# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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# Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Romans 12:6-14. The Gospel is from Matthew 9:1-8. Martyr Julita.

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

Monday, August 1 starts the Dormition Fast

Monday, August 1, 6 PM – Prayer Group

Monday, August 1, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 2, 8:30 AM – Hours

Wednesday, August 3, 7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, August 4, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, August 4, 4 PM to 7 PM – Monthly Food sale

Friday, August 5, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, August 5, 7 PM – Vespers for Transfiguration

Saturday, August 6, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration blessing of fruit

Sunday August 7, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Our condolences are extended to the entire Radcliff Family on the recent passing of Scott Radcliff this past week. May his memory be eternal!

#### Readers Schedule

7/31 – Paul Toaso

8/7 – Bob Faubel

8/14 – Suzanne Molineaux

8/21 – Susan Sulich

8/28 – Luke Mihaylo

#### Coffee Hour

7/31 – Semi-Annual Meeting 8/7 – OPEN

8/14 – OPEN

8/21 – OPEN

8/28 - OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen: We are in need of paper towels, 10-inch paper plates, bowls and decaf coffee.

#### Perogie Dash

Perogie Dash: Plans are underway for our annual 5K Road Race/Health Walk to benefit Healing Hearts Center for Grief and Loss here in Danbury, which will take place on Saturday, August 20th. We will be in need of helpers for this event in the kitchen, manning the registration and on the course. There is a signup sheet in the hall. The event is over by noon. We are also looking for sponsors for the race. Sponsorship forms available in the hall.

#### | Alcoholism and Addiction | August Family Day

The Akathist Service to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup has proven to be a great help to all those who know someone or who themselves are struggling with alcoholism and addiction. We at Holy Trinity have quietly started serving the Akathist to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup. If you are interested in attending the service please see Fr. Luke. This service is open to all parishioners.

# August Family Day— On Saturday August 13th we will have a family fruit picking day in honor of the summer feasts of Transfiguration and Dormition. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am to go fruit picking. Please let Fr. Luke know if you are able to attend.

#### Fire Prevention Reminder | Woodpecker Food

#### **Fire Prevention**

Reminder: Please do not put out cigarettes in the mulch around the church. With the extremely dry weather, mulch can smolder for several hours and then catch fire.

#### **Woodpecker Food:**

Our woodpeckers are running out of food. Donations of suet cakes (regular size) would be greatly appreciated

#### | Semi-Annual Meeting Today

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**Today**—Please stay after liturgy for our semi-annual meeting. We have important information to present about the new rectory/office project and other affairs of the parish to discuss. Your input is invaluable!

## ETIQUETTE REMINDER

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The summer months are upon us and that means enjoying warm weather and "fun in the sun". While shorts (for males and females), flip-flops, tank tops, 'spaghetti straps, short skirts well above the knees, etc. are practical and may be acceptable at the pool or the lake front they are not appropriate attire at church, and must not be worn during the Divine Services of the Church. If you are traveling after services, you can change into these clothes afterwards. At every Eucharistic celebration we are spiritually and physically brought in the awesome presence of Jesus Christ Himself, and when we commune He comes to dwell within

us in a miraculous way. Therefore the sanctity, solemnity and dignity of the Divine Liturgy must be preserved for the well-being of all. Parents your assistance and guidance are most especially helpful and appreciated.

- Fr. Luke

#### Landscape Plans | Monthly Food Sale

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with the installation and maintenance of our new plants in the front of the church.

At this time, there are several areas around the church that need to be

"adopted" by individuals or families who would like to care for them. If you

have previously committed to a particular area or you wish to take on an area, see Susan Sulich. Caretakers can come and work whenever it is convenient for them. You do not need to be an experienced gardener-information on what needs to be done will be provided.

# thly Food Sale | Meals for the Radcliff

Monthly Food Sale—This Thursday, August 5th will be our next monthly food sale at the church from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We have been bringing in over \$100 each month of the sale so far. Spread the word to friends and neighbors that we have all varieties of our delicious perogies available as well as kielbasa, nut and fruit rolls and jellies and jams. If anyone is available to help man the sale please let Rodger Behrend or Diana Borsari know.

#### Meals for the Radcliff

Family—We would like to offer the Radcliff Family some meals during the upcoming weeks. If you would like to make a dinner for them, please contact Susan Sulich at <a href="mailto:swlich@yahoo.com">ssulich@yahoo.com</a>.

Birthdays		
July		
Paul Toaso	31	
August		
Susan Sulich	1	
Carolyn Faubel	4	
Bill Huott	10	
Sarah Baroody	15	
Fr. Luke & Bethany Mihaly - Anniversary	17	
Brenna Singer	23	
Amy Fong	25	
Susan Paltauf	25	
Marika Gutzman	26	
Cyril Gutzman	26	
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28	
Kristen Szymanowicz	31	

Knitting Group: Our knitting group will be meeting certain Sundays, immediately following coffee hour. All ages and experience levels welcome. If you would like to learn to knit, see Suad for a list of supplies to bring and if you have any questions.

# **Upcoming Events**

**Semi-Annual Meeting**— Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Monthly Food Sale** – August 5<sup>th</sup> 4 pm to 8 pm

Family Day: Fruit Picking -Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> meet at 10 AM church Akathist to the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup – Sunday, August 14 at 3 PM and Saturday, August

27 at 3 PM

Perogie Dash Road Race to Benefit Healing Hearts— Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> **Dorothy Day**—Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 to 5: 00 p.m.

**Diocesan Sobor**—October 9-12th

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### **Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

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Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

#### **Donations for New Altar Cloths**

We are having new altar cloths made and the estimated cost is about \$1500.00. The color will be green for the Feast of

Pentecost. Anyone is welcome to donate towards the new altar cloths. Please indicate New Altar Cloths so we can be sure to properly direct the donation.

So far \$1250.00 has been donated.

We do have a Purple set that we use for Lent.