

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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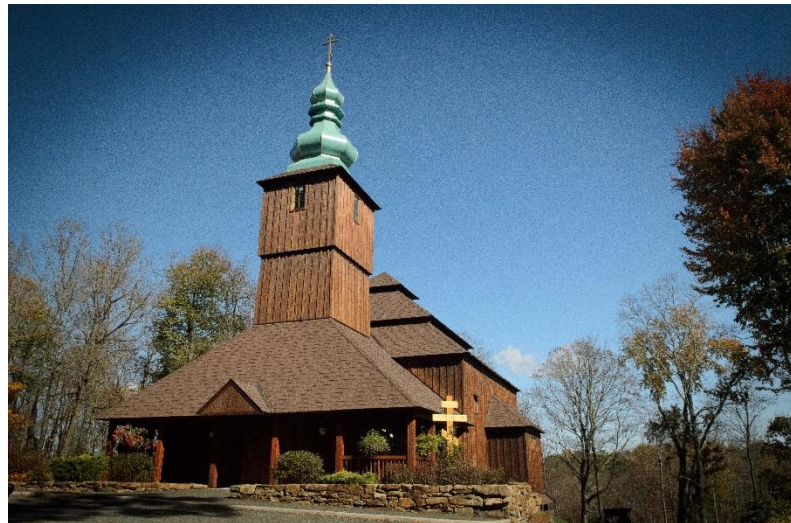
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the fifteenth  
Sunday after Pentecost  
and Sunday before the  
Elevation of the Cross.  
The Epistle 2 Corinthians  
4:6-15. The Gospel is  
from Matthew 22:35-46.  
Joachim and Anna.

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

**Monday, September 10, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, September 11, 8:30 AM** – Third Hour

**Tuesday, September 11, 9 AM** – Perogie Sessions Begin!

**Wednesday, September 12, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism

**Thursday, September 13, 8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Thursday, September 13, 9 AM** - Prayer Class

**Thursday, September 13, 6 PM** – Vespers Cross Elevation

**Friday, September 14, 8 AM** – Divine Liturgy – Elevation of the Cross – Strict Fast Day

**Friday, September 14, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, September 15, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, September 16, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, September 16, 12:30 PM** - Parish Council Meeting

## Readers Schedule

9/9 – Susan Paltauf  
9/16 – Harry Fong  
9/23 – Paul Toaso

## Coffee Hour

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](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.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> following Hours (9:00 a.m.). Newcomers welcome—no prior pinching experience needed!

## | Church School Begins

**Church School Begins:** On Saturday we began our church school year with the celebration of liturgy for the Birth of Mary and a brief session with Fr. Luke, previewing the upcoming year. Our schedule of classes will be as follows:

**Sat. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** –Parent and Youth Session/Registration

**Fri. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** –

**Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** – at Blue Jay Orchard: farm lesson, art project and apple picking

**Fri. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sat. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec. 27, 28 or 29** – Christmas Vacation Outing to Ridgefield Rec Center: Exhibition of student work, reception, basketball/swimming

**Friday Night classes are 5:30-7:30 and Saturday classes are 10 am -12 noon.**

## 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>** and are on a first come, first serve basis. Please let Susan Sulich ([ssulich@yahoo.com](mailto: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 for our Youth**—we will be serving this Akathist for our children on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Perogie Session Start Up—

Tuesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

### 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

### Akathist to the Mother of God for our Youth—Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.

### Lenox Retreat—Nov. 2-4

Birthdays	
September	
Dusya (Evdokia) Bouffard	7
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](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!

**A new creation by Presvytera Alexandra Houck in The Children's Word**

**Imagine making a tower out of blocks or Legos.** Let's say you are really proud of it, but somebody comes and knocks it all down. Imagine now making a new tower, taller, bigger, stronger, and even better! It's a new, better creation.

Before Jesus came, humans—God's creation— were knocked down by sin. That's what sin does to all of us people. When we sin, or do the wrong thing, we are knocked down! We might not even want to get up. We might not even want to change and do the right thing again!

But in today's epistle reading, Saint Paul writes about what God does for us. Saint Paul writes about how our Lord, Jesus Christ makes us into a new creation with His death on the cross. We are God's new creation, and Christ has saved us! He has built us new, taller, bigger, stronger, and even better by our faith in Christ. Christ is the master builder!

When we become Christians, we become part of Christ. We become a new creation, something different. We are something better than we were before. God rebuilds us. He makes us His new creation!

Let's thank God for lifting us up and making us even better.

**A FEASTDAY WHEN WE DON'T FEAST! THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

What would you do on a feast-day? Well, you'd probably feast, wouldn't you? You'd have a party!

Our Orthodox Church has 12 great feastdays. These are big holy days, when we try to go to church and remember what a special day it is. But this week we have a feastday when we don't feast. We don't have a big party at all.

Why not? Well, because this Friday is the feastday of the Holy Cross. On this day, we think about the Cross, and remember how our Lord died for us on the Cross. This day is like a mini-Holy Friday, and you remember how Holy Friday is the most solemn day of the year. On the feastday of the Cross, we don't have any parties. We try to fast and not eat fancy foods. And we go to church. At church, there is a special service when we say "Lord, have mercy" more than 200 times!

Of course, we always remember how Christ rose from the dead. But on the feastday of the Cross, we will think about what an amazing thing it was that Jesus died on the Cross.

What will you do to make this day special?

We celebrate this great feast Friday, Sept. 14th (Sept. 22, OC).