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Welcome to Holv Trinity Parish

Today is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. The Gospel is from Luke 16:19-31. Apostle James.

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

Sunday, October 23, 11:30 AM Wednesday, October 26, 9 AM - Church School elementary Students

Sunday, October 23 12 noon -Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, October 23, 4:30 PM - AM - Akathist **DDD Appreciation Dinner**

Monday, October 24, 6 PM -**Prayer Group**

Monday, October 24, 7 PM -Spirituality Class

Tuesday, October 25, 8:30 AM Hours

Tuesday, October 25, 9 AM -Perogie Session

- Divine Liturgy for St. Demetrius PM - Youth/Family Bonfire

Wednesday, October 26, 7 PM Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, October 27, 8:30

Friday, October 28, 9:30 AM -**Old Testament Class**

Saturday, October 29, 9:30 AM - Cemetery Clean up

Saturday, October 29 - 2 PM -Akathist to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup

Saturday, October 29, 5 PM -Vespers

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Sunday, October 30, 9 AM - Church School for Middle and High School Students

Sunday, October 30, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 30, 11:30 AM - Church School elementary Students

Readers Schedule

10/23 – Nicholas Fong 10/30 – Robert Faubel 11/6 – Chris Mihaly

Coffee Hour

10/23 - OPEN10/30 - FONG11/6 – Natalia 11/13 – Behrend 11/20 - OPEN11/27 - OPEN

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

We are in need of kitchen size garbage bags.

Shop for Orthodox Youth Mission Team: Lord and Taylor in Trumbull, CT is hosting a charity shopping day on Saturday October 29th from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. The OYMT is selling tickets for \$5 each, which give the purchaser an all day 15% off savings pass (20% if you use a Lord and Taylor credit card), 10% off all cosmetic purchases and 2, 25% off coupons. There will also be special entertainment and events going on throughout the store. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping and help the Orthodox Youth Mission Team at the same time! We get to keep the full cost of the ticket and may be eligible for additional funds and a \$1,000 bonus. See Anastasia or Grace Radcliff or Susan Sulich for tickets.

Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish 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. This Saturday, October 29 at 2 PM is our next service.

Family Days—On Saturday, October 29th we will have a bonfire following Vespers at 5 p.m. All vouth and families are invited! So far we have enjoyed apple picking and hiking on our family days. Upcoming dates are Oct. 29, Nov. 26, and Dec. 3rd. Please see Stasia Thompson for more information.

| Church School Starts

Church School meets on Sundays. Middle and **High School Students** will meet before Divine Liturgy at 9 AM and Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Parents are encouraged to attend the Family Day October 29th for a meeting to discuss Church School.

Woodpecker Food

Woodpecker Food:

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

| Healing Hearts |

This week we presented Healing Hearts with a donation of \$1,300 from our Perogie Dash Road Race held in August. They are grateful for the parish's support of their programs to aid grieving children and families.

Archaeology Dig at St. Platon's

On Wednesday, Nov. 9th starting about 9:00 a.m. we will be continuing with the dig at our cemetery. focusing on the altar area of the original church. All amateur archaeologists welcome!

DDD Dinner

Today, Sunday, October 23rd the New England Deanery will host its Distinguished Diocesan Donor Appreciation Dinner at Roberto's Restaurant. located at 505 Main Street in Monroe. Fr. Stephen Loposky, our Diocesan Youth Director and Director of our Diocesan Camp Nazareth, will be our guest. He will give a presentation about Camp Nazareth, including photos of youth and

activities from our deanery camp week this past summer. This appreciation dinner is open to everyone and is a great chance to learn more about the Distinguished Diocesan Donor Program and Camp Nazareth. Dinner is \$30 per person. Entry level donors of \$100 or more are complimentary. For reservations, please contact Pani Bethany Mihaly at 203-482-6224.

Clothing Drive Update

The final day to accept clothes for the Summer/Fall Clothing Drive is Sunday, November 20. So bring in those bags of clothing. Thank your Ann and the entire Huott Family for this great fundraiser!

Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions — We will resume our perogie sessions this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

| Fall Clean Ups Scheduled

We will need to do a grounds clean-up both at our cemetery and around the church before the winter. The cemetery clean-up will take place on Saturday, October 29th starting at 9:30 a.m. and the parish grounds clean-up will be on Saturday, Nov. 12th starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring

rakes, leaf blowers, weed baskets and clippers.

Upcoming Events

Parish Council Meeting – Sunday Oct. 23 following liturgy

DDD Dinner – Sunday, October 23 Roberto's Restaurant Monroe, 4:30 PM

Cemetery Clean Up—Sat. Oct. 29

Family Outing - Saturday, October 29th

Lord and Taylor Shopping Day for OYMT—Sat. Oct 29

Family Outing - Saturday, November 26th

Lenox Retreat—Nov. 4-6th

Archaeology Dig at St. Platon's Cemetery – Wednesday, Nov. 9

Parish Grounds Clean Up—Sat Nov. 12

Annual Lenox Retreat | Holiday Craft and Bake

Annual Lenox Retreat—If you have not already done so, please let Susan Sulich know today if you plan to attend our annual parish retreat at the Village Inn in Lenox, MA, Nov. 4-Nov. 6. The inn reserves all of its rooms for us until Oct. 1st so it is now time for us to give them our reservation list. Reservations will continue to be accepted as long as the inn has space. The retreat master this year will be Kenneth Kidd, Director of Development for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center who will be speaking about missions in the Orthodox Church and specific work the OCMC is involved in. The cost is \$320 for a double and \$210 for a single which includes 2 nights' accommodations, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. See tentative schedule attached.

Our Thanksgiving Craft and Bake Sale will take place on Nov. 19 and 20 and our Christmas sale will be on Dec. 10. We have begun signing up crafters for our sales. If you would like to reserve a space or you know of any crafter of high-quality, handmade items who would like to participate in our sale, please let Susan Sulich know. Tables are \$35.

Birthdays	
October	
William & Ann Marie Huott	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30

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.

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St. Theodore the Studite: ... let us hold fast to love of him, hating and rightly turning away from the devil. . . .

"... let us hold fast to love of him, hating and rightly turning away from the devil. For as our benefactor is loved and cherished in proportion to his benefactions, so the wicked one should be hated and rejected for his ways in equal proportion. For he is the destroyer of our life. In the words of the Master, he is a murderer from the beginning [John 8:44]. He is the one who has divided our race into ten thousand opinions, wounding it with many darts of sin and seeking to swallow down the inhabited world. If we do not hate him, there will be no escaping the punishment that will be meted out to us, because we joined to our foe and murderer. But, my brothers, let us fly from him! Let us fly most certainly. What is flight? The avoidance of wicked actions and thoughts, and also affinity with God, the assumption of good works."

- St. Theodore the Studite

St. Thalassios the Libyan: If you are not willing to repent through freely choosing to suffer . . .

"If you are not willing to repent through freely choosing to suffer, unsought sufferings will providentially be imposed on you."

"On Love, Self-Control and Life in Accordance with the Intellect," 2.75, <u>The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 2)</u>

St. Thalassios the Libyan: Whether we think, speak, or act . . .

"Whether we think, speak or act in a good or an evil manner depends upon whether we cleave inwardly to virtue or to vice."

+ St. Thalassios the Libyan, "On Love, Self-Control and Life in Accordance with the Intellect," 3.3, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 2)*

St. Thalassios the Libyan: If you share secretly the joy of someone you envy . . .

"If you share secretly in the joy of someone you envy, you will be freed from your jealousy; and you will also be freed from your jealousy if you keep silent about the person you envy."

+ St. Thalassios the Libyan, "On Love, Self-Control and Life in Accordance with the Intellect," 3.57, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 2)*

St. Thalassios the Libyan: It is not difficult to get rid of material things . . .

Image Source

"It is not difficult to get rid of material things if you so desire; but only with great effort will you be able to get rid of thoughts about them..."

+ St. Thalassios the Libyan, "On Love, Self-Control and Life in Accordance with the Intellect," 3.23, *The Philokalia: The Complete Text (Vol. 2)*

Incense Donation

We are running low on incense. If you would like to make a donation towards incense please see Fr. Luke. A half-

pound of incense can cost between \$25 and \$30. We need about 3 lb.