturday, July 20, 4 PM – Vespers

Sunday, July 21, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 21, 10:30 AM – Bus for Camp Nazareth Campers to meet at Exit 2 Park and Ride. See Ann Huott

While Fr. Luke is away for the Youth Mission trip from Saturday, July 6 through Sunday, July 14 please call the rectory for any emergencies.

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Readers Schedule

6/30 – Jonathan McCormack
7/7 – Christopher Mihaly
7/14 – Harry Fong

Coffee Hour

6/30 – OPEN
7/7 – OPEN
7/14 - 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

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!

Semi-Annual Meeting July 21st

Semi-Annual Meeting July 21st—Immediately following liturgy on Sunday July 21st we will have our semi-annual meeting. Please make every effort to attend. We will discuss online donating, the upcoming Sobor and other important business of the parish. Your participation and input is invaluable.

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 **The Creed**. This discussion of the Nicene Creed—the foundation of our Faith—begins with a review of Christianity,

the Church and Tradition. It offers a definition and an explanation of the Creed.

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 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.

| 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

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2019

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REGISTER ONLINE!!!

[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 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.

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

Birthdays	
June	
Adrian Guerrero	24
Monika Mihaly	28
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo – Anniversary	30
July	
Marianna Paltauf	1
Rebecca Gartner	5
Rachael Gartner	5
Roger & Suad Behrend - Anniversary	9
Katie Tynan Helu	9
Taylor Anne Gartner	9
Martin Villa	9
Jeff Szymanowicz	11
Elaine (Fedyna) Bomely	12
Suzanne Molineaux	13
Jacob Villa	16
Father Luke	18
Daria Gross	20
Anna Radcliff	20
Andrea Paltauf	21
Katherine Ann Huott	22
Ryan McVeigh	25
Vivian Szymanowicz	28
Marilyn Zaengle	30
Paul Toaso	31

Upcoming Events

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

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

OYMT Trip – July 6 to July 14

Parish Council Meeting
– Tuesday, July 16th at 7 p.m.

Holy Trinity Golf Outing
– Thursday July 18th

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

Camp Nazareth – July 21 – July 27

Monthly Food Sale—
Thursday, Aug. 1st 4-6 p.m

Perogie Dash 5K –
Saturday, August 17th

Trip to Slovakia – August 18 – August 30

Parish Trip to Slovakia

| Dorothy Day Friday, July 6th

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.

Dorothy Day Friday, July 6th— 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."



In the Year 2006, His Eminence, +Metropolitan Nicholas received the blessing of His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to celebrate the **Synaxis or Gathering of All Saints of the Carpatho-Rus, each year on the Second Sunday after Pentecost**. On this day, the Church calls to mind the saints that shown forth amongst the Carpatho-Rusyn peoples.

St. Rostislav, Prince and Confessor

As the ninth century dawned, the entrenched pagan beliefs and customs of the Slays in central Europe began to weaken as the surge of Christianity hit this land. The drive to evangelize these Slays came from the south and the west, respectively Roman and Frankish missionaries were poised for the task. As the kingdom of Moravia expanded and grew in strength, Prince Rostislav allied himself with the Byzantine Empire in the east rather than with the Franks and Romans in the west.

With the fear of God and with a firm conviction to educate his people in the faith of Christ, St. Rostislav, who had been baptized in 846 asked the Byzantine Emperor Michael III to send missionaries to his people. Michael III chose two brothers from Macedonia, Constantine (Cyril) and Methodius. In 863, Saints Cyril and Methodius traveled to Moravia, and began to teach The Slays in their own language. Earlier that year, St. Cyril had invented The Slavonic (Glagolitic) Alphabet, and began to teach them to read and write by using the New Testament and Byzantine law. Under the rule of the Blessed Prince Rostislav, Orthodox Christianity was firmly planted in Eastern Europe with the building of many churches and the teaching of the faith in Slavonic. The holy prince died in 870.

Holy Martyr Maxim of Gorlice

One of the most glorified martyrs of Orthodoxy in the 20th century St. Maxim (Sandovich) serves as a reminder that true belief has a price. He was born to pious parents in Galicia in the Horlitsky district in the village of Zdyna. Having finished primary school and four years of study at the gymnasium, he entered the Pocheav Lavra in Russia as a novice. After several years at the monastery, he entered the seminary in Zhitomir. After completing his studies, he married a young Orthodox woman, Pelagia, and was ordained to the holy priesthood in 1911. He returned to his home-land to serve the growing number of Orthodox faithful who had fled the "Unia" and returned to the Orthodox Church. In less than one year, he was arrested by the Austro-Hungarian militia for his zealous activity among the Orthodox faithful, and taken to prison bound in chains. For two years, he languished in a Lvov prison without trial enduring horrible conditions and abuse. In early 1914, the holy priest was released from prison for lack of evidence, and he returned to his home village.

By the summer of 1914, the Austro-Hungarian authorities were suspicious of any persons involved with the Orthodox Church, especially the Priest Maxim Sandovich. Without warning, the militia arrested Fr. Maxim, his Matushaka, and his parents, dragging them off in chains to the district prison. Forced to travel by foot the entire way, they suffered much at the hands of their captors. On Sunday, August 6th, just before dawn, the priest rose from his bunk, read his morning prayers and three akathists.

Having finished the third akathist, two soldiers dragged him from the cell and put him before Captain Deitrich, a man known for his cruelty. Saint Maxim stood silently before his accusers. Captain Deitrich read out the execution order and laughed heartily. He approached the innocent priest, tore off his pectoral cross and letting it fall to the ground, trampled it under his feet. He then marked an "X" on Fr. Maxim's black riassa in the middle of his chest for the firing squad. Two soldiers, standing less than ten feet away, waited for the command. As Captain Deitrich began the customary command of orders to the two soldiers, St. Maxim cried out; "Long live the Rusin People! Long live Orthodoxy!" Shots rang out in the courtyard, and the newest martyr for Christ fell to the ground. One of the soldiers approached the dead priest and shot him three more times in the head with a revolver. His mother and father along with his Matushka wept as they watched the scene before them. The pious Orthodox faithful buried the holy priest under the watchful eye of those who had murdered him. To this day, many travel to his grave asking the holy martyr to intercede for them.

Holy Martyr Wenceslas

According to tradition, St. Wenceslas was born in 907 in the village of Stochov. At the age of 7, his father summoned the Slavic Archbishop of Moravia to tonsure the boy in a manner that other princes were tonsured. His upbringing and education were entrusted to his grandmother, St. Ludmila. She placed him under the direction of a priest to learn the Slavic language as well as Latin and Greek. But his education was interrupted with the unexpected death of his father, Vratislav, and he assumed the throne of the Czech and Moravian lands. His rule was marked by the discipline of the gospel: he clothed and fed the poor, defended the widows and the orphans, and gave generously to the Church.

Although many in the kingdom rejoiced at the good works of St. Wenceslas, his envious brother, Boleslav, hoped to find a way to murder the pious king. During one of his travels through the towns of his kingdom, he stopped in a small village to attend the feast day divine liturgy of Saints Cosmas and Damian. Again, friends warned the holy ruler of his brother's evil plot to kill him, but the king refused to believe such a story. On the next morning, hearing the bells of the church calling the faithful to Matins, he set off for the church. However his evil brother, Boleslav, overtook him at the gate of his home and struck him over the head with his sword. Two other conspirators assisted in the murderous plot piercing the king's ribs with their swords. St. Wenceslas cried out, "Lord, into Thy hands I commend my spirit," and he breathed his last. The conspirators also killed many others, and the entire kingdom was in disarray.

A priest from the local church placed a shroud over the bloody corpse and carried the king to his home. There he was bathed and clothed, and his body was taken to the middle of the church for the funeral. Thus was the holy one brought to the end of his life in 929. Boleslav, feeling much remorse and pain, repented for his evil act and ordered the soldiers to bring the holy prince to Prague. His body was placed in the church of the Saint Vitus and remains there to this very day.