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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4. The Gospel is from Matthew 22:1-14. Martyr Mamas & Parents.

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, September 2, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 3, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 4, 8:30 AM – Third Hour

Wednesday, September 5, 7 PM – Adult Catechism

Thursday, September 6, 9 AM - Prayer Class

Thursday, September 6, 10 AM - Akathist

Friday, September 7, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, September 7, 1 pm to 5 pm - Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Saturday, September 8, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God followed by breakfast

Saturday, September 8, 10 AM – First Day of Church School for parents and Teachers

Saturday, September 8, 7 PM – Trinity Troubadours Presents a Cabaret

Sunday, September 9, 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 9, 12 noon – Banquet to honor Fr. Peter Paproski's 25th Anniversary of ordination

Readers Schedule

9/2 – Bob Faubel
9/9 – Susan Paltauf
9/16 – Harry Fong
9/23 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour

9/2 – OPEN
9/9 – Fong
9/16 – OPEN
9/23 – OYMT

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen—

decaf coffee, sturdy 10-inch paper plates, bowls

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.

Cabaret September 8th

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

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 have begun Deuteronomy.

Start of Church School Year

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 8th 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.

Time to Make the Perogies

Time to Make the Perogies— Our freezers are empty and it is time to start making perogies for our Thanksgiving and Christmas bake sales. The first perogie making session will take place on Tuesday, Sept 11th following Hours (9:00 a.m.). Newcomers welcome—no prior pinching experience needed!

Fr. Paproski's 25th Anniversary

An invitation to Fr. Peter's 25th Ordination Anniversary Dinner. 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. 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. Please add any monetary gifts to your dinner check. Thank you.

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

Lenox Retreat

Lenox Retreat—on Nov. 2-4 we will have our annual adult retreat in beautiful Lenox, MA. We will be staying at the Cornell Inn, a charming bed and breakfast with lovely rooms and delicious breakfast. The cost will be \$350 per couple and \$230 per single which includes 2 nights at the inn and 2 complete breakfasts. Stay tuned for more details on the retreat program and announcement of the retreat master. Reservations are due by **October 1st** and are on a first come, first serve basis. Please let Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) or 203-947-7405) know if you would like to reserve a spot and if you need any special accommodations. See attached flyer for more details.

Akathist Mary Nurturer of Children

Akathist to the Mother of God Nurturer of Children—this Thursday, September 6th at 10:00 a.m. we will serve this Akathist.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—we will be serving the meal at Dorothy Day this coming Friday, September 7th from 1-5 p.m. Help is welcome for all or part of the afternoon. Community service hours available for high school students.

| No Monthly Food Sale in September

No Monthly Food Sale in September—we're all sold out of perogies and most of our other homemade goodies. We plan to resume our monthly sale on October 4th.

Upcoming Events

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

Birth of Mary and Church School Sign Up—Saturday, September 8th

Cabaret Night—Saturday
September 8th

Perogie Session Start Up—
Tuesday, Sept. 11th 9:00 a.m.

Council Meeting – Sunday,
September 16th following liturgy

Monthly St. Nectarious Service
– Thursday, Sept. 20th at 7 p.m.

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

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

Lenox Retreat—Nov. 2-4

Birthdays

September	
Jonathan McCormack	1
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

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.

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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!

You're invited! by [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)

If the king invited you, would you go to the wedding for his son? Most people would! A few years ago, the prince in England had a wedding. A million people stood along the streets to watch them pass by. More than 2 billion people watched on TV! They would all go to that wedding!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story that tells us a special message. A king gives a big wedding feast because his son got married. He invited lots of people, but nobody seemed to come to the party. He invited them again, but they gave all kinds of excuses. He begged them to come! Then he invited other people to take their places.

What does this story tell us? Well, the king is God, isn't He? God invites us to come close to Him. He begs us! But sometimes we think of things that get in the way. We think of excuses. We think of other things we'd rather do. Our Lord is giving us something wonderful—the chance to be close to His Son. But we think of excuses!

God gives us these chances all the time. Can you think of a time you can choose to be close to God? Maybe on Sunday morning?

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE MIRACLE AT COLOSSAE

In your family, do you celebrate anniversaries? Maybe you celebrate the day your parents got married. Maybe you also celebrate the day you were baptized or another special day. In our Church, we celebrate big events too, and each year we remember the story of what happened on that day.

Many, many years ago, some Christians built a church, and they named it after the Archangel Michael. Under the church, there was a spring with holy water. Lots of times, when sick people drank from the spring, they would be made well again.

The pagans (the people who didn't believe in our one, true God) didn't like all this attention. They wanted to destroy that church. They made it so two great rivers would flow right into the church and flood it. But do you know that God and His angels and all of His saints listen to our prayers? Archangel Michael protected the church and made the water flow into a big hole in a rock. The church was saved!

Each year, Christians still celebrate this miracle. We know that God is with us through His angels and saints!

We celebrate this great miracle on, Thurs. Sept. 6th (Sept. 19th, OC).