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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Romans 15:1-7. The Gospel is from Matthew 9:27-35. Dometius of Persia.

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, August 8 the Dormition Fast continues

Monday, August 8, 6 PM – Prayer Group

Monday, August 8, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 9, 8:30 AM – Hours

Wednesday, August 10, 7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, August 11, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Friday, August 12, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, August 13, 10 AM – Parish Family Outing - Blueberry Picking

Sunday August 14, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 14, 3 PM – Akathist Inexhaustible cup

Sunday, August 14, 5 PM – Vespers Dormition

Readers Schedule

8/7 – Bob Faubel
8/14 – Suzanne Molineaux
8/21 – Susan Sulich
8/28 – Luke Mihaylo

Coffee Hour

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 20th. 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 | August Family Day

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.

August Family Day— On Saturday August 13th we will have a family fruit picking day in honor of the summer feasts of Transfiguration and Dormition. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am to go fruit picking. Please let Fr. Luke know if you are able to attend.

Fire Prevention Reminder | 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.

Woodpecker Food:

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

| Monthly Food Sale

Monthly Food Sale—This past Thursday we held our monthly food sale and raised over \$200.00. We are looking for a few people willing to staff the sale. The sale will take place the first Thursday of non-bake sale months. The next one will be on Thursday, September 1st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We need two people each time to man the sale. Please see Rodger Behrend or Diana Borsari if you can help out.

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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 | Meals for the Radcliff Family

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.

Meals for the Radcliff Family—We would like to offer the Radcliff Family some meals during the upcoming weeks. If you would like to make a dinner for them, please contact Susan Sulich at ssulich@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

Family Day: Fruit Picking -
Saturday August 13th meet at 10 AM church

Monthly Food Sale—
Thursday, September 1st
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Akathist to the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup -
Sunday, August 14 at 3 PM and Saturday, August 27 at 3 PM

Dorothy Day—Friday,
September 2nd 1:00 to 5: 00 p.m.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday August 18th
7:00 p.m.

Diocesan Sobor—October
9-12th

Lenox Retreat—Nov. 4-6th

Perogie Dash Road Race to Benefit Healing Hearts—
Saturday, August 20th

Annual Lenox Retreat

Annual Lenox Retreat—Yes it's only August but we are already getting reservations for our annual retreat in Lenox, MA. The retreat will be held at the Village Inn (same location as in past years) from Friday Nov. 4— Sunday, Nov. 6th. Rates are \$320 per couple or \$210 for a single which includes 2 nights' accommodations, 2 full breakfasts, and 1 dinner. Reservations are due October

1st. Please R.S.V.P. to Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) if you wish to attend. Rooms reserved on first come, first serve basis.

Birthdays

August	
Bill Huott	10
Sarah Baroody	15
Fr. Luke & Bethany Mihaly - Anniversary	17
Brenna Singer	23
Amy Fong	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
Cyril Gutzman	26
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28
Kristen Szymanowicz	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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THE DORMITION [THE FALLING ASLEEP - THE ASSUMPTION] OF THE MOST-HOLY BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD

The Lord Who, on Mt. Sinai, commanded by His Fifth Commandment: "Honor your father and your mother" (Exodus 20:12), showed by His own example how one should respect one's parent. Hanging on the Cross in agony, He remembered His mother and indicating to the Apostle John, said to her: "Woman behold your son" (St. John 19:26). After that, He said to John: "Behold your mother" (St. John 19:27). And so providing for His mother, He breathed His last. John had a home on Zion in Jerusalem in which the Theotokos settled and remained there to live out the end of her days on earth. By her prayers, gentle counsels, meekness and patience, she greatly assisted the apostles of her Son. Primarily, she spent her entire time in Jerusalem often visiting those places which reminded her of the great events and of the great works of her Son. She especially visited Golgotha, Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives. Of her distant journeys, her visit to St. Ignatius the Theophorus [God-bearer] in Antioch is mentioned, as well as her visit to Lazarus (whom our Lord resurrected on the fourth day), the Bishop of Cyprus, her visit to the Holy Mountain [Athos] which she blessed and her stay in Ephesus with St. John the Evangelist [The Theologian] during the time of the great persecution of Christians in Jerusalem. In her old age, she often prayed to the Lord and her God on the Mount of Olives, the site of His Ascension, that He take her from this world as soon as possible. On one occasion, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed to her that within three days she will find repose. The angel gave her a palm-branch to be carried at the time of her funeral procession. She returned to her home with great joy, desiring in her heart once more to see in this life, all of the apostles of Christ. The Lord fulfilled her wish and all of the apostles, borne by angels in the clouds, gathered at the same time at the home of John on Zion. With great rejoicing, she saw the holy apostles, encouraged them, counseled them and comforted them. Following that, she peacefully gave up her soul to God without any pain or physical illness. The apostles took the coffin with her body from which an aromatic fragrance emitted and, in the company of many Christians, bore it to the Garden of Gethsemane to the sepulchre of [her parents], Saints Joachim and Anna. By God's Providence, they were concealed from the evil Jews by a cloud. Anthony, a Jewish priest, grabbed the coffin with his hands with the intention of overturning it but, at that moment, an angel of God severed both his hands. He then cried out to the apostles for help and was healed since declaring his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Thomas was absent, again according to God's Providence, in order that a new and all-glorious mystery of the Holy Theotokos would again be revealed. On the third day, Thomas arrived and desired to venerate [kiss] the body of the Holy All-pure one. But when the apostles opened the sepulchre, they found only the winding sheet and the body was not in the tomb. That evening, the Theotokos appeared to the apostles surrounded by a myriad of angels and said to them: "Rejoice, I will be with you always". It is not exactly known how old the Theotokos was at the time of her Falling Asleep but the overwhelming opinion is that she was over sixty years of age.

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.