

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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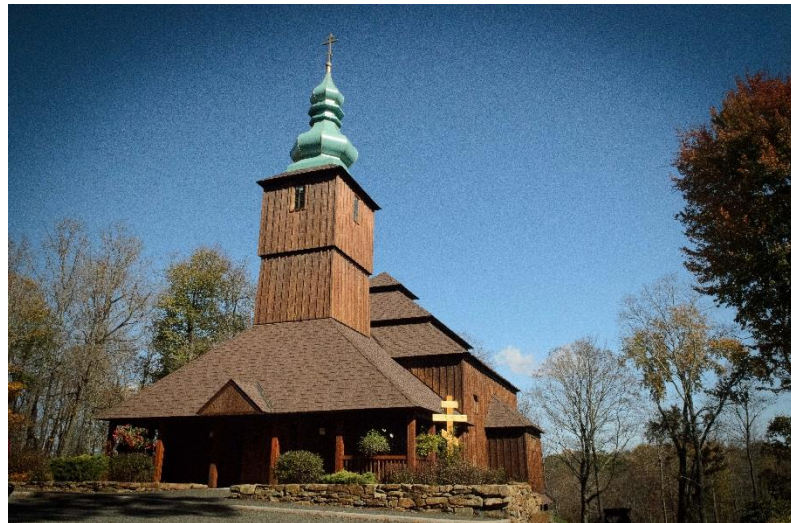
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Nineteenth  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle 2 Corinthians  
6:16-7:1. The Gospel is  
from Luke 5:1-11.  
Conception of John the  
Baptist.

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 23, 10  
AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, September 23,  
11:30 AM – OYMT Thank  
You Presentation**

**Monday, September 24, 7  
PM – Spirituality Class**

**Tuesday, September 25,  
8:30 AM – Third Hour**

**Tuesday, September 25, 9  
AM – Perogie Sessions  
Begin!**

**Tuesday, September 25,  
5:30 PM - Evening Perogie  
Session**

**Wednesday, September  
26, 7 PM – Adult  
Catechism**

**Thursday, September 27,  
8:30 AM – Akathist**

**Thursday, September 27,  
9 AM - Prayer Class**

**Friday, September 28,  
9 AM – Old Testament  
Class**

**Saturday, September 29,  
5 PM – Vespers**

**Sunday, September 30,  
10 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, September 30, 11:30  
PM – 40<sup>th</sup> day Panachida for  
Peter, Chrissanth's Uncle.**

## Readers Schedule

9/23 – Paul Toaso  
9/30 – Suzanne Molineaux  
10/7 – Bob Faubel  
10/14 – Luke Mihaylo  
10/21 – Susan Paltauf

## Coffee Hour

9/23 – OYMT  
9/30 – OPEN  
10/7 – Toaso/Silvera  
10/14 – Suzanne  
10/21 - OPEN

## 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

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**Perogies—**Our freezers are empty and it is time to start making perogies for our Thanksgiving and Christmas bake sales. The perogie making session take place on Tuesdays following Hours (9:00 a.m.). Newcomers welcome—no prior pinching experience needed!

**Evening Perogie Session—**for all you pinchers who can't make it during the day, we are having an evening perogie session this Tuesday starting at 5:30. If you are able to come any time after work please join us. No 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. 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.

## Address Change

Connie Somoskovec has a new address:

3 Glen Hill Rd. Apt. 216

Danbury, CT 06811

Her phone number has stayed the same. She would love to hear from her friends at Holy Trinity!

## | WEEPING ICON FROM TAYLOR

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**TAYLOR:** The Weeping Icon of the Mother of God from our parish in Taylor, PA will be at St. John's parish in Bridgeport, Mill Hill Avenue on December 7. Please mark your calendars now so that you may be there for this service.

## Upcoming Events

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

**Akathist to the Mother of God for Our Youth** – Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m

**Monthly Food Sale** – Thursday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 4-6 p.m

**Church School at Blue Jay Orchards** – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.

**Cemetery Clean Up** – Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m

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

**Council Meeting** – Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy

**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                                |    |
|--|----|
| 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!

**Crowding around Jesus by Presvytera Alexandra Houck in The Children's Word**

**Have you ever tried hard to hear something, so you crowded closer and closer until you could hear?** Maybe you crowded in closer to somebody singing or somebody telling a story or even to a speaker attached to a CD player. When we want to hear something, we do what it takes to hear it!

Our Lord Jesus Christ spent a lot of His ministry preaching to people, telling them the right way to act and telling them how to grow close to God. People would listen to Him, sitting around so they could hear Jesus speak.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about one time Jesus was preaching to the people. "One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God." They were pushing so close to Him, that He went out into a boat and taught the people from the boat.

The people wanted to hear the word of God! Do we want to hear the word of God too? Well, we can! Every time we read the Bible, we hear the word of God. Every time we come to church and listen to the Gospel, we hear the word of God. Every time we go to Sunday School and learn about the Bible with our friends, we hear the word of God. Let's crowd in close to Jesus, just like the people in today's story did. Let's try to hear the word of God more and more!

**SAINT THEKLA: THE FIRST WOMAN MARTYR**

What would you do if your parents really, really wanted you to do something? Well, usually we'd do it. We love and respect them, don't we? But this week, we celebrate the nameday of a saint whose parents just couldn't understand why she wanted to be a Christian.

Saint Thekla lived 2,000 years ago. She came from a rich family, and her parents really, really wanted her to get married to a pagan man (he didn't believe in our one, true God). But Saint Thekla lived when Saint Paul lived, and she had a chance to hear him speak! She knew that she only wanted to follow Christ. She didn't care about being rich, and she didn't care about being married and being comfortable. She just wanted to learn more about her Lord. She wanted to follow Him. She wanted to tell other people about Him, too!

Saint Thekla's family did not like this idea. Her own mother wanted her to be burned! Saint Thekla left with Saint Paul and his helpers and went to Antioch to help teach the people about Jesus Christ. She lived a long life, and she was always faithful to God.

In our church, we remember Saint Thekla for her strong faith. She was the first woman martyr we know about—the first woman who died for her faith in Christ.

We celebrate St. Thekla on Monday, Sept. 24th (Oct. 7, OC).