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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. The Epistle Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The Gospel is from John 17:1-13. Martyr Thalelaeus.

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, May 20, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

We welcome to our parish, Fr. John Chakos who is one of our missionary specialist working in Guatemala.

Sunday, May 20, 1 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, May 21, 7 PM -
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 22, 9 AM –
Hours

Wednesday, May 23, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, May 24, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, May 24, 9 AM –
Prayer Group

Friday, May 25, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, May 26, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, May 27, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy - Pentecost

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Readers Schedule

5/20 – Christopher Mihaly
5/27 – Paul Sulich
6/3- Luke Mihaylo
6/10 – Suzanne Molineaux
6/17 – Bob Faubel
6/24 – Harry Fong

Coffee Hour

5/20 – OPEN
5/27 – Chrissanth in memory of her mother, Olga

Help Re-Stock our Kitchen—

Decaf coffee, bowls and napkins.

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/?ref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

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.

Food Safety Courses—We will be looking to update our food safety certifications to meet new Health Department regulations. If you are interested in taking a half day food handler safety class please let Susan Sulich know.

New Rectory

The **new rectory** is progressing rapidly. The foundation has been poured and the house set is scheduled for Monday, February 18th. Check out photos and updates on our website: www.holytrinitydanbury.org. Subscribe if you haven't already so you won't miss posts. At this point we need approximately \$75,000 above what we have raised so far to finish the project. We do have a line of credit available to bridge the gap but any additional donations that come in will reduce (or eliminate) the amount we need to borrow.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have a number of adult education classes going on currently:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Currently reading and discussing: *Spiritual Counsels (select passages from My Life in Christ)* by Fr. John or Kronstadt

Catechism Class – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Mother's Day/Father's Day

Mother's Day /Father's Day—Thank you so much to Harry Fong and all the dads and children who helped put on such a wonderful Mother's Day brunch for all the moms! We are looking for someone to coordinate brunch for Father's Day on June 17th. Please let Susan know if you are willing to do that (although it will be a tough act to follow!)

Guatemala OCMC Presentation

Guatemala OCMC Presentation – Fr. John Chakos one of OCMC Mission specialist will be here at Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 19 following Vespers to give a presentation on his incredible work in Guatemala. Vespers will start at 5 PM followed by a pot luck dinner and Fr. John's presentation.

Fr. John will also be with for Liturgy on Sunday, May 20. Come and learn and see how God is actively working in Guatemala. Bring a friend!

For those studying to come into the Church and those in the Church who want to deepen their understanding and participation in the Faith. We are starting a new Book. It is *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris

Prayer Group – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Currently reading:

Churchianity vs. Christianity by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We are about to begin Numbers.

Smart banking Presentation | Perogie Dash

Please join Vida Bundra **Sunday, June 3rd** immediately after coffee hour to learn more about **Smart banking**.

Topics will include:

- How to prevent financial fraud and identity theft
- How to report financial fraud if you are a victim
- Strategies to protect your financial being
- Plus much more and any other financial topics of interest!

Our Annual Perogie Dash is set for **Saturday, August 18**. We are seeking sponsors for the race. Please keep that date open to help. This is a major fund-raiser and outreach to the community for us. This Road Race raises funds to support Hospice and their Healing Hearts program for grieving children.

| Trinity Gold Tournament

Our **Annual Golf Tournament** is set for **Thursday, July 19** this year. Beekman Country Club in Hopewell Junction is the site for this years' tournament. Cost is \$175 per golfer and \$150.00 for those under 18 years of age. For more information please contact Harry Fong.

Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets

Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets – Today is the last day to buy Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets. Tickets are available during coffee hour. Tickets are \$20.00 each. If you are paying by check please make the check out to “Camp Nazareth Raffle.”

Parish Dinner Out

Parish Dinner Out—On Thursday, May 31st we will be having a parish dinner out at Anthony’s Lake Club in Danbury. The dinner is served family style and consists of salad, pasta course, two entrees, sides, wine, beer, soda, coffee and tea. The cost for children is \$13. The dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are interested in attending by May 27th.

Birthdays	
May	
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Jason Varney	27
Paul & Susan Sulich – Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

Upcoming Events

Smart Banking Presentation – Sunday, June 3

Father’s Day Brunch— Sunday June 17th Coffee Hour

OYMT Training Session/Parent Meeting— Sunday, June 3rd 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Leaders 5:00-6:00 p.m.) at St. Barbara in Orange, CT.

Monthly St. Nectarious Service – Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Food Sale—Thursday, June 7th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

OYMT Final Training— Thursday, June 28th 5:00-7:00 (Leaders 7:00-8:00 p.m.) at Holy Trinity in Danbury, CT

Donations

Donations—As a reminder we have a policy regarding donations of items to the church. While we are very grateful that parishioners want to offer the church items that might be useful, we have a limited amount of space. As we try to reorganize the hall and maximize the storage space that we have available we ask you to go through our new Donations Coordinator, Elaine Toaso, if you wish to donate something to the church. Please speak to Elaine (elaine.toaso@gmail.com) before bringing any items in and she will be able to tell you (or find out from the parish council) if the items can be utilized. Thank you!

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The Fifth Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter will be held from July 1-4 in Windber, PA. Any young woman aged 12-18 is encouraged to go. For more information please talk to Fr. Luke or email Pani Eleni Stagon at: acrodywe@gmail.com

DIOCESAN ALTARBOY RETREAT - All Parish Altarboys are invited and urged to take part in the annual retreat to be held at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA from July 1-4. Please see Fr. Luke if interested in attending.

Don't forget! By [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)

Can you think of a time you left home, and your parents gave you some instructions? Maybe you were going off to school, and you heard your mother say, "And don't forget to..." Those might have been the most important words she told you!

In today's epistle reading, we hear some of the last words Saint Paul said to the early Christians. He was giving the Christians in Ephesus some last instructions. "And don't forget to..." Saint Paul might have said. But what did he tell these Christians? What was so important?

Saint Paul told them, "We must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" St. Paul tells the Christians how we must help others. We help poor people. We help sick people. We help lonely people. We help older people. We help little children. We help sad people. Saint Paul reminds us to help the weak, the people who need us!

After Saint Paul said these things, he was sent off to Jerusalem, where he wasn't allowed to teach the new Christians anymore. So, that's why these were his last instructions. We are Christians too, so let's remember St. Paul's important words. Don't forget to help the weak, the people who need us!

SAINT KALI: HELPING THE POOR

Sometimes we hear messages more than once, don't we? In today's epistle reading, we hear Saint Paul reminding us to help the poor. This week we hear about a saint who spent her whole life helping the poor. Her life is a message to us, too!

We don't know much about Saint Kali. We don't know if she lived 1300 years ago or 700 years ago. We do know that she lived a very holy life. She tried to be like the good Christians who came before her. Kali was very rich, but she gave away a lot of her money to the poor. She invited people who didn't have homes to live in her house. She asked God to help her feed the hungry, and He did. When she gave away bread to the poor, she never ran out, no matter how much she gave away!

In our Orthodox Church, we have many hymns and songs about the saints. The hymn to Saint Kali tells about how much she helped people when she was alive, and about how much she still helps people now that she is with Christ in heaven. The hymn tells how Saint Kali never gets tired of helping people. Let's ask God to be that way too! We celebrate St. Kali on Tuesday, May 22nd (June 4th, OC).

We're on the Web!

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