

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle 1 Corinthians 16:13-24. The Gospel is from Matthew 21:33-42. Martyrs Adrian and Natalia.

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 26, 10 AM**  
– Divine Liturgy

We will be serving a **Panachida for Chrissanth Uncle, Peter, who recently passed away.**

**Monday, August 27, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, August 28, 8:30 AM** – Third Hour

**Tuesday, August 28, 5 PM** – Daily Vespers

**Wednesday, August 29, 8:30 AM** – Divine Liturgy

Beheading of John the Baptist – Strict Fast

**Wednesday, August 29, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism

**Thursday, August 30, 8:30 AM** - Akathist

**Friday, August 31, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, September 1, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, September 2, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

## 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 and bowls.

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> | Start of Church School Year

**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. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for children under 12. Ticket price includes dinner and show. BYOB

**Start of the New Church School Year** — At our summer church school session during the feast of Dormition Fr. Luke taught the children that the church year begins and ends with Mary. We would like to ask as many children and their parents as are able to attend liturgy on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Birth of Mary and sign up for the new church school year. We will have breakfast for everyone following liturgy and also important information for parents about the upcoming church school sessions.

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.

## Fr. Peter Paproski's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

Committee Chair, Jean Lomme, has forwarded an invitation to Fr. Peter's 25th Ordination Anniversary Dinner to all of us at Holy Trinity. The celebration is taking place on September 9, 2018. Cost is \$65.00 for the luncheon at Vazzanos Four Seasons on Kenyon Street, Stratford, CT; Divine Liturgy with Bishop Gregory officiating is at 9 a.m. at St. John' on Broadbridge Avenue. Please call/text Holly Bilcheck at (203) 415-6852 or Jean Lomme (203) 394-2746 to reserve a spot. It is on a first-come first serve basis. The cost is \$65.00 per person and checks should be made payable to St. John the Baptist Church and mailed it to Holly Bilcheck, 20 Genesee Lane, Madison, CT 06443. They are accepting monetary gifts that will be applied to a nice anniversary present to be given to Fr. Peter at the dinner. Please add any monetary gifts to your dinner check. Thank you.

We will have **Liturgy at 9:30 AM** on that **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** so we can get to the banquet in Stratford which starts at 12 noon.

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## 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.

(\$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

## Upcoming Events

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

**Birth of Mary and Church  
School Sign Up**—Saturday,  
September 8<sup>th</sup>

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

**Council Meeting** – Sunday,  
September 16<sup>th</sup> following  
liturgy

**Monthly St. Nectarios  
Service** – Thursday, Sept.  
20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**OYMT Coffee Hour and  
Presentation**—Sunday, Sept.  
23<sup>rd</sup>

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

## We officially have our CO for the New Rectory!

After nearly a year from when we signed the contract with Westchester Modular we received a certificate of occupancy for the new rectory in the mail this Saturday. We have one more walk through with Westchester Modular before we can start bringing in everything and moving. But a BIG thank you to everyone who worked through this project: from our

building committee, our donors who helped us raise \$600,000.00 to build this new rectory with only a \$75,000.00 mortgage, Kate Kerpchar and Orestes Mihaly who helped manage the project during the build, and the many other people who helped donate their time and talents with the actual construction.

## Birthdays

<b>August</b>	
Brenna Singer	23
Amy Fong	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
Cyril Gutzman	26
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28
Kristen Szymanowicz	31
<b>September</b>	
Luke Mihaylo	8
Christopher & Brenna Mihaly - Anniversary	9
Suad Behrend	10
Valentina Zubek	14
Orestes & Monika Mihaly - Anniversary	21
Bethany Mihaly	22
Julia Huott	23
Paul Sulich, Sr.	26
Lorraine Fedyna	28
Alex & Elaine Sirak - Anniversary	28
Jeff & Kristen Szymanowicz - Anniversary	29
Jim & Pat Zeleniak - Anniversary	29

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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!

**Keep alert! by Presvytera Alexandra Houck in The Children's Word**

**Have you ever looked into another car, as you were riding along?** Maybe you noticed another driver talking on his or her phone. Maybe somebody was even texting a message or putting on makeup or eating a burrito— all while driving 70 miles an hour down the road! Doing things like that are dangerous, and sometimes accidents happen because people aren't paying attention to the road.

Did you know that we have to pay attention in our spiritual lives too? There are lots of things that might distract us, and then we aren't paying attention to what really matters—our God and our neighbors!

In today's epistle reading, we hear what Saint Paul says. "Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong." Saint Paul knew that it was hard for the new Christians to stay focused on God, because there were lots of things that could distract them. But he told them, "Keep alert" or "pay attention"!

We might have things that keep us from focusing on God, too. Things like clothes or money or video games or even sports and friends can keep us from paying attention! But let's always try to "keep alert" and stay focused on our Lord. We love Him and He loves us, too!

**SAINTS ADRIAN AND NATALIA: THE FAITH OF MARTYRS**

Do you know what a martyr is? In our Church, a martyr is somebody who has died for his or her faith. Many Christians have been hurt and even killed because they chose to follow God. But do you really know what a martyr is?

Well, the word "martyr" means "witness"—that means these Christians were showing other people how to be a Christian! They were showing how to stay strong, even when the rulers hurt them and threatened them, and when they did all kinds of awful things to them.

Today we celebrate two martyrs, Adrian and Natalia, along with 23 more of their friends. Saint Adrian was not always a Christian. Actually, he was one of the rulers, and he was supposed to punish Christians. Once, he found some Christians hiding in a cave, and Adrian did hurt these people. Then he asked them why they kept their faith after all that. These Christians told Adrian that they wanted to be with God in heaven forever! They were witnesses and martyrs because they showed Adrian how to stay strong in their faith.

After that Adrian became a Christian too, and he found out that his wife, Natalia, was a secret Christian! Adrian and Natalia were hurt and even killed for their faith. But now, they are with God in heaven forever, too!

We celebrate Sts. Adrian and Natalia today, Aug. 26th (Sept. 8th, OC).