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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, the Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross. The Epistle is Galatians 2:16-20; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. The Gospel is from Mark 8:34-9:1; Matthew 22:35-46. Sophia and her daughters Faith, Hope and Love.

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

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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

Monday, September 18, to Friday, September 22 – Fr. Luke and several parishioners will be at St. John the Compassionate Mission in Toronto, Canada.

Perogie Session Cancelled— There will be no perogie session this Tuesday, Sept.

19th. We will resume the following Tuesday, Sept. 26th

Saturday, September 23, 4 PM – Akathist to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup

Saturday, September 23, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, September 24, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 24, 11:30 AM – OYMT parish Thank You presentation on their trip to Alaska

Sunday, September 24, 12 noon to 5 pm - St. John the Baptist Broadbridge Ave – parish picnic

Fr. Luke will be away from the parish Monday through Friday of this week. He will be on an adult mission trip with several parishioners working at St. John the Compassionate Mission in Toronto, Canada. If there are any emergencies you can contact Fr. Nikolas Karloutsos or Fr. Peter Karloutsos at (203)748-2992.

Readers Schedule

9/17 – Suzanne Molineaux

7/24 – Sandi Fong

Coffee Hour

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.

Martin Howley is Back in Danbury—Marty is now living at Western CT Rehabilitation Center at 107 Osborne St. (across from Danbury Hospital). Visitors from his parish family would be very welcome.

Alcoholism and Addiction | New Rectory | Church School Start Up

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. Saturday, September 24 at 4 PM.

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.

Church School Start Up—We will have our first session of church school on Saturday, September 30th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. We are looking to establish one weekend day and one weeknight per month to have a 2 hour church school session. If you have not already spoken to Roz Mihalyo please do so and let her know what times are best for your family. Please try to be flexible, remembering we are looking for only 4 hours a month. Please let Roz know if your children will be attending on Sept. 30th so we can have enough craft and other supplies. The youth will also be assembling personal care kits for the IOCC to distribute to people affected by the recent

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 | Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD)

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) 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.

Birthdays

| September | |
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| 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 |

Upcoming Events

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

Parish Grounds Clean Up—Saturday, October 7th 9 a.m

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

Lenox St. Nectarios Retreat – Friday, November 3 to Sunday, November 5

Cemetery Clean Up—Saturday, November 11th 9 a.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.

Lenox Retreat—Our annual Lenox retreat will take place on Nov. 3-5th at a new location: The Cornell Inn in Lenox. Cost is \$350 per couple or \$230 for a single which includes 2 nights at the inn and 2 full breakfasts. Reservations are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Deadline for a guaranteed room is Sept. 27th. Please give your reservations to Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) as soon as possible. Flyer attached.

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

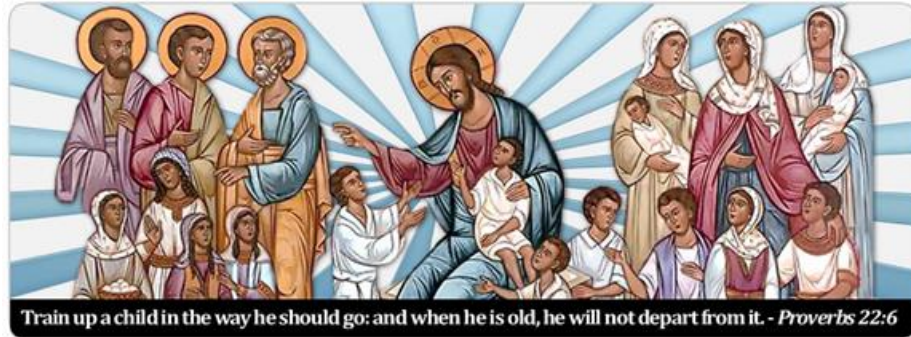
IOCC Health Kit – We will be putting together Health Kits for IOCC the International Orthodox Christian Charities which is our National Church's response organization for disaster relief. We need hand towels, wash clothes, combs, metal nail clippers, bar soap, band aids and tooth brushes. We will put 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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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



For the Children



Can you think of something you were really embarrassed about? Maybe it was something that was actually no big deal, like dropping your lunch at school or tripping over your own two feet. But have you ever been embarrassed about bigger things? Like your Christian faith?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear what Jesus said about being ashamed of your faith. Jesus told the crowds, "Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words...of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." In other words, if we are embarrassed or ashamed of our Lord, Jesus Christ, then He will be ashamed of us too! How awful it would be for our Lord to be ashamed of us, to be disappointed in us!

Now, what can we do to make our Lord happy with us? What can we do to make our Lord know we are really His followers? How do you act at school or with your friends? Are you ashamed or embarrassed to be a Christian? Do you act like a Christian even when you are away from your church or family?

Sometimes keeping words from the Bible in your heart can help you make good choices. "Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed." So, don't be ashamed to be a Christian!

SAINT SOPHIA AND HER THREE DAUGHTERS

What do you think the number one job is for your mother and father? To buy you cool toys? To take you to soccer practice? To make sure you like your dinner?

No...Your parents' number 1 job is to help you love God—and to try to be like Him! That's why they try so hard to teach you about Jesus Christ. That's why they take you to church and try to teach you to be loving and generous.

St. Sophia was one of the best mothers, because she taught her three daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love, just that. She told them that the most important thing they could do was to love God. When the awful Roman authorities tried to tell the girls to worship idols, the girls wouldn't! They told them they would always follow Christ. The officials then killed the three girls, and they are now happy with Christ forever.

Sophia is a very popular name now for little girls. Her name means "wisdom" in Greek. Being wise means being smart and making the right choices. Saint Sophia was a very wise Christian, and she taught her daughters to be wise Christians too. They had a hard choice to make, and they made the right one. Do you think you can remember St. Sophia's story?

We celebrate the nameday of Saint Sophia on Sept. 17th (Sept. 30th, OC).

We're on the Web!

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