Weekly Bulletin

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Elevation of the Life-giving Cross. The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 1:18-24. The Gospel is from John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-35. Elevation of the Holy Cross.

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

Monday, September 15, 9 AM – Liturgy – Serge Mihaly

Monday, September 15, 6 PM – Women's Intercessory Prayer Group

Monday, September 15, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 16, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, September 16, 9 AM - Perogie session

Tuesday, September 16, 12 noon - Women's Intercessory Prayer group

Wednesday, September 17, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Thursday, September 18, 8:30 AM – Hours

Thursday, September 18, 6 pm – Lions Club Wine Tasting at Stew Leonard's

Friday, September 19, 4:30 PM – Church School

Saturday, September 20, 6 PM – Vespers

Sunday, September 21, 10 AM – Liturgy, ASP Presentation, and Parish Council

Readers Schedule
9/14 – Bob Faubel
9/21 – Paul Sulich
9/28 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour
9/14 - FAUBEL
9/21 – OYMT Presentation
9/28 - FEDYNA Open House

Fellowship Lunch on Friday September 26. *This month we will be going out to Armando's a restaurant in the Bethel area near Connie and John. Please let Susan Sulich know if you would like to attend. All are welcome.*

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Thank You Presentation: *On Sunday, September 21st, please plan to join the parish's team members to see slides of our ASP trip to West Virginia this past July and hear about our experiences. We will prepare a special coffee hour to show our appreciation to the entire parish for its support of this effort. This is also an excellent opportunity for teens and adults who are considering going on next year's trip to come and learn more about it. We need a projector for next week's OYMT presentation that can connect with a laptop to show the power point.*

Perogie, Stuffed Cabbage, Roll and Kolachi Sessions

Perogie Bake Sale Sessions have started. We meet on Tuesdays following the Hours service (about 9:00 a.m.) Our perogies were incredibly popular at the recent road race where we sold 18 dozen. This is one of the parish's major fundraisers, not to mention a lot of fun!

No experience needed and all are welcome. As we progress toward our bake sale we will also be having sessions for Stuffed Cabbage, Russian Tea cookies, and kolachi. Watch the bulletin for dates.

Baking Session for Nut & Poppy, Rolls is Saturday, October 18. Please see Sarah or Amy.

Church School Starts this coming Friday and Sunday

Our Church School program begins this week. We will have classes on Fridays at 4:30 PM for the Young children and the Youth. Classes will be an hour in length. We hope to have everything done by 5:30 PM but that depends on traffic and when the students arrive.

Teachers for this class are Stasia Mihaly and Fr. Luke

Our older Youth, will have class starting at 9 AM on Sunday morning before liturgy begins. Teacher for this class is Harry Fong.

We are looking for more teachers and will seeking you out soon.

Distinguished Diocesan Donors

It is Distinguished Diocesan Donor time!!
It is once again time for the Annual DDD drive. The Distinguished Diocesan Donor program supports the work of the Apostolates of the diocese, especially Camp Nazareth. More details on the DDD program can be found on the diocesan website (acrod.org/ministries/ddd program). You can donate directly to the program online or you can donate directly by sending your donations to: Distinguished Diocesan Donors, 312 Garfield St., Johnstown, PA 15906. Let us continue to support the work of the Diocese! The New England Deanery DDD dinner is set for October 26 at 2 pm at Marissa's Restaurant in Trumbull.

Lenox Retreat

Lenox Retreat: Fr. Matthew Stagon will be leading our annual adult retreat in Lenox, MA. This is always an enjoyable weekend for our parish family and friends. The cost is $300 for a couple, $200 for a single. This includes 2 nights at the inn, 2 hearty country breakfasts, and 1 dinner.

Please make reservations as already 16 people have signed up for our Retreat.

If you would like to secure your spot, please give your reservation to Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) with any special accommodations or room requests. Reservations are due by October 1st.

Music on the Mount

Save the Date: The first concert of the Music on the Mount series is set for Saturday, November 1st. We will have the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble. This quartet will perform Russian sacred music and folk songs. They sound wonderful and we expect a full house so reserve your tickets now. Tickets are $40 and will include a wine and cheese reception following the concert.

Women's Intercessory Prayer Group

Women's Intercessory Prayer Group — We will meet before Monday's Spirituality class at 6 PM and on Tuesdays at 12 noon for those who cannot make the Monday evening group. For more information please see either Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich.

Penny Social

Penny Social: The Penny Social will take place on Saturday, January 25. Kristen Szymanowicz will be chairing the Penny Social and she'd like a few more people to volunteer to help. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please talk to her at coffee hour or contact her at kszymano@gmail.com. Please continue to save new and gently used items that can be used for the penny prizes.

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

Thus it is clear that our whole fight is against the passions within. Once these have been extirpated from our heart by the grace and help of God, we will readily be able to live not simply with other men, but even with wild beasts.

- St John Cassian, On the Eight Vices

If our purpose is to fight the spiritual fight and to defeat, with God's help, the demons of malice, we should take every care to guard our heart from the demon of dejection. Just as a moth devours clothing and a worm devours wood, so dejection devours a man's soul. It persuades him to shun every helpful encounter and stops him accepting advice from his true friends or giving them a courteous and peaceful reply. Seizing the entire soul, it fills it with bitterness and listlessness.

- St John Cassian, On the Eight Vices

Our fifth struggle is against the demon of dejection, who obscures the soul's capacity for spiritual contemplation and keeps it from all good works. When this malicious demon seizes our soul and darkens it completely, he prevents us from praying gladly, from reading Holy Scripture with profit and perseverance, and from being gentle and compassionate towards our brethren.

- St John Cassian, On the Eight Vices

A man can be harmed by another only through the causes of the passions which lie within himself. It is for this reason that God, the Creator of all and the Doctor of men's souls, who alone has accurate knowledge of the soul's wounds, does not tell us to forsake the company of men; He tells us to root out the causes of evil within us and to recognize that the soul's health is achieved not by a man's separating himself from his fellows, but by his living the ascetic life in the company of holy men.

- St John Cassian, On the Eight Vices

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Birthdays - September

September	
Orestes & Monika Mihaly	21 Anniversary
Bethany Mihaly	22
Julia Huott	23
Daria Murphy	25
Paul Sulich, Sr.	26
Lorraine Fedyna	28
Alex & Elaine Sirak	28 Anniversary
Jeff & Kristen Syzmanowicz	29 Anniversary