

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. The Epistle is 2 Peter 1:10-19. The Gospel is from Matthew 17:1-9.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Grace, Bishop 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, August 6, 10 AM -**  
Liturgy – Feast of the Transfiguration – Blessing of Grapes.

**Sunday, August 6, 12:30 PM**  
–Play Rehearsal

**Monday, August 7, 7 PM –**  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, August 8, 8:30 AM -**  
Hours

**Tuesday, August 8, 9 AM –**  
Prayer Group

**Tuesday, August 8, 7:30 PM –**  
Play Rehearsal

**Wednesday, August 9, 7 PM**  
– Catechism Class

**Thursday, August 10, 8:30 AM**  
– Akathist

**Thursday, August 10, 5 PM to 7 PM –**  
Vacation Church School

**Friday, August 11, 9 AM –**  
Old Testament Class

**Friday, August 11, 4 pm to 6 pm –**  
Vacation Church School

**Friday, August 11, 7 PM –**  
Joseph and the Technicolor Dream coat Play

**Saturday, August 12, 5 PM –**  
Vespers

**Sunday, August 13, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, August 13, 12:30 PM –**  
Play Rehearsal

## Readers Schedule

8/6 – Bob Faubel  
8/13 – Sandi Fong  
8/20 – Paul Toaso  
8/27 – Susan Paltauf

## Coffee Hour

8/6 – OPEN  
8/13 – OPEN  
8/20 – OPEN  
8/27 – OPEN

## Help restock our Kitchen:

small plates (cake size),  
bowls, and decaf coffee.

**Woodpecker Food**—They're back!! Our woodpecker friends are back and going through a good amount of suet. Donations of suet cakes to keep them happy and off our church would be greatly appreciated!

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/holytrinitydanbury/?ref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

## Joseph and the Technicolor

**Dreamcoat**—On Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> our vacation church school will be going to see the NewArts performance of Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat starring our very own Ava and Sophia Baroody. Anyone who is interested in going that night please see Susan Sulich. We can get a group rate of \$15 for tickets if we have 15 or more people who wish to attend. The show starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Walnut Hill Community Church in Bethel.

## Alcoholism and Addiction | New Rectory | Coming Soon: Medieval

**The Akathist Service to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup** has proven to be a great help to all those who know someone or who themselves are struggling with alcoholism and addiction. We at Holy Trinity have quietly started serving the Akathist to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup. If you are interested in attending the service please see Fr. Luke. This service is open to all parishioners. Look here for our next service.

**New Rectory Moving Forward!** Last week our parish voted overwhelmingly to sign the contract with Westchester Modular to begin work on our new rectory. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the special parish meeting and cast your vote. Stay tuned for updates and if you haven't already done so, subscribe to our website: [www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://www.holytrinitydanbury.org) to see construction photos and updates.

**Coming Soon: Medieval Mayhem**—The Trinity Troubadours are hard at work preparing their next dinner theater show which will take place here on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 p.m. Reserve your tickets now by contacting Sandi Fong at [sandifong@gmail.com](mailto:sandifong@gmail.com). See attached flyer for more details.

## Orthodox Youth Mission Team—Save the Date: Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

**Orthodox Youth Mission Team—Save the Date: Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>**—we're back and the mission trip to Alaska exceeded all expectations! We met incredibly hospitable and pious people and Faith was deepened as relationships in Christ grew with them and our fellow team members. We are grateful for your prayers and all your support and can't wait to tell you all about it, so please plan to come to our "Thank You Coffee Hour" on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

following liturgy. We'll share photos and tales from our trip. This is also a great opportunity for teens who are thinking about joining the Orthodox Youth Mission Team next year to learn more about it. Youth who will be entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade (in Sept. 2018) and older are eligible to join. If you haven't seen them yet, check out the trip on Facebook at OYMT#1.

## Prayer Group

**Prayer Group** — Our prayer group class will resume meeting on Tuesday mornings immediately following the Hours service (class time: 9:00 a.m.). We will be starting a new book, *Three Prayers* by Olivier Clement. All are welcome!

## Christmas in July

**Christmas in July**—we have a number of Christmas items: lights, trees, outdoor spike outlets, etc. available free for the taking. Please see a sample in the church hall and let Lorraine know if you would like any of these items. All items must be removed from Lorraine's house by August 12<sup>th</sup>. You can reach her at 203-482-4531.

## Perogie Dash August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Perogie Dash to Benefit Healing Hearts August 19<sup>th</sup>**—Our annual road race is quickly approaching. We will need help on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> to set up for the race and then on the morning of August 19<sup>th</sup> to help with food, prizes, race course guiding, registration and water. Please plan to donate some time to this very popular community event. If anyone would like to be a sponsor of the race (business names are featured on t-shirts and all promotional material) please let Susan Sulich know.

## Clothing Drive

**Our next Clothing Drive is ON!** Thank you, Ann and the entire Huott Family. Start saving all your extra clothes, shoes, pillows, etc. for our clothing drive. The last clothing drive we collected more than a tone of clothes and we received more than \$400.00

## Kitchen Clean Out

**Kitchen Clean Out:** Have you noticed? Our kitchen has been cleaned out and reorganized. Many thanks to Elaine Toaso and helpers who spent countless hours purging, rearranging, labeling, etc. Please try to put items back where they came from. Most spots in the kitchen are labeled. Elaine will be happy to give anyone a tour through the kitchen to help acquaint you with where things go.

## Adult Mission Trip

**Adult Mission Trip to St. John the Compassionate Mission**  
We will be taking an adult mission trip to St. John the Compassionate Mission which is part of our diocese in Toronto, Canada. St. John's has a parish, soup kitchen, bakery, thrift store and refuge house. Trip participants will observe, learn about and participate in mission at St. John's. We will be leaving on Mon., Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and returning on Fri., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have not already let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know that you are interested, please do so ASAP.

## Upcoming Events

**Vacation Church School** – Thursday, August 10, 5 pm to 7 pm and Friday, August 11 from 4 PM to 7 PM followed by Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat 7:00 p.m.

**Perogie Dash** - Saturday, August 19

**Monthly St. Nectarious Service** – Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Dorothy Day**—Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Monthly Bake Sale**— Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Trinity Troubadours Dinner Theater**—Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>

**Adult Mission Trip** to St. John the Compassionate Mission in Toronoto,

Canada—Monday, Sept. 18-Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Monthly St. Nectarious Service**— Thursday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Distinguished Diocesan Donor Dinner**—Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Roberto's in Monroe, CT

## Birthdays

August	
Bill Huott	10
Sarah Baroody	15
Fr. Luke & Bethany Mihaly - Anniversary	17
Brenna Singer	23
Amy Fong	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
Cyril Gutzman	26
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28
Kristen Szymanowicz	31

**Coffee Hour** - We need people to sign up for coffee hour. As a reminder, coffee hour need not be elaborate. Bagels or rolls and butter are fine or anything simple. Consider signing up with someone else to make it easier.

## Trip to Slovakia

**Trip to Slovakia**—We are working to put together a parish trip to Slovakia for August 2018. We have been in contact with Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky who did an excellent job planning and making arrangements for our trip to Greece and Macedonia two years ago and he has given us some suggested sites to see.

## Vacation Church School

**Vacation Church School**— On Thursday August 10th and Friday August 11th we will hold a vacation church school at the church for students of all ages. There will be class, crafts and games as well as prosphora and soda making. We plan to end our two day session by going to see Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat put on by the NewArts Foundation in Newtown featuring our very own Baroody girls. Please let Roz Mihaylo know if your children and teens are able to attend.

## Music on the Mount

**Music on the Mount**—We are pleased to announce that we have two concerts booked for our 2017-2018 season. On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Robyn Freeman will be bringing a group of female singers from St. Vladimir's Seminary to perform sacred music and on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> we will have a concert featuring a choral ensemble from St. Tikhon's Monastery. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.



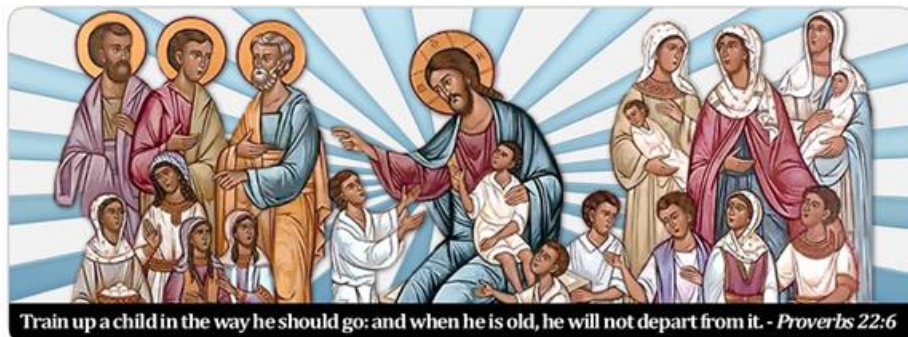
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**Donations**—Going forward we would like to institute a new policy regarding donations of items to the church. While we are very grateful that parishioners want to offer the church items that might be useful, we have a limited amount of space. As we try to reorganize the hall and maximize the storage space that we have available we ask you to go through our new Donations Coordinator, Elaine Toaso, if you wish to donate something to the church. Please speak to Elaine ([elaine.toaso@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.toaso@gmail.com)) before bringing any items in and she will be able to tell you (or find out from the parish council) if the items can be utilized. Thank you!

## For the Children



**Have you ever been afraid of something... but you wanted to see it anyway? Maybe a movie with a scary part? Something in real life even?**

Today in the Gospel we hear about a time the disciples were afraid. Today, we celebrate one of the 12 great feasts of our Church—the Transfiguration. That’s the day Christ took three of his disciples up on a high mountain, Mount Tabor. When they got to the top, Jesus’s face shone like the sun. All of a sudden, His clothes were bright white. Then they saw prophets (Elijah and Moses) who had died many, many years before. They were definitely amazed. These grown men were even afraid! But still, they wanted to be with the Lord. They were afraid, but they didn’t want to leave. St. Peter even wanted to make a special place for them to stay and watch.

On Transfiguration, Jesus showed that He is God. The disciples were so afraid they fell on their faces! But Jesus told them to get up. “Rise and have no fear,” He said. This is how Christ treats us too! He is God and can do anything! But even though He is so powerful, He still tells us not to be afraid. We can still come close to Him. We can still talk to Him in our prayers. We can still ask Him to help us with anything. Rise and have no fear!

### **APOSTLE MATTHIAS: THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK**

Have you noticed how many times we ask the Holy Spirit to help us? When we start our prayers at home, we might start with the prayer, “Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth.” (That’s a prayer to the Holy Spirit.) God the Holy Spirit guides us and helps us to pray. He helps us make decisions that are right with God.

The Holy Spirit has guided our Christian Church since the beginning! One of our saints really shows how the Holy Spirit was at work in his own life. You remember Judas, don’t you? He was Jesus’ disciple and friend, but he betrayed our Lord. He was the one who got paid to tell the authorities where Jesus was. Afterwards, Judas died a sad death. The other disciples wanted to replace Judas with another helper. They cast lots (they drew names) and asked God to show them who the right person would be. When they picked Matthias, it was really the Holy Spirit Who chose him to be one of the 12 apostles.

Saint Matthias preached the good news of Christ’s resurrection for the rest of his life. It definitely wasn’t easy for him to do that. Matthias was beaten, thrown in prison, dragged on the ground, and even killed for his love for God. But Matthias followed Christ throughout his life, and he’s still following Him in heaven now!

**We celebrate the nameday of Saint Matthias on August 9th (August 22nd, OC).**

**We’re on the Web!**

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