

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 16:13-24.  
The Gospel is from Matthew 21:33-42.  
Hieromartyr Anthimus.

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, September 3, 10 AM**  
– Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, September 3, 12:30 PM**  
– Play Rehearsal

**Monday, September 4, 7 PM**  
– Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, September 5, 8:30 AM**  
– Third Hour

**Tuesday, September 5, 9 AM**  
– Prayer Group

**Tuesday, September 5, 7:30 PM**  
– Play Rehearsal

**Wednesday, September 6, 7 PM**  
– Catechism Class

**Thursday, September 7, 8:30 AM**  
– Akathist

**Thursday, September 7 4 PM to 6 PM**  
– Monthly Food Sale

**Thursday, September 7, 6 PM**  
– Vespers for Nativity of the mother of God

**Friday, September 8, 8 AM**  
– Liturgy – Nativity of the Mother of God

**Friday, September 8, 9:30 AM**  
– Old Testament Class

**Friday, September 8, 6 PM**  
– Rehearsal Mihaly/Singer Wedding

**Saturday, September 9, 3 PM**  
– Wedding Christopher Mihaly and Brenna Singer at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

**Sunday, September 10, 10 AM**  
– Liturgy

**Sunday, September 10, 11:30 AM**  
– Coffee Hour

**Sunday, September 10, 1 PM**  
– Baptism

Today is the third and final wedding bann for Christopher Mihaly and Brenna Singer. Anyone who knows any reason why they should not be married please see F. Luke

## Readers Schedule

9/3 – Robert Faubel  
9/10 – Harry Fong  
9/17 – Suzanne Molineaux  
7/24 – Sandi Fong  
**Coffee Hour**  
9/3 – OPEN  
9/10 – Bob Young  
9/17 – Bob & Carolyn  
9/24 - OYMT

**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/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

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

The **Ākathist 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> | Music on the Mount

**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.

**Calling All Artists**—During the reception for the Music on the Mount Concert scheduled for Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, we would like to have an art show featuring works from the many artists in our parish. If you would be willing to display some of your artwork, please contact Carolyn Kaiser, Chrissanth Gross or Suzanne Molineaux.

## Prayer Group

**Prayer Group:** Starting the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> our prayer class will be meeting on Thursday mornings following the Akathist (about 9 am) due to perogie sessions on Tuesday. We are about to start a new section in our book--all are welcome.

## | Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD)

**Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD)** We invite you to join with other Holy Trinity's faithful in giving to the annual DDD program. The giving levels are \$100, \$250, \$500 & above. This program greatly supports our ministry at Camp Nazareth. Those who give \$100 (& up) are invited to the Annual Banquet, which this year will be held on October 22<sup>st</sup> at the Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe. The dinner is complimentary to

each donor of \$100 or more but all are welcome—tickets are \$30 per person.

## 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

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

**Perogie Sessions Start** –  
Tuesday, September 12 9 AM

**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>.

**Distinguished Diocesan Donor Dinner**—Sunday,  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at Roberto's in Monroe, CT

## 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 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.

## Monthly Food Sale

**Monthly Food Sale**—This Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> we will have our monthly food sale from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please encourage friends and neighbors to come and buy perogies, stuffed cabbage and fruit and nut rolls. If you would like to help man the sale, contact Diana Borsari ([dianaborsari@comcast.net](mailto:dianaborsari@comcast.net)).

## Birthdays

September	
Luke Mihaylo	8
Suad Behrend	10
Valentina Zubek	14
Orestes & Monika Mihaly - Anniversary	21
Bethany Mihaly	22
Julia Huott	23
Paul Sulich, Sr.	26
Lorraine Fedyna	28
Alex & Elaine Sirak - Anniversary	28
Jeff & Kristen Szymanowicz - Anniversary	29

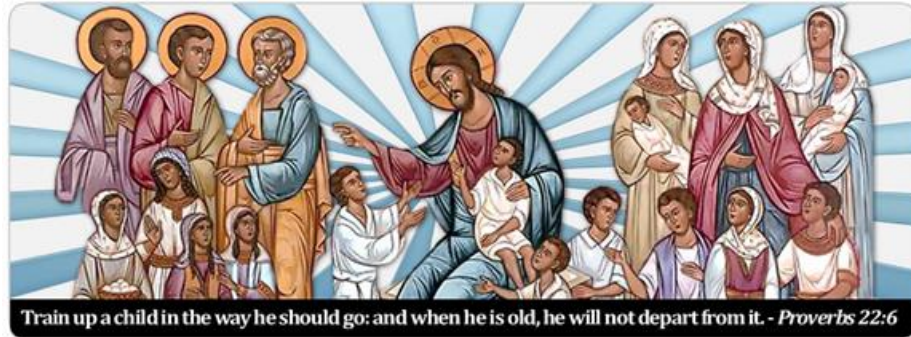
**Coffee Hour** - We need people to sign up for coffee hour. As a reminder, coffee hour need not be elaborate. Bagels or rolls and butter are fine or anything simple. Consider signing up with someone else to make it easier.

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## For the Children



**What would happen if you tried to make a cake...but only listened to part of the directions?** Maybe you did everything perfectly: you beat the eggs, you sifted the flour...but you left out the sugar. That would not be a very good cake, would it? It's important to listen to all of the directions.

Today, in the epistle reading, we hear how Saint Paul gives some directions to the new Christians in the city of Corinth. He writes, "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." Those directions are good for us Christians, too. We should have courage when we are Christians. We should be strong. But we have to listen to all the directions. Let all that you do be done in love. In love.

What happens if we listen to only part of Saint Paul's directions? We could have courage and make fun of our friends who don't know about our Lord, Jesus Christ yet. We could be strong and say mean things to other people. But Saint Paul tells the Christians, "Let all that you do be done in love." That means that when we do anything, we think about whether we have love first. If it isn't done "in love," we shouldn't do it. If it isn't said "in love," then we shouldn't say it. Let's listen to the whole directions. Then we will be very sweet Christians...like our cake!

### SAINT NEKTARIOS: MIRACLES FROM HIS RELICS!

**Do you ever pray to saints? Our saints are special people who were close to Christ when they lived on earth. Now, they're even closer to Christ after they have passed on to heaven!**

One very special saint is Saint Nektarios, who died less than 100 years ago. We celebrate his big feastday in November, but today we remember another important day for Saint Nektarios. Today, we remember his relics, and all the miracles that have happened with them!

What are relics? The relics are part of the saint's real body (or maybe of his clothes or things he or she owned). We Orthodox Christians know that these things are holy, because the saint is holy too! That's why every church has a little piece of a saint's relic in the altar table. That's why we might kiss the relics and pray to the saint too.

After Saint Nektarios died, his body was still here on earth (his soul went to be with Christ). If you go to Greece, you can pray to Saint Nektarios and kiss his relics there. You can also find a beautiful shrine to Saint Nektarios in Charlotte, North Carolina, and you can kiss part of his relics there too. Saint Nektarios is a saint who especially helps people who are sick. If you go to Charlotte, people will tell you about miracles that have happened with the relics. Sick people have gotten better by touching the relics, or even just by touching some holy oil from the shrine!

**We celebrate this feastday of Saint Nektarios on Sept. 3rd (Sept. 16th, OC).**

We're on the Web!

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