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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Tenth Sunday of Luke. The Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6. The Gospel is from Luke 13:10-17. Alypius the Stylite.

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.

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Sunday, November 26, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

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

Monday, November 27, 5 PM
– Bishop Gregory 5th Anniversary Banquet in Johnstown, PA

Wednesday, November 29, 7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, November 30, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, November 30, 9 AM – Prayer Class

Friday, December 1, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, December 1, 1 PM to 5 PM – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

December 3, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

December 3, 11:30 AM – St. Nicholas Brunch

Readers Schedule

11/26 – Suzanne Molineaux
12/3 – Luke Mihaylo
12/10 – Sandi Fong
12/17 – Susan Paltauf
12/24 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

11/26 – OPEN
12/3 – St. Nicholas Brunch

Help restock our Kitchen: decaf coffee.

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site

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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.

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

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

Great progress is being made in the building of the **new rectory**. We have passed the permitting stage and the old rental property will be demolished within the next couple of weeks. The new rectory is already in production with Westchester Modular and could be set on the property as early as the end of December. Only \$50,000 remains to be raised to complete the rectory. If donations come in to cover the final amount we will not need to use the line of credit to finish the project. 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

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 Sunday, Dec. 3rd, we will have the first gathering of the 2018 mission team here at Holy Trinity from 3:00-6:00 p.m. to work on our holiday fundraiser. If you have not given Susan Sulich your paperwork and deposit please bring to the meeting. We have the largest group ever going from our parish and we welcome all our new team members. It is not too late to sign up. The trip is scheduled for July 7-16th and training sessions will begin in January. If you have questions about OYMT see Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich.

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.

Perogie Sessions |

Perogie Sessions—we will be meeting to make perogies for the next two Tuesdays: Nov. 28th and Dec. 5th to refill our freezers for the Christmas sale which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9th.

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.

| Advent Collection for Dorothy Day

Advent Collection for Dorothy Day—We will be collecting new hats, gloves and socks for men, women and children to donate to Dorothy Day throughout the Advent season. All items can be left in the box at the back of the church. Hats, gloves and socks are in high demand and greatly appreciated during the winter months. We will plan to bring all donated items to the soup kitchen when we serve there on Friday January 5th.

Birthdays

November	
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30
December	
Luke Faubel	4
Michael Kerpchar	8
Chrissanth Gross	22
Alex Sirak	22
Marty Howley	26
Elaine Toaso	30

Upcoming Events

Bishop Gregory's 5th Anniversary of consecration in Johnstown, PA – Monday, November 27

Ladies Ornament Exchange—Friday, Dec. 15th 6:30 p.m.

Dorothy Day – December 1st – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

St. Nicholas Brunch – Sunday, December 3rd –

OYMT Fundraising Meeting - Sunday Dec. 3rd 3:00-6:00 p.m. -

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.

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.

| Christmas Bake Sale

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.

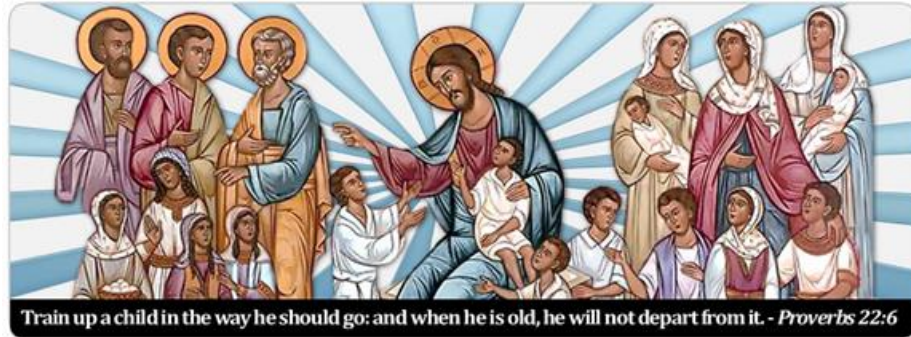
This year, just like the last two years, **he is challenging everyone, clergy and laity, to offer a special prayer for peace during evening prayers.** During the Litany of Fervent Supplication at each Divine Liturgy a special petition is also to be included. The text of these prayers will be provided 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

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For the Children



With the Thanksgiving and Nativity Fast Season upon us, the Diocesan Chancery is pleased to provide you information regarding the **Orthodox Christian Fellowship's ("OCF") Student Leadership Board's 2017 Giving Tuesday Challenge**. Giving Tuesday is November 28, 2017, which is this coming Tuesday. As most of you know, OCF is our Orthodox Church's campus ministry. All across the United States and Canada, OCF, through its Student Leadership Board, hosts retreats for college students. To keep the regional and district retreats affordable, the OCF's Student Leadership Board has established a campaign whose sole purpose is providing funding to make attending these retreats possible for students who otherwise would be unable to participate. The 2017 Giving Tuesday Challenge is already open. Online donations must be made by November 28, 2017 at 11:59:59 Pacific Standard Time and mailed donations must be postmarked on or before November 28, 2017 to be credited to the matching challenge. Contributions can be made online at Donorbox.org/givingtuesday-17 or by mailing a check to Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Giving Tuesday Challenge, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445. To follow OCF's Giving Tuesday progress on the 28th, you can follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat (@ocfministry). When making a donation please designate on your online or mailed in donation that the donation is for the Giving Tuesday Challenge. Please keep our Diocesan college students in your thoughts and prayers.

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The Diocesan Chancery is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the **2018 CrossRoad** program. CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Participants from all over the country come together to experience daily worship, take theology classes from some of the best professors in the country, visit local parishes, serve their neighbor, tour the city, and even spend a day at the beach. Historically, CrossRoad has been hosted solely on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross. This year, we are excited to announce that CrossRoad is expanding to Chicago! This summer, there will be a third session offered on the campus of North Park University in Chicago, IL.

CrossRoad Chicago is the same program, run by the same staff, in a brand new location! The sessions are as follows: Session 1 - June 16 – June 26 (Boston) Session 2 July 2 – July 12 (Boston) Session 3 - July 21 – July 31 (Chicago)

Scholarships covering the registration and tuition fee will be available to our Diocesan students who apply and are accepted to any one of the three sessions.

Diocesan Students interested in attending are asked to apply to the program before the February 1, 2018 Deadline. Upon acceptance, students are kindly asked to contact Fr. Stephen Loposky, Diocesan Director of Youth at campnazareth@acrod.org or 724-662-4840.

We're on the Web!

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Donations—Going forward we would like to institute a new 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) 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!

Evening Cookie Session—we will be making Kolachi cookies on Thursday, December 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to come and help make these popular sweets to be sold at our Christmas bake sale please let Susan Sulich know.

New Year's Dinner Dance—Save the date, Saturday Jan. 13th we will have our annual New Year's Dinner dance. More details to come. To reserve a table or tickets, contact Pani Bethany or Susan Sulich.