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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

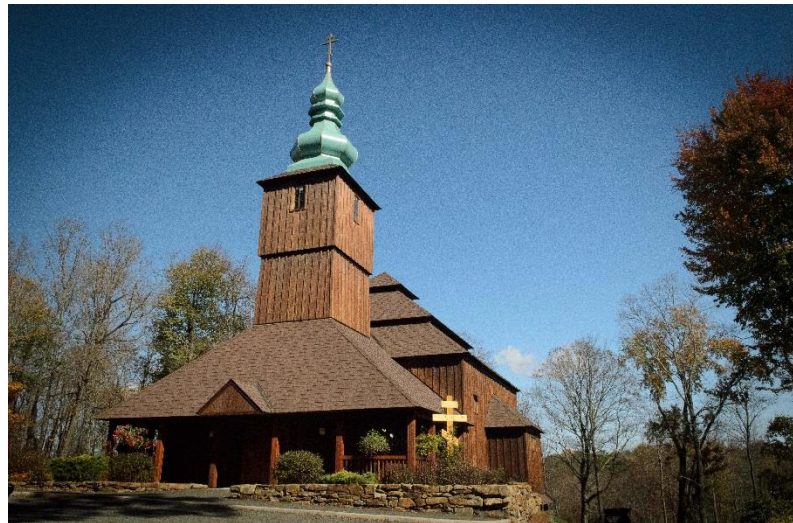
Today is the Sixteenth
Sunday after Pentecost,
First Sunday of Luke.
The Epistle is 2
Corinthians 6:1-10. The
Gospel is from Luke 5:1-
11. Thecla the Protomartyr.

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.

He is more than happy to
meet with you and talk.

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

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**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

Monday, September 25, 7 PM
– Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, September 26, 8:30
AM** – Third Hour

**Tuesday, September 26, 9
AM** – Perogie Session

**Wednesday, September 27, 7
PM** – Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, September 28, 8:30
AM** – Akathist

**Thursday, September 28, 9
AM** – Prayer Group

Friday, September 29, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

**Saturday, September 30, 10
AM to 12 noon** - Church
School

No Vespers this Saturday

Sunday, October 1, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

10/1 – Paul Toaso
10/8 – Bob Faubel
10/15 – Suzanne Molineaux
10/22 – Susan Paltauf
10/29 – Harry Fong

Coffee Hour

10/1 – OPEN
10/8 – OPEN
10/15 – OPEN
10/22 – OPEN
10/29 – OPEN

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 hurricanes.

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.

Upcoming Events

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.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale – Saturday, November 18 – Sunday, November 19

Bishop Gregory's 5th Anniversary of consecration in Johnstown, PA – Monday, November 27

Birthdays

September	
Paul Sulich, Sr.	26
Lorraine Fedyna	28
Alex & Elaine Sirak - Anniversary	28
Jeff & Kristen Szymanowicz - Anniversary	29
October	
Madeline Sulich	1
Viorel & Vida Bundra - Anniversary	4
Patricia Zeleniak	8
Veronica Villa	8
Fr. Nicholas & Pani Stacey Mihaly - Anniversary	13
Reader Rob Paltauf	14
Jill Kerpchar-Rosenfield	17
Roger (Behrend)	18
Diana Borsari	18
William & Ann Marie Huott	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30

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

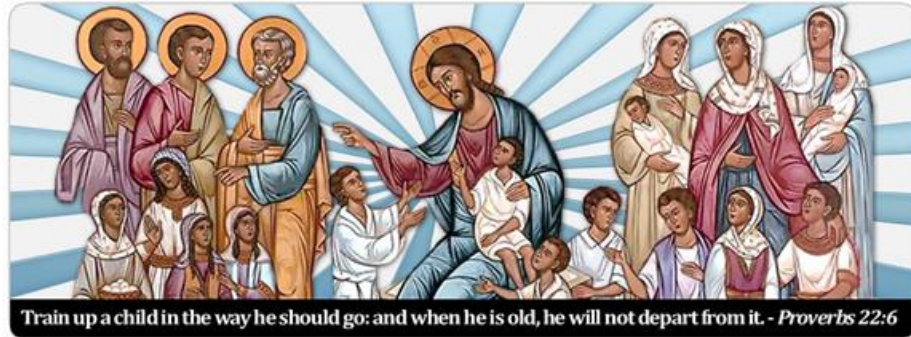
IOCC Health Kit – We will be putting together Health Kits for IOCC the International Orthodox Christian Charities which is our National Church's response organization for disaster relief. We need hand towels, wash clothes, combs, metal nail clippers, bar soap, band aids and tooth brushes. We will put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



Is there something you are afraid about? You might not know that the thing people are most afraid about is...spiders! Yes, more people are afraid of spiders than any other thing. Usually, people are afraid of something that is stronger than they are, or more powerful. Some spiders might have a strong poison, and you can't do much about it!

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus tells His followers, "Do not be afraid!" He wasn't talking about spiders, of course. But His disciples might have been afraid when they found out how powerful the Lord really was!

Saint Peter was cleaning his fishing nets when Jesus told him to go back out into the lake to try again. "We have worked all night and caught nothing, but at your word, I will let down the net," Peter answered Him. When he did what Jesus had told him, Peter caught so many fish that his boat was starting to sink! Then he and his friends knew that Jesus had done a miracle. They knew He was strong. They knew He was powerful.

We know that God is strong and powerful too. But let's remember, God tells us too, "Do not be afraid!" We can still come close to God. We can still talk to Him in prayer. We can know more about Him when we read the Bible. Do not be afraid of our strong, powerful, but loving God!

SAINT SILOUAN OF MOUNT ATHOS: "LET US LOVE OUR ENEMIES"

When do you pray? At church? When you wake up? At bedtime? Before you eat? That's great! But did you know that the Bible tells us to pray at all times? Yes. We can try to always keep Jesus Christ in our hearts.

Lots of holy people have been able to do this—to pray at all time—but they sure had to practice at it. One saint is Saint Silouan. He lived less than 100 years ago, so we have a real photograph of him! This saint was from Russia, but he became a monk and lived on the holy mountain of Mount Athos, in Greece.

Saint Silouan hardly knew how to read, but he did know how to pray at all times. And what did he pray for? Well, so many things. One of his students wrote down things that Saint Silouan said. Again and again, Saint Silouan said how important it is for us to love and pray for our enemies. He said, "Whoever will not love his enemies cannot know the Lord and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit."

Is there somebody you don't like, or somebody who is mean to you? Can you remember Saint Silouan's advice? Can you pray for him or her?

We celebrate the nameday of Saint Silouan on Sept. 24th (Oct. 7th, OC).

We're on the Web!

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