



# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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March 20, 2011

Liturgy is at 10 AM. Today is the Gregory Palamas Sunday. Tone 2. The Epistle is Hebrews 1:10-2:3.

Gospel is Mark 2:1-12. Holy Father's Slain in St. Sabbas Monastery.

### **Schedule of services and events for the week:**

Tuesday, March 22, 8:30 Am – First Hour

Wednesday, March 23, 7 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 24, 8:30 AM – First Hour

Friday, March 25, 9 AM – Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation

Saturday, March 26, 9 Am – Baking session

Saturday, March 26, 5 PM – Vespers

\*Saturday, March 26, 5:45 PM – Presentation by Missionary Christina Semon\*

Sunday, March 27, 9 AM – Church School

Sunday, March 27, 10 AM – Liturgy

### **Epistle and Gospel Reading for the Week:**

Monday, Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-21 – James the Confessor

Tuesday, Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:11 – Martyr Basil of Ancyra

Wednesday, Isaiah 10:12-20; Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18 – Nikon & 100 disciples

Thursday, Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22 – Zachariah the Recluse

Friday, Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38 – Annunciation of the Theotokos

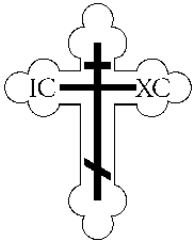
Saturday, Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 2:14-17 – Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Sunday, Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1 – John the Seer

The following minimal fasting regulations are designated during Lent for our clergy and faithful:

- 1) Great and Holy Friday, and Great and Holy Saturday, namely April 22 and 23 are days of strict abstinence. On these days, no meat or dairy products may be eaten.
  - 2) All Wednesdays and Fridays during this entire Season are days of abstinence from meat.
  - 3) Meat and meat products may not be eaten during all of Holy Week, namely April 18 through April 23.
  - 4) For the evening Pre-sanctified Liturgy, a minimum three-hours fast from all food and drink must be observed before the reception of Holy Communion. Normal fasting from midnight is still practiced before the Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.
- These are the minimal requirements to observe during this Season. But for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, I wholeheartedly recommend the penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us. – Met. Nicholas

The Church is collecting monies to help our Orthodox Christian Missionaries. Coin Boxes will be handed out to all the families of the parish. The children have set as their goal to collect \$250 by Palm Sunday. Do your best to help us spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the far ends of the world.



In order to help bring more awareness of our Orthodox Missionary efforts we will be having one of our Orthodox Missionaries, Christina Semon, will be visiting our parish this Saturday, March 26. She will be talking about her missionary work in Romania and Moldova. We will have Vespers at 5 PM followed by coffee and cake. Please come and bring your children to hear about Orthodox Missions!

A Pasta Dinner will be served Friday, April 8 from 5:30 to 7:30PM in the Church Hall. Bring a friend to dinner, which includes Spaghetti or Penne in Marinara Sauce, green salad, bread, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$10 for Adults, \$8 for Seniors, and \$5 for Children or **\$25 Maximum for a Family!** BYOB

Our Easter Bake sale is coming up Saturday, April 16 from 9 AM to 3 PM. We need help making Perogies, Rolls, and Tea Cookies.

Church School starts every Sunday at 9 AM before church begins. Parents need to understand the importance of church school. Just as school is not an option for your children during the week, please do not make church school an option for your children. If you want them to be brought up as good Orthodox Christians you have to make the effort to do so by bringing them to church school. It should not be seen as an option, but part of your Sunday of worship. Fr. Luke has class upstairs in the church itself for parents and adults who want to learn more about the Orthodox Faith. All of us will be using the Orthodox Children's Bible Reader as our primary text.

### **Cleaning Schedule**

The parish council has hired a cleaning service for \$50.00 a cleaning to come in twice a month to clean the church and the church hall. If you are unable to clean the church during the time assigned for you, you are encouraged to make a donation to the church to help pay for the cleaning service.

Items needed for general church cleaning

- 1) Glass Cleaner
- 2) Clorox Spot Remover with Bleach
- 3) Wood Floor Cleaner

We are planning on having a table at The Danbury Greek Festival so that we can sell items such as nesting dolls. But we need volunteers to work the table through the weekend from Friday, June 10 thru Sunday, June 12. Please see Fr. Luke if you are interested.



**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE**

The dumpster is located at the far end of the parking lot. PLEASE sweep the floors in the basement after coffee hour. Please remember that those who volunteer for coffee hour are only expected to get something simple such as bagels. With everything increasing in prices, please do not feel that you have to feed the entire parish.

- 3/20 GROSS
- 3/27 FEDYNA

*EASTERN REGION DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT*

*Sponsored by National ACRY*

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011 9:30 AM- 5:00 PM  
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER  
1485 VALLEY FORGE ROAD VALLEY FORGE, PA

*Overnight Accommodations: Upon Request! Cost of Retreat including Lunch \$20 PP \$7 Ages 5-12*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 26 – Missionary Presentatton By Christna Semon*
- April 8 – Pasta Dinner*
- April 16 – Easter Craft & Bake Sale*
- Pascha – April 24*
- June 4 – Concert at the Church*
- June 30 - Golf Tournament*

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS DESIGNATED FOR MORTGAGE REPAYMENT. IF EVERY PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTES \$50 EVERY MONTH (\$600/YEAR) TO THE MORTGAGE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET OUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS.**

Items Needed by April 1 for our Pasta Dinner

- 1) Heavy Duty / Drip Proof Dinner Plates
- 2) Plastic Utensils
- 3) Salt and Pepper disposable shakers
- 4) Cheese shakers 4" Size

Collections have been off more than usual. The Parish Council urges parishioners to do your best to help the parish financially. Your financial support is essential to the life of your parish. As part of the Parish Council’s efforts to keep the parish informed, the monthly general financial income and expenses will be posted.

General Financial Summary for January 2011	
Income.....	\$ 10,937.00
Expenses.....	\$11,119.00

Total Receipts including collection from Sunday, March 13 was: \$559.00

Weekly collection cash: \$43.50

Weekly general collection in checks: \$350.00

Candles: \$165.50

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

March	
John Ehnot	23
Vida Bundra	24
Marika Gutzman (Names day)	25
Orestes Mihaly	26
Julia Kozlov	28
Michael Browne	30

**We need more houses/businesses to switch to Viridian.**

**Holy Trinity** has teamed up with **Viridian**, A Connecticut Electric Supplier

There are 3 ways to sign up. You may go online to sign up by using our website [www.viridian.com/holytrinity](http://www.viridian.com/holytrinity) (make sure you click **everyday green** for the low rate). You can also call the toll free # 866-657-8617 (Let them know **Holy Trinity referred** you). The third way is to **talk to our** Viridian Representative Jim Kavallines. His number is (203) 948-1684. It is my hope that you would be in favor of switching to Viridian to benefit yourself as well as the **Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**.

**READERS SCHEDULE**

3/27	Harry Fong
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**Scripture Reading for Sunday, March 20**

**Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture**

*O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.*

**The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Hebrews 1:10-2:2**

"IN THE BEGINNING, you O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

**The Gospel Reading is from Mark 2:1-12**

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof

above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**PRAYER LIST**  
***For the Living***

Thomas (Krafick)	Stephanie (Fong)	Matthew (Bracey)	Elaine (Toaso)
Pauline (Meath)	Paul (Stagen)	Eugene (Brown)	Patricia (Zeleniak)
Wylie (Meath)	Valerie (Stagen)	Joe (Derevjanik)	James (Rush)
Sally (Hubiak)	Marianna (Parsamyan)	Mary (Derevjanik)	Jerry (Kachevsky)
Helen (Popp)	Greg (Chilek)	Sophie (Tomasini)	Anthony (Noto)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Paul (Willis)	Richard (Stack)	Serge (Mihaly)
Sophia (Buterakos)	Ethel (Montauredes)	Joelle (Aldorf)	Karen (Elrod-Williams)
Rebecca (Sahin)	Anne (Popp)	Kathy (Valentine)	Lou (Biondi)
Carol (Wilenchek)	Mary (Kovach)	Irm (Manton)	Tony (Centofanti)
Anna (Salony)	Jennie (Curran)	James (Sapione)	Jeanne (LaPorta)
Andrew (Valentine)	Lynn (Cavallo)	Deacon William (Friedel)	Jerry (Arangelovich)
Delia (Stefan)	Dorothy (Brown)	Bill (Kahn)	Louis (Apostol)
Josh (Horner)	Anastasios (Orfanos)	Dorine (DelPo)	Patrick (Meath)
Catherine (Quarberg)	Julia (Zimmerman)	Katherine (Kavallines)	Octi (Bundra)
Marian (Beschle)	Rev. Paul (Dorn)	Bob (Sully)	Thomas (Pellegrino)
Julia (Zimmerman)	Bill (Pellegrino)	Rebecca (McCarthy)	Ann (Rossi)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Barbara (Hollister)	John (Schigel)	Kathy (Koffs)
Samuel (Magri)	Karen (Williams)	Sonia (Pellegrino)	Steven (Eigenrauch)
Steve (Schell)	Steven (Noto)	Eric (Stefanik)	Pani Helen (Shutack)
Christina (Somoskevich)	Coriolan (Bundra)	Sonya (Spear)	David (Hollister)
Annalisa (Paltauf)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Radu (Timoscsa)	Helen (Kazolas)
Nickolas (Noto)	Carmen (Sanchez)	Debra (Noto)	Donna (Kazolas)
Rose (Hubiak)	Stella (Woodfield)	Tatyana (Nanocchio)	Mike (Walsh)
John (Hubiak)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Cyril (Gutzman)	Sheila (Walsh)
Richard (Guilmartin)	Maria (Pauta)	Marika (Gutzman)	Olga (Saranotski)
James (Buterakos)	Jessica (Cochrane)	Trianna (Gutzman)	Charlotte (James)
Serge (Mihaly, Jr.)	Melissa (Kelly)	Elaine (Cookie Bily)	John (Kasper)
Ricky (Porter)	Fr. Lawrence (Barriger)	Tom (Kasper)	Edna (Kasper)
Sharon	Stephen (Fong)	Lucinda (Pauta)	Anastasia (Mihaly)
Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)	Joshua	Jeff (Stagon)	Laurel

***For the Departed***

Metropolitan Nicholas	June (Elrod)	Anna (Logressa)	Rose (Procacci)
Marilyn (Berardsley)	Cina (Daskalakis)	Phyllis (Duclos)	Michael (McKenna)
Frank (Finui)			



## Ms. Christina N Semon

### OCMC Missionary

Presentation and Discussion on her missionary work in Romania and Moldova

When: Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 5 PM

Where: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

74 Joes Hill Road

Danbury



Ms. Christina Semon has recently returned from her work in Romania. It is customary for OCMC Missionaries to come home after their assignment, and to return to OCMC for debriefing before touching base with family and friends. It is time for reviewing what she has learned from her first assignment so that she may apply it to her next assignment. Final consideration is being given to bridging her life experience in Romania with her eastern neighbor, The Republic of Moldova. The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) has initiated the process for reviewing and approving her 2nd term in The Republic of Moldova. It is new territory for missions. This Republic is one of the poorest countries in Europe. Communism ruled for 70 years until August 27, 1991 and, to this day, it still maintains a strong influence. There is a weak infrastructure of the Church in regard to youth ministry which impacts the current generation, and may affect who knows how many future generations to come. Christina's work experience in Romania could, by God's grace, be an effective and useful contribution in serving her Sister Church in Moldova. Also, this presents an opportunity to collaborate internationally, by possibly bringing together youth from Romania with youth in the Republic of Moldova and, if God wills, even from as far away as America to share and build friendship in the Body of Christ.

Christina was born to pious Orthodox parents. While attending Binghamton University in New York, she played Division 1 softball. The aggressive training schedule removed her from the rich liturgical life of the Church, and she knew that changes needed to be made. As that door closed another opened, and Christina spent her junior year studying in St. Petersburg, Russia. She also began to read articles by students who had participated on short-term mission trips, which compelled her to contribute her labors to missions. She is dedicating her experience and passion to assisting the efforts of the St. Dimitrie Program and Protection of the Theotokos Family Center. According to the UNICEF, over 9,000 children are abandoned in Romania each year. Alcoholism and substance abuse are increasingly pervasive; reported cases have doubled in the past 4 years.

**Staff applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** This is a month-and-a-half sooner than usual. We need the hiring process done by mid-April.

Finally, please encourage those who are of age (at least 18 by the beginning of the Summer Season and have completed High School), to be part of the Camp's Summer Staff. There are positions available as counselor, head counselor, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, athletic director, lifeguard and nurse. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to get involved in this vital and meaningful diocesan apostolate, form lasting friendships, and use their God-given talents for the benefit and upbuilding of our Church. The link for staff employment opportunities is [www.campnazareth.org/Forms&Registration.htm](http://www.campnazareth.org/Forms&Registration.htm).

Please note the following deanery weeks at Camp:

**Week 1 -- July 17-23, 2011** -- Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

**Week 2 -- July 24-30, 2011** -- Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington, D.C. Deaneries

**Week 3 -- July 31-August 6, 2011** -- New England, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Remember also the following dates:

1. Staff Applications are due March 15.
2. Clergy and Volunteer Applications are due June 1.
3. Camper Applications are due July 1.

Thank you very much for your past help in encouraging your youth to come to Camp as Campers and as Staff. Please continue to offer them this necessary pastoral encouragement.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Stephen Lopusky

Camp Administrator