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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

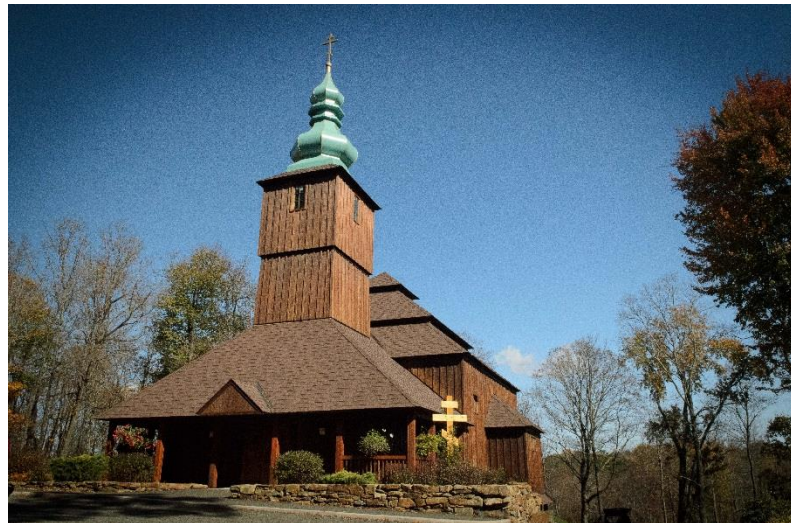
Today is the Eleventh
Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle is 1
Corinthians 9:2-12. The
Gospel is from Matthew
19:23-35. Prophet Samuel.

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 20, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy**

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

**Tuesday, August 22, 7:30 PM
– Play Rehearsal**

**Wednesday, August 23, 7 PM
– Catechism Class**

**Thursday, August 17, 8:30
AM – Akathist**

**Friday, August 25, 9 AM – Old
Testament Class**

**Saturday, August 26, 5 PM
– Vespers**

**Sunday, August 27, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, August 27, 12 noon –
Parish Council Meeting**

**Sunday, August 27, 1 PM –
Play Rehearsal**

Today is the first of three
wedding banns for
Christopher Mihaly and
Brenna Singer. Anyone who
knows any reason why they
should not be married please
see F. Luke

Readers Schedule

8/20 – Paul Toaso

8/27 – Susan Paltauf

Coffee Hour

8/20 – Nicu/Anna

8/27 - Suzanne

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 – Thank You to everyone who helped with our Annual 5 K Perogie Dash yesterday. We had great weather, a lot of runners and a large parish turnout to help with the race.

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	
Brenna Singer	23
Amy Fong	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
Cyril Gutzman	26
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28
Kristen Szymanowicz	31

Upcoming Events

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

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

Trinity Troubadours Dinner Theater—Saturday, Sept. 16th

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

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

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.

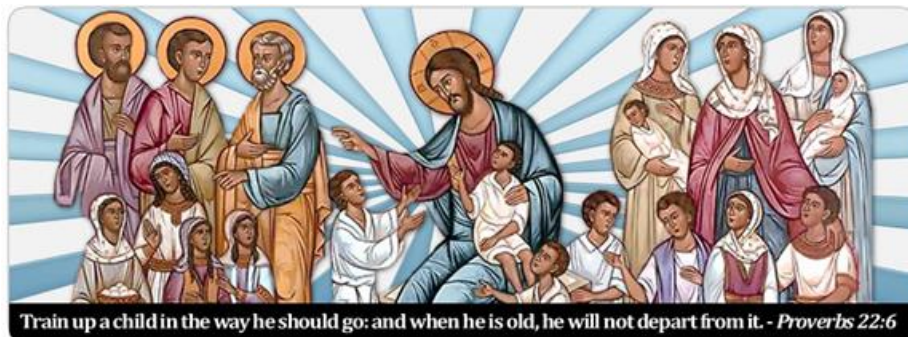
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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



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



Have you ever said you were sorry for something...but you didn't really mean it? Maybe you said it because your parents told you to. Or maybe you said "I'm sorry" because you didn't want to get in more trouble!

Today's Gospel reading tells us about a man who said he was sorry...really, really, sorry. He owed a lot of money, and he asked his master to have mercy on him. He promised to pay him back. His master forgave him. But then, this man demanded money back from somebody else! First, he said he was sorry. But when somebody said he was sorry to him, he wouldn't accept it!

Do you think the man really meant he was sorry in the first place? Or do you think he asked for forgiveness because he wanted something?

God is good to us! He loves us and wants to forgive us when we ask Him. But God wants us to be honest too. When we ask God to forgive us, we should try to really mean it. But how? We can say "I'm sorry" in words, but what really matters is when we say "I'm sorry" in actions! So, if you hurt somebody, try to think of a way to really help that person.

Can you think how the man in today's Gospel could have said "I'm sorry" in actions?

SAINT AGATHONIKOS: "AND THOSE WITH HIM"

Have you ever been part of a team that won an award together? For sports, for school, for dance, for anything? You might have even had your picture taken, all of you holding a trophy or a prize.

Soon, we will celebrate the nameday of Saint Agathonikos. Agathonikos lived 250 years after Christ did, but he spent his life telling people about the Lord. Lots of people who worshipped idols changed their ways. They listened to Agathonikos's words, and they came to believe in our one, true God. This kind of thing made the emperor so angry, and he sent people out to capture and kill Christians...especially the ones who were preaching about Christ!

Saint Agathonikos was captured, beaten up, and killed for his faith. Finally, Saint Agathonikos got to be in heaven with His Lord Jesus Christ, the One he had talked to people so much about!

When we read about saints, sometimes we read about some saints who might have died with them...like "Saint Agathonikos and those with him." They celebrate their nameday together. They are all part of a team together...the team that loves Jesus Christ. And of course, they won an award together too! Do you know what that award is?

We celebrate the nameday of Saint Agathonikos on August 22nd (Sept. 4th, OC).

We're on the Web!

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