

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twelfth  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle 1 Corinthians  
15:1-11. The Gospel is  
from Matthew 19:16-26.  
Martyr Andrew  
Stratelates.

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

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

**Sunday, August 26, 10 AM**  
– Divine Liturgy

We will be serving a **Panachida** for **Harry and his kids Kum's mother, Marta Uzelac.**

**Monday, August 20, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Wednesday, August 22, 9 AM** – Church Kitchen Clean out

**Friday, August 24, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, August 25, 5 PM**  
– Vespers

## Readers Schedule

8/26 – Luke Mihaylo  
9/2 – Bob Faubel  
9/9 – Susan Paltauf  
9/16 – Harry Fong  
9/23 – Paul Toaso

## Coffee Hour

8/26 – Nicu  
9/2 – OPEN  
9/9 – Fong  
9/16 – OPEN  
9/23 – OYMT

## 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**—Thank you to everyone who helped make our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Perogie Dash a success. Thanks to all of our sponsors: Dr. Loraine Fedyna, Petro Home Services, Jowdy-Kane Funeral Home, Eye Care of Danbury - Sarah Baroody, Webster Bank, Katie's Pottery, NK Landscaping, Mill Plain Self Storage, West Side Deli, Smart Money, and Poland Spring. Thanks to ALL our volunteers who helped cook our perogies, set up, worked registration, water station, sound equipment, parking, clean up, serving food, playing Perogie Pete, finish line, cheering our runners and in so many other ways. Many hands certainly made our day easy all to help our parish and our local charity, the Healing Hearts Program at Regional Hospice. Thank God and thank you!

## Kitchen Clean Up

**Kitchen Clean Up**—on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</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!

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.

## DDD Program

### 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.

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## Birthdays

August	
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

**Kitchen Clean-Up**—  
Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</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

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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!

**[Passing on the Good News](#) by [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)**

**Have you ever watched a relay race?** Maybe you have seen runners in the Olympics. In a relay race, one runner runs, and then he passes a baton to another runner. Then that runner keeps running. After that, he passes it to somebody else.

In today's epistle reading, we hear about a kind of relay race in the Church! The Apostle Paul writes to the new Christians, "Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received." Saint Paul told them about the good news of Jesus Christ, but he had heard the good news from somebody else. It was like he got the baton and ran with it!

And what was that good news? Saint Paul says, that good news was "that Christ died for our sins, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter and then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than 500...then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, He appeared to me." All these people heard the good news of Jesus Christ. Then they passed it on to somebody else!

We all have heard about our Lord, Jesus Christ, too. Did you know that God wants us to pass the baton on to other people, to people who might not know about Him? You can pass that good news on when you show **people you are a good Christian, that you love Jesus Christ, and you love others!**

**ST. KOSMAS AITOLOS: REMEMBERING THE GOOD NEWS**

Do you know what happened in around 1776? That's when America declared her independence and broke free from Great Britain. But do you know what was happening in Greece at this same time?

For many, many years lots of Orthodox Christians were under the power of the Turkish Ottomans. Sometimes they made it hard for Christians to worship our one, true God.

Even though they came from Christian countries, many years had passed. Lots of people had forgotten about Christ! St. Kosmas wanted to remind them about our Lord.

St. Kosmas is a wonderful saint who went to so many places in Greece and Albania, telling people about Jesus Christ. He reminded them of the Gospel and of all Christ's miracles. He told them the good news— that Christ rose from the dead and wants to save us! St. Kosmas baptized lots and lots of people, and told them how to be good Christians once again. St. Kosmas died in 1779, while America was still fighting the Revolutionary War.

St. Kosmas died in Albania, fighting for Christ!

**We celebrate St. Kosmas on Friday, Aug. 24th (Sept. 6th, OC).**