

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 6:1-10. The Gospel is from Luke 7:11-16. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow.

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

<b>Sunday, October 16, 1 PM to 2:30 PM</b> – Duck pin bowling with St. George's at Danbury Lanes	<b>Thursday, October 20, 8:30 AM</b> – Akathist	<b>Sunday, October 23, 10 AM</b> – Divine Liturgy
<b>Monday, October 17, 6 PM</b> – Prayer Group	<b>Thursday, October 20 7 PM-</b> St. Nectarios Anointing Service	<b>Sunday, October 23, 11:30 AM</b> – Church School elementary Students
<b>Monday, October 17, 7 PM</b> – Spirituality Class	<b>Friday, October 21, 9:30 AM</b> – Old Testament Class	<b>Sunday, October 23 12 noon</b> – Parish Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday, October 18, 8:30 AM</b> – Hours	<b>Friday, October 21 to Saturday, October 22</b> – Consecration of St. George's Church Taylor, PA	<b>Sunday, October 23, 4:30 PM</b> – DDD Appreciation Dinner
<b>Tuesday, October 18, 9 AM</b> – Perogie Session	<b>Saturday, October 22, 5 PM</b> – Vespers	
<b>Wednesday, October 19, 7 PM</b> – Adult Catechism Class	<b>Sunday, October 23, 9 AM</b> – Church School for Middle and High School Students	

## Readers Schedule

10/16 – Paul Sulich  
10/23 – Nicholas Fong  
10/30 – Robert Faubel  
11/6 – Chris Mihaly

## Coffee Hour

10/16 – OPEN  
10/23 – OPEN  
10/30 - OPEN

## Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

We are in need of kitchen size garbage bags.

## Shop for Orthodox Youth

**Mission Team:** Lord and Taylor in Trumbull, CT is hosting a charity shopping day on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. The OYMT is selling tickets for \$5 each, which give the purchaser an all day 15% off savings pass (20% if you use a Lord and Taylor credit card), 10% off all cosmetic purchases and 2, 25% off coupons. There will also be special entertainment and events going on throughout the store. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping and help the Orthodox Youth Mission Team at the same time! We get to keep the full cost of the ticket and may be eligible for additional funds and a \$1,000 bonus. See Anastasia or Grace Radcliff or Susan Sulich for tickets.

## Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish Family Day | Church School Starts

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**—On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a bonfire following Vespers at 5 p.m. All youth and families are invited! So far we have enjoyed apple picking and hiking on our family days. Upcoming dates are Oct. 29, Nov. 26, and Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please see Stasia Thompson for more information.

Church School starts next Sunday. Middle and High School Students will meet before Divine Liturgy at 9 AM and Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Family Day October 29<sup>th</sup> for a meeting to discuss Church School.

## Woodpecker Food

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

## Coffee Hour

**Coffee Hour**—After today, we have no one signed up for coffee hour. Please sign up in the church hall.

## Bowling Day

**Bowling Day with St. George's**—On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> we will join our brothers and sisters from St. George's parish in Danbury for bowling at Danbury Duck Pin Bowling at 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 pm. Please let Father Luke know if you plan to attend.

## DDD Dinner

On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> the New England Deanery will host its Distinguished Diocesan Donor Appreciation Dinner at Roberto's Restaurant, located at 505 Main Street in Monroe. Fr. Stephen Lopusky, our Diocesan Youth Director and Director of our Diocesan Camp Nazareth, will be our guest. He will give a presentation about Camp Nazareth, including photos of youth and activities from our deanery camp week this past summer. This appreciation dinner is open to everyone and

is a great chance to learn more about the Distinguished Diocesan Donor Program and Camp Nazareth. Dinner is \$30 per person. Entry level donors of \$100 or more are complimentary. For reservations, please contact Pani Bethany Mihaly at 203-482-6224.

## Perogie Sessions

**Perogie Sessions** — We will resume our perogie sessions this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

## Fall Clean Ups Scheduled

We will need to do a grounds clean-up both at our cemetery and around the church before the winter. The cemetery clean-up will take place on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m. and the parish grounds clean-up will be on Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring rakes, leaf blowers, weed baskets and clippers.

## Upcoming Events

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

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

**Parish Grounds Clean Up**— Sat Nov. 12

**Trinity Troubadours Cabaret** – Saturday, October 15

**Cemetery Clean Up**—Sat. Oct. 29

**Family Outing** - Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service**—Thur. Oct 20

**Lord and Taylor Shopping Day for OYMT**—Sat. Oct 29

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

**Family Outing** - Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Council Meeting** – Sunday Oct. 23 following liturgy

**Lenox Retreat**—Nov. 4-6<sup>th</sup>

**Archaeology Dig at St. Platon's Cemetery** – Wednesday, Nov. 9

## Birthdays

October	
Jill Kerpchar-Rosenfield	17
Charles Hull	17
Roger Behrend	18
Diana Borsari	18
Virginia Krista	18
Annalisa Paltauf	22
William & Ann Marie Huott	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30

**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.

## Annual Lenox Retreat | Holiday Craft and Bake

**Annual Lenox Retreat**—If you have not already done so, please let Susan Sulich know today if you plan to attend our annual parish retreat at the Village Inn in Lenox, MA, Nov. 4-Nov. 6. The inn reserves all of its rooms for us until Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> so it is now time for us to give them our reservation list. Reservations will continue to be accepted as long as the inn has space. The retreat master this year will be Kenneth Kidd, Director of Development for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center who will be speaking about missions in the Orthodox Church and specific work the OCMC is involved in. The cost is \$320 for a double and \$210 for a single which includes 2 nights' accommodations, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. See tentative schedule attached.

**Our Thanksgiving Craft and Bake Sale** will take place on Nov. 19 and 20 and our Christmas sale will be on Dec. 10. We have begun signing up crafters for our sales. If you would like to reserve a space or you know of any crafter of high-quality, handmade items who would like to participate in our sale, please let Susan Sulich know. Tables are \$35.

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### **St. Theophylact: The Lord shows us that we ought not to answer . . .**

“The Lord shows us that we ought not to answer those who ask a question with malicious intent (cf. Mt. 21:23-27). For He Himself did not reply to those Jews who questioned Him with cunning, although He was not at a loss for an answer.”

— St. Theophylact, Explanation of the Gospel of St. Matthew

### **St. Theophan the Recluse: . . . if we undertake to cure ourselves, then we will be able to do something about it.**

“If [the disease of sin] is natural, then it cannot be cured. Thus it would remain always, no matter how hard you worked to rid yourself of it. If you accept this thought, you will lose heart, and say to yourself: this is how it is. For this is that woeful despair, which, once it has been introduced into people, they have given themselves over to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness (Ephesians 4: 19).

“I shall repeat again: Maintain the conviction that our disorderliness is not natural to us, and do not listen to those who say, ‘It is no use talking about it, because that is just how we are made, and you cannot do anything about it.’ That is not how we are made, and if we undertake to cure ourselves, then we will be able to do something about it.”

+ St. Theophan the Recluse, [\*The Spiritual Life: And How to Be Attuned to It\*](#)

### **Unseen Warfare: . . . you will have to render a strict account for every minute of this present hour.**

Refuse to listen to the devil when he whispers to you: give me now, and you will give tomorrow to God. No, no! Spend all the hours of your life in a way pleasing to God; keep in your mind the thought that after the present hour you will not be given another and that you will have to render a strict account for every minute of this present hour.

+ From [\*Unseen Warfare\*](#), St. Theophan the Recluse and St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain

### **From Unseen Warfare: You must never be afraid . . . that the enemy is too strong against you, that his attacks are never ending . . .**

You must never be afraid, if you are troubled by a flood of thoughts, that the enemy is too strong against you, that his attacks are never ending, that the war will last for your lifetime, and that you cannot avoid incessant downfalls of all kinds. Know that our enemies, with all their wiles, are in the hands of our divine Commander, our Lord Jesus Christ, for Whose honour and glory you are waging war. Since He himself leads you into battle, He will certainly not suffer your enemies to use violence against you and overcome you, if you do not yourself cross over to their side with your will. He will Himself fight for you and will deliver your enemies into your hands, when He wills and as He wills, as it is written: ‘The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee’ (Deut. xxii, 14).

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## **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.