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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

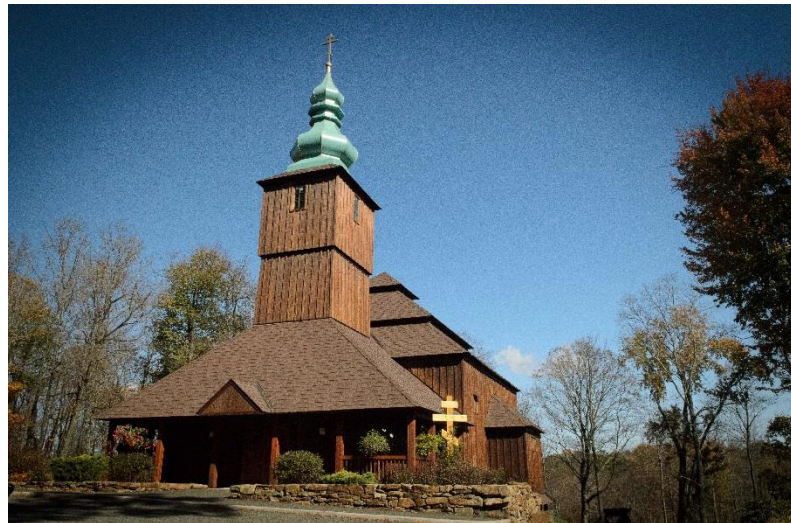
Today is the twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Ninth Sunday of Luke. The Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22. The Gospel is from Luke 12:16-21. Prophet Obadiah.

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, November 19, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 19, 11:30 AM
– Ground breaking for new rectory immediately following Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 19 – 12:30 pm
– Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 20, 6 PM
– Vespers Entrance in to the Temple

Monday, November 20, 7 PM
– Spirituality Class

Tuesday, November 21, 9 AM
– Liturgy Feast of the Entrance in to the Temple

Wednesday, November 22, 5 PM
– Akathist of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 22, 7 PM
– Catechism Class

Sunday, November 26, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 26, 12:30 PM
– Meeting for the 2018 parish trip to Slovakia

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Readers Schedule

11/19 – Paul Toaso
11/26 – Suzanne Molineaux

Coffee Hour

11/19 - Molineaux
11/26 - OPEN

Help restock our Kitchen: decaf coffee.

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/htcdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Martin Howley is Back in Danbury—Marty is now living at Western CT Rehabilitation Center at 107 Osborne St., Danbury, CT 06811 (across from Danbury Hospital). Visitors from his parish family would be very welcome.

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.

Dorothy Day: We will be cooking and serving a meal at Dorothy Day soup kitchen on Friday, Dec. 1st from 1:00-5:00 p.m. All help is welcome for all or half the afternoon. Service hours available for high school students. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are able to attend.

Alcoholism and Addiction | New Rectory | Church School

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. Saturday, September 24 at 4 PM.

New Rectory Moving Forward! Last week our parish voted overwhelmingly to sign the contract with Westchester Modular to begin work on our new rectory. Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend the special parish meeting and cast your vote. Stay tuned for updates and if you haven't already done so, subscribe to our website: www.holytrinitydanbury.org to see construction photos and updates.

Church School—Our next school will be Saturday, Dec. 16th. We have had an excellent response to the classes and the children and teens have been great. Be sure to take a look at the artwork and what the youth have to say about it on the stairs down to the hall. Class schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: Sat. 12/16 and Fri. 12/22. Saturday morning classes will be from 10:00-12:00 and Friday classes will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please mark these date on your calendar. Children and teens will continue to learn about the Old Testament. There will be art activities, service projects and fun! Please let Roz Mihaylo (rozmihaylo@hotmail.com) know if your child will attend so that we can plan accordingly for art project supplies, etc.

OYMT 2018

Orthodox Youth Mission Team 2018—Next July OYMT will be once again participating in the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). The trip will take place from July 7-15. (It does not conflict with our Camp Nazareth week.) Training sessions will start in December and the team will meet approximately once a month until we leave for Appalachia. We are currently sign up team members. If you are currently in 8th grade or older you are eligible to join the team. We also need adult leaders. If you have any questions about OYMT, contact Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com). Deadline for signing up is Nov. 12th.

| Preschool Church School

Preschool Church School – We will be having a church school class for our preschoolers led by Stasia Thompson on Dec. 16th and the time to 10:00 to 11:00 (during the first hour of our older youth class). If your preschooler will attend, please let Stasia know by phone: 203-837-6248.

| Parish Christmas Card

Parish Christmas Card: We will once again be printing a Christmas card to send out from our parish. List will be circulating at coffee hour. Please make sure your or your family's name is listed as you wish. Donations for printing and postage are greatly appreciated (\$20 suggested donation).

Prayer Group

Prayer Group: Starting the week of September 11th our prayer class will be meeting on Thursday mornings following the Akathist (about 9 am) due to perogie sessions on Tuesday. We are about to start a new section in our book--all are welcome.

| St. Nicholas Brunch

St. Nicholas Brunch—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd we will have our St. Nicholas Brunch following liturgy. Please sign up to bring a main dish, side or dessert. This is a no fasting day! St. Nicholas has been asked to visit the children of our parish that day. This is also the day to bring a gift and reveal yourself to your Secret Santa recipient.

| Ladies Ornament Exchange

Save the Date: Ladies Ornament Exchange at Susan Sulich's home, 81 Rita Dr., Friday, Dec. 15th at 6:30 p.m. All ladies and young ladies are welcome! Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament if you want to participate in the exchange part. RSVP to Susan at ssulich@yahoo.com/203-746-6008.

Clothing Drive

A Huge Thank You to Ann Huott and the entire Huott Family on another successful Clothing Drive! Over 300 bags of clothes were collected.

| Secret Santa is Coming!

Secret Santa is Coming! Our St. Nicholas Brunch will take place on Sunday Dec. 3rd and we will once again have our "Secret Santa." Anyone who wishes to participate (adults and children), we will draw names on Sunday Nov. 12th. Put your name in, take a name out and buy a small gift (\$15 maximum) for the person you pick. Wrap and bring the gifts to the brunch and give to your person.

| Ground Breaking for New Rectory

Ground Breaking for New Rectory—Next Sunday, Nov. 19th thanks be to God we will have a ground breaking for the new rectory immediately following liturgy. Please plan to attend this momentous celebration!

Birthdays

November	
Sandy Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

We have sliced **Roast Turkey for sale. \$4.00 a pound** in the church refrigerator.

As we once again enter the Season of the **Nativity Fast**, Bishop Gregory asks you, actually pleads with you, the good faithful people of our Diocese, to join him on a journey to meet the new born King. During these 40 days leading to the Nativity of our Lord let us increase our efforts in church attendance, in prayer, in fasting, in scriptural reading, in almsgiving, in repentance and confession, in receiving the Eucharist.

This year, just like the last two years, **he is challenging everyone, clergy and laity, to offer a special prayer for peace during evening prayers.** During the Litany of Fervent Supplication at each Divine Liturgy a special petition is also to be included. The text of these prayers will be provided to the Clergy for distribution. Each household should have sufficient copies so that each young person that can read has one by their bed to use nightly and those who are too young to read may say the prayer with their parents before they go to bed.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Bake Sale – Ladies Ornament

Sunday, November 19

Exchange—Friday, Dec. 15th
6:30 p.m.

Bishop Gregory's 5th

Anniversary of consecration in

Johnstown, PA – Monday, November 27

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday Dec. 21st
7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Day – December

1st – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Nicholas Brunch –

Sunday, December 3rd -

Trip to Slovakia

Trip to Slovakia—We are working to put together a parish trip to Slovakia for August 2018. We have been in contact with Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky who did an excellent job planning and making arrangements for our trip to Greece and Macedonia. We will have a meeting next Sunday to go over the trip itinerary following liturgy.

| Bishop's 5th Anniversary

Monday, November 27 the diocese will celebrate the 5th anniversary of His Grace, Bishop Gregory's consecration as our diocesan bishop. The celebration will begin Monday, November 27, at 5:00 PM with Prayers of Thanksgiving for His Grace at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown followed at 5:15 PM with a Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres and a 6:00 PM Dinner. Meals choice are Salmon or Filet Mignon - \$50 for Adults. Child Appropriate Meal – 12 Years and Younger - \$20. Deadline is November 6. Sign-up sheet is downstairs in the church hall.

| Holiday Bake Sales

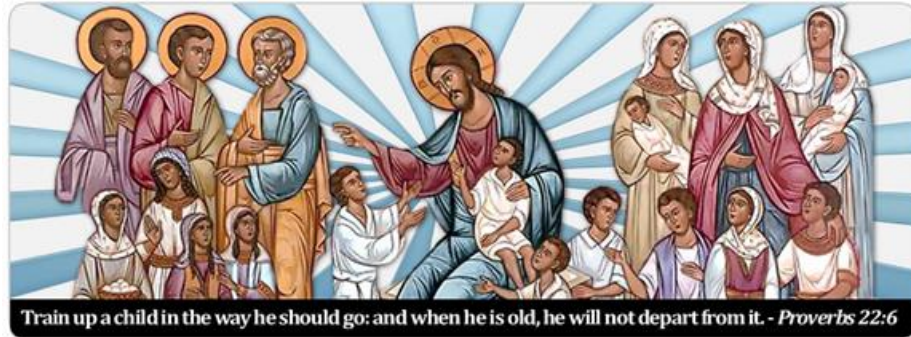
Holiday Bake Sales—Hard to believe but our Christmas Craft and Bake Sales is right around the corner. Our Christmas Sale will be Sat. Dec. 9. We are looking for makers of handmade artisan crafts for our sale. A table is \$35. Please see Susan Sulich if you would like to reserve a space for one or both sales. Also, pre-orders are greatly encouraged for our nut and fruit rolls, perogies, stuffed cabbage, cookies, kielbasa and other items. Order forms available in the hall.

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



For the Children



Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

One of our Deanery faithful is going on an OCMC Mission trip to Nairobi and is asking for our support. Please consider helping Joel Pleban with your prayers and, if you are able, financial aid. Please follow this link: https://www.ocmc.org/about/view_team.aspx?TeamId=1188

2017 Kenya Youth Work Team

Traveling From: 11/29/2017 to 12/9/2017; Team Cost: \$1070*

Nairobi, KENYA – There is an urgent need to safeguard 'our children' in and out of school surrounding the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary in Nairobi. Make a difference in the lives of the youth by participating in a Youth Mentorship Program. This initiative is geared to help teens with life skills while sharing the Orthodox Faith.

The 2017 Kenya Mission Team has been invited by His Eminence Archbishop MAKARIOS of Kenya to participate in a mentorship program for youth and teens. The "Teen & Youth Mentorship Program" of the Orthodox Archdiocese of Kenya will take place at by the St. Clement of Alexandria Primary School, located near the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary.

This mentorship program shall incorporate children, teens and youth from the greater Kawangware community and other parts of Nairobi. This program hopes to: cultivate an atmosphere for self awareness and self confidence; help teens and youth to appreciate education; equip teens and youth with life skills beyond academics; and impart a positive approach and attitude to life for teens and youth from destitute backgrounds. There will be different activities for each "target" group. The activities day will be led by facilitators for each target group, and include indoor and outdoor activities.

Orthodoxy arose in East Africa without the influence of foreign missionaries. The Church was founded by two charismatic African men searching for truth and 'orthodoxia' in the 1920's. The Orthodox Church in Kenya was received into canonical Orthodoxy in 1946, and the Makarios III Patriarchal Seminary was opened in the 1980's to train indigenous priests from Africa. OCMC has supported the work of the Orthodox Church in Kenya for over 30 years and continues to provide support for theological and catechetical training, and works with church leaders to address issues of self-sufficiency for the church. Presently, the Church in Kenya has three hierarchs, His Eminence Archbishop MAKARIOS of Kenya, Bishop NEOPHYTOS of Nyeri and Mount Kenya, and Bishop ATHANASIOS of Kisumu and Western Kenya.

We're on the Web!

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