

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Pentecost

Sunday. The Epistle Acts 2:1-11. The Gospel is from John 7:37-52, 8:12.

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 27, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy - Pentecost

We will have a Panachida today for Olga, Chrissanth mother.

Kneeling prayers for Pentecost will follow the Panachida.

There is **NO Fasting** this week for the Feast of Pentecost.

**Monday, May 28, 7 PM -**  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, May 29, 9 AM –**  
Hours

**Wednesday, May 30, 7 PM –**  
Catechism Class

**Thursday, May 31, 8:30 AM –**  
Akathist

**Thursday, May 31, 9 AM –**  
Prayer Group

**Thursday, May 31, 7 PM –**  
Parish Dinner out Anthony's Lake Club

**Friday, June 1, 9 AM –** Old Testament Class

**Saturday, June 2, 5 PM –**  
Vespers

**Sunday, June 3, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, June 3 12 noon -**  
Safe Banking Presentation

**Sunday, June 3, 1 PM –**  
Baptism Veronica Budyonny

**Sunday, June 3, 3 PM –** OYMT Meeting at St. Barbara's Orange, CT

This is the first of three wedding announcements for Jack and Maria Bouffard who are to be married on Saturday, June 16. IF anyone knows of why they should not be married please see Fr. Luke

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## Readers Schedule

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

## Coffee Hour

5/27 – Chrissanth in memory of her mother, Olga  
6/3 – Radcliff  
6/10 – Young  
6/17 – Father's Day

## Help Re-Stock our Kitchen—

Decaf coffee, bowls and napkins, paper towels and gallon size freezer bags

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site

[www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://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/?fref=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 18<sup>th</sup>. Check out photos and updates on our website: [www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Please let Susan know if you are willing to do that (although it will be a tough act to follow!)

## 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.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>** 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. Sponsorship form attached.

## | Trinity Golf 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.

## Parish Dinner Out

**Parish Dinner Out**—On Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Anthony's Lake Club, 10 Christopher Columbus Ave in Danbury

Birthdays	
<b>May</b>	
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

**Parish Dinner Out**—Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Anthony's Lake House

**Monthly Food Sale**— Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

**Smart Banking Presentation** – Sunday, June 3

**Father's Day Brunch**— Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour

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

**Monthly St. Nectaros Service** – Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Graduate Sunday-** June 24<sup>th</sup>

## 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](mailto: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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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



**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](mailto: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.

**[Do you need help?](#)** By **[Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#)** in **[The Children's Word](#)**

**Can you think of a time you needed somebody's help?** Maybe you asked for help with school work, or tying your shoes, or carrying something heavy. We ask for help when we know somebody else is better than we are at something—with school work, with tying our shoes, or carrying things.

Today is the great feastday of Pentecost. Today's the day we remember how our God gave His Holy Spirit. God the Father promised He would send a helper after Jesus had left the world and gone to heaven. This helper is the Holy Spirit!

Our Helper (the Holy Spirit) is God Himself. And our Helper is better than we are at lots of things. Our Helper, the Holy Spirit, will help us when we feel kind of weak. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray and to stay strong in our faith. The Holy Spirit helps us to learn more about God. The Holy Spirit helps us remember about our Lord, Jesus Christ, so we can try to be like Him too.

We can ask for help from our Helper, the Holy Spirit. Do you know that we have a special prayer to the Holy Spirit? It starts, "Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth..." When we pray that prayer, we are asking for help from the Holy Spirit!

### **SAINT JOHN OF USTIUG: A "FOOL FOR CHRIST"**

You probably have never heard of Ustiug. It's in Russia, 12 hours north of Moscow. Today, if you've heard of it, it's probably because of this saint, Saint John of Ustiug.

Saint John was a kind of saint called a "fool for Christ." Usually, it's not good for somebody to act like a fool. But some saints really acted like fools. Some of them tried to act crazy. Some of them did silly things. Saint John prayed all through the night. Then, when the town woke up, Saint John walked around the town. No shoes. Hardly any clothes. Sleeping in garbage.

It wasn't a surprise that people laughed at him and made fun of him. But the people noticed Saint John, didn't they? And that was the whole point of being a "fool for Christ." They noticed him, and some people learned that the most important thing was to be close to Christ—not clothes, not money.

Even though people laughed at Saint John, God did not laugh! God gave Saint John the gift of healing. Lots and lots of miracles happened because of Saint John's prayers. After he died, people told stories of things the saint had done for them, and there is a special church service especially to Saint John.

We celebrate St. John on Tuesday, May 29th (June 11th, OC).

**We're on the Web!**

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