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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Tenth
Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle 1 Corinthians
4:9-16. The Gospel is
from Matthew 17:14-23.
Forefeast of the
Transfiguration.

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.

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Sunday, August 5, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

We will be serving a **Panachida** for **Gabriel Bardo** following liturgy.

Sunday, August 5, 2 PM – Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Monday, August 6, 9 AM – Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

Monday, August 6, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 7, 9 AM – Liturgy in memory of Serge Mihaly, Sr.

Wednesday, August 8, 7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, August 9, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, August 9, 9 AM – Prayer group

Friday, August 10, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, August 11, 11:30 AM – Baptism of Ignatius Michael Thompson

Sunday, August 12, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

8/5 – Christopher Mihaly
8/12 – Paul Toaso
8/19 – Luke Mihaylo
8/26 – Suzanne Molineaux

Coffee Hour

7/29 – OPEN

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

And to those with a Facebook accounts please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here

<https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydanbury/?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 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.

| Cabaret Coming September 8th | Newsies the Musical

Cabaret Coming September 8th

— save the date! On Saturday, Sept. 8th the Trinity Troubadours will present a Cabaret Night and Dinner to benefit the parish and the Orthodox Youth Mission Team. See Sandi or Nick Fong to reserve your spots.

Newsies the Musical

The 2018 NewArts summer production of Newsies involves over 100 local Connecticut children under the direction of Michael Unger with choreography adapted from the Christopher Gattelli's Tony Award-winning, Broadway production.

Sunday 8/5 at 2pm

Friday 8/10 at 7pm

Saturday 8/11 at 2pm

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Sunday 8/12 at 2pm

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.

Perogie Dash

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.

Summer Church School | DDD Program

Summer Church School: Save the Dates

We will have a summer church school program on Tuesday, August 14^h and Wed. August 15^h. More details to come but put it on your family's calendar.

DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS PROGRAM

The Distinguished Diocesan Donors Fund has been an important source of funding for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of our many diocesan apostolates. An annual donation of \$100.00 or more, qualifies diocesan members and friends to be recognized as a Distinguished Diocesan Donor. Each "3D" member is honored at a complimentary dinner which is held in the donor's local deanery. (See Upcoming Events) It is asked that all donations be made by September 1st of each year.

All diocesan faithful and friends are cordially invited to become a Distinguished Diocesan Donor to further the apostolic works of our God-Saved Diocese.

(\$100-Entry) (\$250 – Bronze) (\$500 – Silver) (\$1,000- Gold) (\$10,000 & Up - Platinum)

Please make all checks payable to "Distinguished Diocesan Donors," indicating the contribution year on the "memo" line and mail to:

Office of the Diocesan Treasurer Diocesan Administration Building 312 Garfield Street

Birthdays

August	
Carolyn Faubel	4
Lisa Farrah	5
Trianna Gutzman (Names day)	8
Carolos Morfa	9
Bill Huott	10
Sarah Baroody	15
Fr. Luke & Bethany Mihaly – Anniversary	17
Slave & Mariana Todosiev - Anniversary	19
Brenna Singer	23
Amy Fong	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
Cyril Gutzman	26
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28
Kristen Szymanowicz	31

Upcoming Events

Summer Church School – Tuesday, August 14th and Wednesday, August 15th

Dorothy Day – September 7th 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service – Thursday, August 16th 7:00 p.m.

Cabaret Night—Saturday September 8th

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 18

DDD Dinner – Sunday, October 21st 4:00 p.m. at Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe, CT

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We have a great couple of days planned for our Summer Church School Program:

Tuesday, August 14th - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Meet at our parish cemetery: St. Platon's
- Students will learn about what the church teaches about falling asleep and cemeteries with Fr. Luke
- Students will help clean up the

cemetery and plant flowers on graves

- Cook out lunch
- Outdoor Painting Project with Ms. Elena

Wednesday, August 15th - 9 a.m. To 2 p.m.

- Liturgy at Holy Trinity for the Feast of Dormition of Mary – Bring flowers and herbs to bless
- Breakfast
- Learn about Dormition of Mary with Fr. Luke

- Art Project with Ms. Elena
- Soccer Tournament— parents welcome to join in!

Please let Roz Mihaylo know if your children will be able to attend so that we purchase enough art supplies and food. You can email Roz at rozmihaylo@hotmail.com or call her at: 860-355-2995. We look forward to sharing this time with your family!

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



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!

[Take it easy?](#) by [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)

Have you ever started a project that you thought was going to be really easy, but it actually turned out to be super hard? Maybe you've seen your parents do this too. They might say, "This will just take a second!" but then they are still working on it hours later! Sometimes we expect difficult things will be easy.

In our Christian life too, we might think things will be kind of easy. We might think we can just pray a little, and everything will be just fine. We might think Christians should be rich and happy and comfortable. We might even hear some Christians tell that to us!

Did you know that some of the early Christians thought that too? They thought they could relax, they thought they could have everything, they thought the Christian life would be easy. But in today's epistle reading, we hear what Saint Paul told them. He told the Christians that life wasn't easy for the apostles. For them, life was so hard! "We are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow tired from the work of our own hands. We have become like the rubbish of the world...to this very day." To Saint Paul, that's what being a Christian was! Life was hard!

If you can, read about some of our saints. For most of them, life was hard. When we try to follow their examples, we are living the Christian life. We are even following Christ's example too, because life wasn't so easy for Him either, was it?

THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION: CHRIST ALWAYS SHOWS US THE WAY!

Has somebody ever shown you how to get somewhere? Let's say you were a little lost, but you followed somebody who did know where he was going.

Did you know that Christ always shows us the way? Tomorrow we will celebrate the great feastday of the Transfiguration. That's the day that Christ went up to the top of a mountain with his disciples. When they got there, Jesus suddenly looked very different. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright white! The disciples heard a voice from God the Father, too. "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

Do you know why Christ did this? Do you know why He changed like that? One of the saints of our Church, Saint Anastasios of Sinai (he lived on another mountain!) tells us why. "Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven."

St. Anastasios wrote that the Transfiguration was a little taste of heaven for the disciples and for us. If we know (even just a little bit!) how bright and glorious heaven is, we will try even harder to get there! We will try even harder to follow Christ. We will try even harder to change our ways so we can be like Him! Christ shows us the way!

We celebrate the Transfiguration tomorrow, Aug. 6th (August 19th, OC).