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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

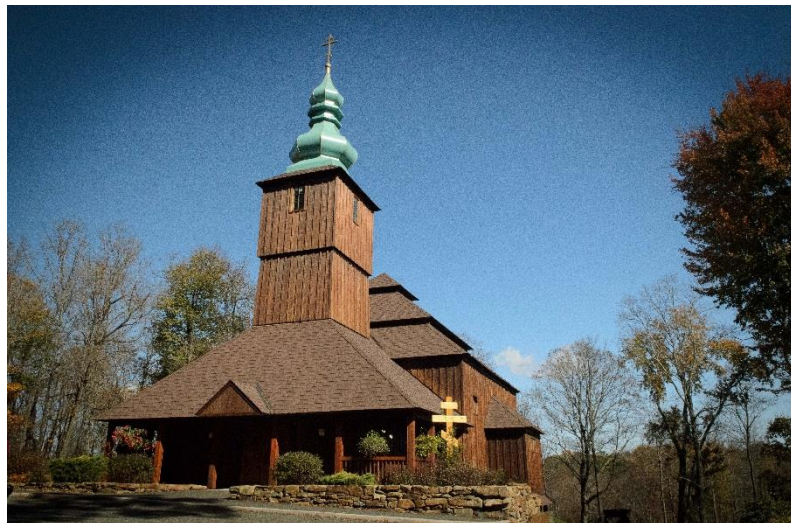
Today is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Romans 10:1-10. The Gospel is from Matthew 8:28-9:1. Martyrs Boris and Gleb.

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, July 25, 6 PM –**  
Prayer Group

**Monday, July 25, 7 PM –**  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, July 26, 8:30 AM –**  
Hours

**Wednesday, July 27, 9 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy St. Panteleimon whose relics are resting in our altar

**Wednesday, July 27, 7 PM –**  
Catechism Class

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

**Friday, July 29, 9:30 AM –** Old Testament Class

**Sunday July 31, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, July 31, 11:30 AM –**  
Semi-Annual Parish Meeting

This is the Third and final of Three Announcements for our semi-Annual parish meeting on Sunday, July 31 immediately following Divine Liturgy.

## Readers Schedule

7/24 – Sandi Fong  
7/31 – Paul Toaso  
8/7 – Bob Faubel  
8/14 – Suzanne Molineaux  
8/21 – Susan Sulich  
8/28 – Luke Mihaylo

## Coffee Hour

7/24 – OPEN  
7/31 – Semi-Annual Meeting  
8/7 – OPEN  
8/14 – OPEN  
8/21 – OPEN  
8/28 - OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:  
We are in need of paper towels, 10-inch paper plates, bowls and decaf coffee.

## Perogie Dash

**Perogie Dash:** Plans are underway for our annual 5K Road Race/Health Walk to benefit Healing Hearts Center for Grief and Loss here in Danbury, which will take place on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be in need of helpers for this event in the kitchen, manning the registration and on the course. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall. The event is over by noon. We are also looking for sponsors for the race. Sponsorship forms available in the hall.

## Alcoholism and Addiction

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.

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### Fire Prevention Reminder | Help Clearing the Hall | Woodpecker Food

#### Fire Prevention

**Reminder:** Please do not put out cigarettes in the mulch around the church. With the extremely dry weather, mulch can smolder for several hours and then catch fire.

#### Help Clearing the

**Hall:** This Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be having the floor in the hall stripped and waxed. We need people after coffee hour to help move all the tables and chairs off the floor of the hall. Also, no one can walk on the hall floor until Thursday.

#### Woodpecker Food:

Our woodpeckers are running out of food. Donations of suet cakes (regular size) would be greatly appreciated

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## ETIQUETTE REMINDER

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The summer months are upon us and that means enjoying warm weather and “fun in the sun”. While shorts (for males and females), flip-flops, tank tops, ‘spaghetti straps, short skirts well above the knees, etc. are practical and may be acceptable at the pool or the lake front they are not appropriate attire at church, and must not be worn during the Divine Services of the Church. If you are traveling after services, you can change into these clothes afterwards. At every Eucharistic celebration we are spiritually and physically brought in the awesome presence of Jesus Christ Himself, and when we commune He comes to dwell within

us in a miraculous way. Therefore the sanctity, solemnity and dignity of the Divine Liturgy must be preserved for the well-being of all. Parents your assistance and guidance are most especially helpful and appreciated.  
- Fr. Luke

## Landscape Plans

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with the installation and maintenance of our new plants in the front of the church.

At this time, there are several areas around the church that need to be "adopted" by individuals or families who would like to care for them. If you

have previously committed to a particular area or you wish to take on an area, see Susan Sulich. Caretakers can come and work whenever it is convenient for them. You do not need to be an experienced gardener-information on what needs to be done will be provided.

## Upcoming Events

**Camp Nazareth** –July 24 to July 30

**Semi-Annual Meeting**—  
Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Family Day: Fruit Picking** -  
Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>

**Perogie Dash Road Race to Benefit Healing Hearts**—  
Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

## Great martyr and Healer Panteleimon (Continued)

At this time the priests Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates were brought before the court of the pagans. All three confessed their faith in the Savior and were beheaded (July 26).

By order of the emperor they brought the Great Martyr Panteleimon to the circus to be devoured by wild beasts. The animals, however, came up to him and licked his feet. The spectators began to shout, "Great is the God of the Christians!" The enraged Maximian ordered the soldiers to stab with the sword anyone who glorified Christ, and to cut off the head of the Great Martyr Panteleimon.

They led the saint to the place of execution and tied him to an olive tree. While the martyr prayed, one of the soldiers struck him with a sword, but the sword became soft like wax and inflicted no wound.

The saint completed his prayer, and a Voice was heard from Heaven, calling the passion-bearer by his new name and summoning him to the heavenly Kingdom.

Hearing the Voice, the soldiers fell down on their knees before the holy martyr and begged forgiveness. They refused to continue with the execution, but St Panteleimon told them to fulfill the emperor's command, because otherwise they would have no share with him in the future life. The soldiers tearfully took their leave of the saint with a kiss.

When the saint was beheaded, the olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in

Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed, and was buried by Christians. St Panteleimon's servants Laurence, Bassos and Probus witnessed his execution and heard the Voice from Heaven. They recorded the life, the sufferings and death of the saint.

Portions of the holy relics of the Great Martyr Panteleimon were distributed throughout all the Christian world. His venerable head is now located at the Russian monastery of St Panteleimon on Mt. Athos.

### Birthdays

July	
Ryan McVeigh	25
Vivian Szymanowicz	28
Marilyn Zaengle	30
Paul Toaso	31

**Knitting Group:** Our knitting group will be meeting certain Sundays, immediately following coffee hour. All ages and experience levels welcome. If you would like to learn to knit, see Suad for a list of supplies to bring and if you have any questions.

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## Great martyr and Healer Panteleimon

### Commemorated on [July 27](#)

The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia into the family of the illustrious pagan Eustorgius, and he was named Pantoleon. His mother St Eouboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Pantoleon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynus. Pantoleon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling.

The hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates, survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. St Hermolaus saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited St Hermolaus every day.

One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes.

After this miracle, Pantoleon was baptized by St Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). Speaking with Eustorgius, St Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by St Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored.

After the death of his father, St Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to St Panteleimon.

The envious doctors told the emperor that St Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to idols. St Panteleimon confessed himself a Christian, and suggested that a sick person, for whom the doctors held out no hope, should be brought before the emperor. Then the doctors could invoke their gods, and Panteleimon would pray to his God to heal the man. A man paralyzed for many years was brought in, and pagan priests who knew the art of medicine invoked their gods without success. Then, before the very eyes of the emperor, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The ferocious Maximian executed the healed man, and gave St Panteleimon over to fierce torture.

The Lord appeared to the saint and strengthened him before his sufferings. They suspended the Great Martyr Panteleimon from a tree and scraped him with iron hooks, burned him with fire and then stretched him on the rack, threw him into a cauldron of boiling tar, and cast him into the sea with a stone around his neck. Throughout these tortures the martyr remained unhurt, and denounced the emperor.

### Donations for New Altar Cloths

We are having new altar cloths made and the estimated cost is about \$1500.00. The color will be green for the Feast of

Pentecost. Anyone is welcome to donate towards the new altar cloths. Please indicate New Altar Cloths so we can be sure to properly direct the donation.

So far \$1250.00 has been donated.

We do have a Purple set that we use for Lent.