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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, the Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross. The Epistle is Galatians 6:11-18; 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4. The Gospel is from John 3:13-17; Matthew 22:1-14. Paul the Obedient.

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

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

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Sunday, September 10, 10 AM – Liturgy

Sunday, September 10, 11:30 AM - Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 10, 1 PM – Baptism

Monday, September 11, 9 AM – Panachida for those who lost their lives in 911.

Monday, September 11, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 12, 8:30 AM - Third Hour

Tuesday, September 12, 9 AM – Perogie Session

Tuesday, September 12, 7 PM – Play Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 13, 6 PM – Vespers for the Elevation of the Cross

September 13, 6:30 PM – Abbreviated Catechism Class

Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 PM – Play rehearsal

Thursday, September 14, 9 AM – Liturgy – Elevation of the Cross – Strict Fast Day

Thursday, September 14, 7 PM – Play Rehearsal

Friday, September 15, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, September 15, 7 PM – Play rehearsal

Saturday, September 16, 5 PM – Dinner Theater – Trinity Troubadours Present: *Medieval Mayhem*

Sunday, September 17, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 17 – Collection for IOCC for Hurricane Relief

Sunday, September 17, 11:30 AM – Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 17, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Readers Schedule

9/10 – Harry Fong
9/17 – Suzanne Molineaux
7/24 – Sandi Fong

Coffee Hour

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

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 **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 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 | Music on the Mount

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.

Calling All Artists—During the reception for the Music on the Mount Concert scheduled for Saturday, October 21st, 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 11th 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 22st 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. 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.

Upcoming Events

Perogie Sessions Start –
Tuesday, September 12 9 AM

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.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, October 19th 7:00 p.m.

Music on the Mount Concert and Art Show with Women's Ensemble from St. Vladimir's—Saturday, October 21st 7:00 p.m.

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

Birthdays

| September | |
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| 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.

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.

IOCC Health Kit

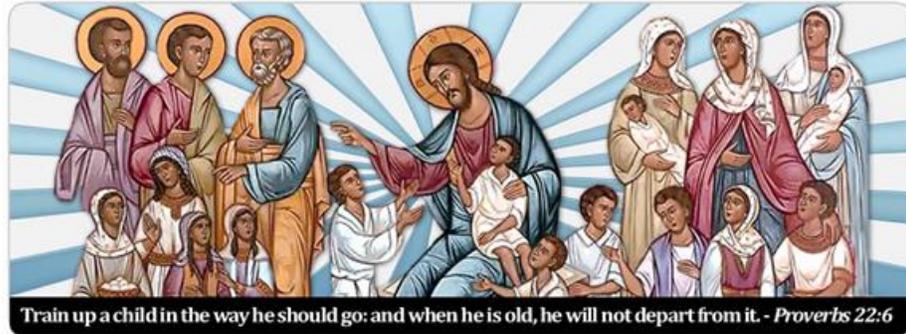
IOCC Health Kit – We will be putting together Health Kits for IOCC the International Orthodox Christian Charities which is our National Church's response organization for disaster relief. We need hand towels, wash clothes, combs, metal nail clippers, bar soap, band aids and tooth brushes. We will put these items together in a one gallon zipper locked plastic bag. These will be the easiest items for us to put together and ship. We will pick out a date for us and the church school kids to package these items for those in need. See attached flyer.

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For the Children



Have you ever been really excited about getting something new? New clothes, a new toy, maybe some new school supplies this year. It's fun to have something fresh and clean and new.

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells how people could become Christians. He wrote, "A new creation is everything!" A new creation is everything, and we Christians become new creations when we are baptized and become full members of the Church. You might not be able to see it on the outside, but things are different when you are a new creation, a new Christian.

When we get something new—like a pair of shoes, for example—we might throw out the ratty, old things that we had before. Then, we make sure we take good care of our new things. We want to keep our new things fresh and clean. If you scuff up a new pair of shoes, you kind of feel bad, don't you?

When we are baptized, we want to take good care of our new self. We try to make good choices so we stay clean (on the inside). We can look to our Lord, Jesus Christ, who was and is the cleanest of us all! We can look to the saints who struggled to keep clean. A new creation is everything! Let's try to keep it that way!

"LET MY BODY BECOME A CHURCH": ST. THEODORA OF VASTA

You've played with blocks, haven't you? You might build a tower or another structure. It might look good at first, but it collapses if you don't build it right! Do you want to know how God used a building to tell people about one of His saints, Saint Theodora?

St. Theodora lived a thousand years ago, in a little town called Vasta, in southern Greece. When she was a young woman, lots of robbers came into her town to steal things and hurt people. St. Theodora wanted to help her town and her neighbors, so she dressed as a soldier and tried to fight. She died on the field there. When she was dying, she said, "Let my body become a church, my hair a forest of trees, and my blood a spring to water them."

Now, if you visit the little town of Vasta, you can see an amazing church. It has 17 big trees that poke through the roof! A spring flows under the church and waters the trees. Scientists have tried to explain how this works! The trees are so heavy, and the church is so small. Anybody would think the church would topple over like that. But people come from all over to visit this church and to pray to Saint Theodora. With this interesting church, God shows faithful Christians how His saint is holy! Many people have learned how amazing Saint Theodora was, just by seeing her amazing church!

We celebrate the nameday of Saint Theodora on Sept. 11th (Sept. 24th, OC).

We're on the Web!

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