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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost and the Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross. The Epistle is Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel is from Mark 8:34-9:1. Eumenes of Gortyna.

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

Sunday, September 18, noon to 5 PM – Parish Picnic at St. John's 1240 Broadbridge Ave. Stratford, CT	Sunday, September 25, 2 PM – Akathist to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup followed by discussion
Tuesday, September 20, 9 AM – Perogie Session	Fr. Luke and Pani Bethany are away on vacation from Monday through Friday. If there are any emergencies please call either Fr. George Alberts or Fr. Peter Karloutsos for any emergencies.
Saturday, September 24, 3 PM – family/Youth Outing at Tarrywile Park, 70 Southern Blvd, Danbury CT - Hiking	
Saturday, September 24, 5 PM – Vespers	
Sunday September 18, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy	

Readers Schedule

9/18 – Sandi Fong
9/25 – Paul Toaso
10/2 – Suzanne Molineaux
10/9 – Luke Mihaylo

Coffee Hour

9/18 – OPEN
9/25 – Thompson
10/2 – OYMT
10/9 - Suzanne

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:
We are in need of decaf
coffee and cold cups.

Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish Family Day | Cabaret: Music through the Years!

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.

Family Days—We are having our next Family/Youth Day This Saturday, September 24. WE will be hiking the trails at Tarrywile Park in Danbury, Please meet at the lower parking lot at 3 PM. For more info please contact Stasia (203)837-6248. Save the following dates: October 29th, and November 26th. Specific details for each day to follow.

The Trinity Troubadours will present their annual dinner show to help fund the Orthodox Youth Mission Team on Saturday October 15th. It's sure to be a fun evening featuring some of our own Holy Trinity "stars," dinner, raffles and more. Invite friends and reserve a table or individual seats. Contact Nick or Sandi Fong for reservations.

OYMT Presentation Date Set | Woodpecker Food | Monthly Food Sale

The **OYMT** will give a slide show and presentation on Sunday October 2nd to thank all of our parishioners and supporters who helped us go on our trip to West Virginia this past July to work on the Appalachian Service Project. Please come enjoy a delicious coffee hour and see the fruits of your labor!

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

We had our September monthly food sale this past Thursday and once again brought in over \$100 in sales of our perogies, rolls, kielbasa and tea cookies. Thank you to Rodger Behrend and Lisa Farrah for manning the sale. Our next monthly food sale will take place on Thursday, October 7th. If you would like to help, please contact Rodger or Diana Borsari. There will be no monthly sale in November or December since those are the months of our Thanksgiving and Christmas bake sales.

Bowling Day | DDD Dinner

Bowling Day with St. George's—On Sunday, October 16th we will join our brothers and sisters from St. George's parish in Danbury for bowling at Danbury Duck Pin Bowling at 1:30 p.m. Please let Father Luke know if you plan to attend.

DDD Dinner—Our Distinguished Diocesan Donor Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at 4:30 p.m. at Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe. The Distinguished Diocesan Donors Program (DDD) which was founded By His Grace, Bishop John of Thrice-Blessed-Memory, offers the faithful and friends of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese an opportunity to assist, in a meaningful way to our diocesan apostolates and ministries. See attached donor form.

Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions— We will be meeting for perogies this week September 20.

Upcoming Events

Family Outing - Saturday, September 24th

Church Council Meeting— Sunday Sept. 25th following liturgy

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Thank You

Presentation—Sunday October 2nd following liturgy.

Dorothy Day - Friday October 7th 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Diocesan Sobor—October 9-12th

Duck Pin Bowling with St. George's parish - Sunday, October 16th 1:30 p.m.

Trinity Troubadours Cabaret – Saturday, October 15

Consecration of St. George Church Taylor, PA – weekend of October 21-23

DDD Dinner – Sunday, October 23 Roberto's Restaurant Monroe, 4:30 PM

Family Outing - Saturday, October 29th

Family Outing - Saturday, November 26th

Lenox Retreat—Nov. 4-6th

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

September	
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

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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How Skipping Church Affects Your Children

By [Micah Anglo](#)

In a Q&A, Carl Trueman was asked about why churches today are losing their young people. Typical answers to this question range from things like the temptations of this world or the irrelevance of the church—your typical answers. But Trueman makes a keen and convicting connection between our parenting and apostasy.

“The church is losing its young people because the parents never taught their children that it was important. I think that applies across the board. It applies to family worship, and it also applies to whether you are in church every Sunday and what priority you demonstrate to your children church has on a Sunday. If the sun shines out and their friends are going to the beach, do you decide to skip church and go to the beach? In which case, you send signals to your children that it is not important.” (Carl Trueman)

Now we know that artificially taking your kids to church neither bestows salvation nor guarantees it. God is obviously not honored by external religious acts without heart worship. This type of legalism is not the subject of this discussion. This is about parenting and the weight of the responsibility behind how they prioritize their time and lifestyle choices for their families.

Parents makes choices all the time for their families. As they decide on what takes priority in family, every choice is carefully observed and taken into the heart of their children. Yes, they are watching you, and they are learning from you.

Maybe the reason why our children have no love for Christ is due to the fact that we as parents do not show any love or passion for Christ, evidenced by how we prioritize our time both on Sundays and during the week. When television, sports, school, hobbies even family itself are elevated to a place of idolatry and replace the vital Christian responsibilities, then we tell our children that Christ is secondary to all these things. We tell our children that it is not necessary to take up your cross and die to yourself daily in order to follow Christ. We tell them that you only have to live for Christ when it's convenient for you. We tell them it is okay to sacrifice time with your all-satisfying Savior if something “more fun” or “more important” comes along (sarcasm indicated by quotation marks if you didn't catch that). And this sounds like a clear path to apostasy if you ask me.

Let's evaluate where our hearts are by observing our choices. Do you prioritize the local church? Do you prioritize the worship of Christ in your home and on Sundays? Do you prioritize serving Him and worshiping Him in the contexts of school and work? This doesn't mean that you can't ever miss a Sunday or that you can't have any extracurricular activities. Instead, it is a sobering reminder that we shouldn't put the things of God at the bottom of the priority list, because it tells our children that Christ is at the bottom of our priority list. And the God of this universe does not belong there.

My prayer is that we all would improve in this area. But beware, maybe we don't see this because Christ isn't a priority in our lives. And if He isn't a priority in our lives, then our children will know and follow suit. <http://www.churchplants.com/articles/12421-how-skipping-church-affects-your-children-micah-anglo.html>

Consecration of the Holy Altar of St. George's Taylor, PA

St. George's Orthodox Church will celebrate the consecration of the Holy Altar on the weekend of October 21-23. The Holy Relics to be embedded in the Altar will start at 6 PM Friday evening, followed by Great Vespers. The

service of consecration will begin at 9 AM Saturday morning followed by the celebration of the first Divine Liturgy on the newly-consecrated altar.

The Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will begin at 10 Am on Sunday morning immediately followed by a complimentary banquet in St. George's Center.

Reservations for the banquet on Sunday can be made with Karen Pehonich at (570) 963-5832.