

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Eleventh  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle 1 Corinthians  
9:2-12. The Gospel is  
from Matthew 18:23-35.  
Martyrs Photius and  
Anicetus.

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  
hierarchy.

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

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**Sunday, August 12, 10 AM**  
– Divine Liturgy

We will be serving a  
**Panachida** for **Sophia**, Paul  
Stagen's mother; **Patricia**,  
Bob Young's sister and  
**Serge and Elizabeth** Mihaly,  
Fr. Luke's parents following  
liturgy.

**Monday, August 13, 7 PM** –  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, August 14, 8:30**  
**AM** – Hours

**Tuesday, August 14, 10 AM**  
**to 2 PM** – Summer Church  
School. Meeting at St.

Platon's Cemetery. Hot  
dogs and hamburger lunch  
and painting with Elena  
Gordon

**Tuesday, August 14, 6**  
**PM** – Vespers for Dormition

**Wednesday, August 15, 9**  
**AM** – Liturgy and Summer  
Church School

**Thursday, August 16, 7**  
**PM** – Monthly St. Nectarios  
Anointing Service

**Friday, August 17, 9 AM** –  
Old Testament Class

**Friday, August 17, 12 noon** –  
Set up for Perogie Dash 5 K

**Saturday, August 18, 7 AM** –  
Perogie Dash 5K Road

**Sunday, August 19, 10 AM** –  
Divine Liturgy

## Readers Schedule

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](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.

## 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.

## | Cabaret Coming September 8<sup>th</sup> | Perogie Dash

**Cabaret Coming September 8<sup>th</sup>** — save the date! On Saturday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Perogie Dash**—Next Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Perogie Dash to benefit Healing Hearts. We will be doing set up (setting up the finish line, registration tent, preparing race bags, etc.) on Friday, after Old Testament class. On Saturday, kitchen helpers should arrive at 6:30 and other helpers at 7:00 a.m. Please plan to give a few hours to help with this fun event that reaches out into our community and benefits the parish. The race and clean up should be done before noon.

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 have begun Deuteronomy.

## 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.

## | Kitchen Clean Up

**Kitchen Clean Up**—on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a kitchen clean up starting at 9 a.m. Before the start of our fall baking and cooking season we would like to clean out any outdated supplies and put the kitchen back in order. All volunteers welcome!

## Summer Church School | DDD Program

### Summer Church School: Save the Dates

We will have a summer church school program on Tuesday, August 14<sup>h</sup> and Wed. August 15<sup>h</sup>. 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	
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 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service –** Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Perogie Dash 5K –** Saturday, August 18

**Kitchen Clean-Up—**Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 9 a.m.

**Dorothy Day –** September 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Cabaret Night—**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Coffee Hour and Presentation—**Sunday, Sept. 23rd

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

## Summer Church School

### Summer Church School

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

**Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 15<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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](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!

**[Forgive, and be forgiven!](#) by [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)**

**Have you ever told on somebody... about something you've done too?** You might have told your parents or your teacher on a brother or sister or classmate. "He hit me!" "She called me a mean name!" "He wrote on the wall!" "She broke my Lego creation!" But maybe you did that too!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about just that same thing. A king asked his servants to pay him back what they owed him. Well, sadly, it was a lot of money, and one servant couldn't pay it all. He begged the king, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything!" The king felt sorry for him, and he said the servant didn't have to pay it. The king forgave him.

After that, that same servant found somebody who owed him money. He told him to pay him the money back. Remember, even though the king forgave him, he wouldn't forgive the other guy!

That story in the Bible is about forgiving others. It is about treating others as you would want to be treated. It is about not complaining about our friends and our classmates, when we've done the same wrong thing!

Let's remember how much our Lord forgives us every day. When we remember that, we will know we shouldn't talk about other people who do the same wrong things!

**WORLD'S BEST MOTHER-THE THEOTOKOS, THE MOTHER TO US ALL**

On Mother's Day, do you make a card for your mother? You might say something like "Number 1 Mom" or "You're the best!" Your mother might have a coffee mug that says "World's Best Mom" or something like that.

This week, we celebrate a great feastday for somebody who really is the "World's Best Mom." Who is that? It's Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of God! We honor her this week, on the day that she died. We honor the Theotokos because she made a good choice to be the mother to Jesus, Who is God Himself. We honor her because she loved Him and took care of Him as a child. We honor her because she saw her Son die on the Cross. We honor her because she has a special place with God.

We know Mary is so close to God, so we can pray to her. Then, she will ask her Son to help us. For the last two weeks, we have been praying special prayers to the Theotokos. Lots of times, we say, "Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Savior, save us." Mary, the Theotokos, listens to everyone who calls to her. That's why we call her the "Mother to us all." That's why she is really the "World's Best Mom"!

We celebrate the Dormition on Wednesday, Aug. 15th (August 28th, OC).