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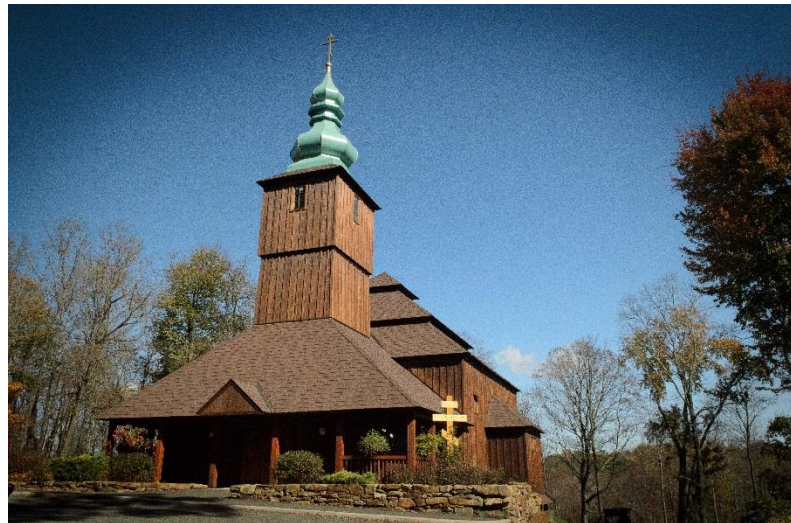
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Leave of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. The Gospel is from Matthew 17:14-23. St. Tikhon of Zadonsk.

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 13, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 13, 11:30 AM –
Panachida for Paul Stagen's mother, Sophia.

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

Monday, August 14, 5 PM –
Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

Monday, August 14, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 15, 9 AM –
Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God – Blessing of Flowers

Tuesday, August 8, 10 AM –
Prayer Group

Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 PM –
Play Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 16, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, August 17, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, August 17, 7 PM –
Monthly St. Nectarios Service

Friday, August 18, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Friday, August 18, 11 AM –
Set up for the 5K Road Race

Saturday, August 19, 9 AM –
Start of the 5k Perogie Dash

Saturday, August 19, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, August 20, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 20, 12:30 PM –
Play Rehearsal

Readers Schedule

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

Coffee Hour

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

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.

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 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 16th starting at 5:00 p.m. Reserve your tickets now by contacting Sandi Fong at sandifong@gmail.com. See attached flyer for more details.

Orthodox Youth Mission Team—Save the Date: Sept. 24th

Orthodox Youth Mission Team—Save the Date: Sept. 24th—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 24th

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 9th 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 12th. You can reach her at 203-482-4531.

Perogie Dash August 19th

Perogie Dash to Benefit Healing Hearts August 19th—Our annual road race is quickly approaching. We will need help on Friday August 18th to set up for the race and then on the morning of August 19th 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. 18th and returning on Fri., Sept. 22nd. If you have not already let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know that you are interested, please do so ASAP.

Birthdays

August	
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

Upcoming Events

Perogie Dash - Saturday, August 19

Trinity Troubadours Dinner Theater—Saturday, Sept. 16th

Monthly St. Nectarious Service
– Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Adult Mission Trip to St. John the Compassionate Mission in Toronoto, Canada—Monday, Sept. 18-Friday, Sept. 22nd.

Dorothy Day—Friday
September 1st 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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

Monthly Bake Sale—Thursday
September 7th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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.

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 21st, Robyn Freeman will be bringing a group of female singers from St. Vladimir's Seminary to perform sacred music and on Saturday, May 5th we will have a concert featuring a choral ensemble from St. Tikhon's Monastery. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day: We will be serving at the soup kitchen on Friday, Sept. 1st from 1:00-5:00 p.m. If you can help for all or part of the afternoon, please let Susan Sulich know. Just a heads up that it is Labor Day Weekend. High school students can get community service hours for participating.

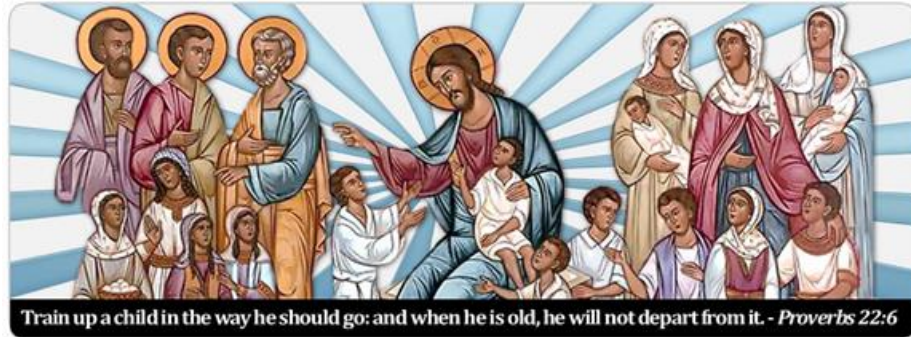
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Donations—Going forward we would like to institute a new policy regarding donations of items to the church. While we are very grateful that parishioners want to offer the church items that might be useful, we have a limited amount of space. As we try 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) 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



Our vacation church school this past week was a big hit! We had 13 children and teens attend and Fr. Luke started teaching about the Old Testament and seeing Christ in it. The students also worked on a fantastic art project with Elena Gordon, creating their own icon corners (don't worry if you missed it--those who weren't able to make it will have a chance in September). Suad Behrend showed how Prospora is made and Roz Mihaylo put together great packets for each student including the first icon for their new icon corners. The youth also enjoyed a game of kickball refereed by Melanie Sulich and they got to make soda. We then attended Joseph in the Technicolor Dreamcoat where we were able to see two of our church school girls, Ava and Sophia Baroody perform. It was a tremendous success and will be the model for our church school program in the fall. Parents will be contacted to determine the best dates and times. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated!

Wouldn't it be great to spend your whole life relaxing, kicking back, eating good food, and enjoying the easy life? A happy, comfortable, pain-free life. Sounds good at first...but would it really be so good?

Today's epistle reading is a letter Saint Paul wrote to the people of Corinth. The new Christians there were getting too comfortable. They wanted an easy life, while other people did all the work! In the epistle, we hear Saint Paul telling them how easy life is for them, but how hard it is for the apostles. "For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last... We have been made as the filth of the world, the off scouring of all things until now." The apostles often felt like they were the lowest people in the world!

Sometimes we might hear other Christians talking about how God will give us the easy life as long as we just pray for it. But we know that life as a Christian can be hard. Just ask Saint Paul! He was hungry, hurt, lost, made fun of, put in prison, and hurt some more. Life definitely wasn't easy for him.

As Christians, we know God loves us and wants us to be happy. But let's remember that God wants to give us the joyous, comfortable, pain-free life forever...with Him in heaven!

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