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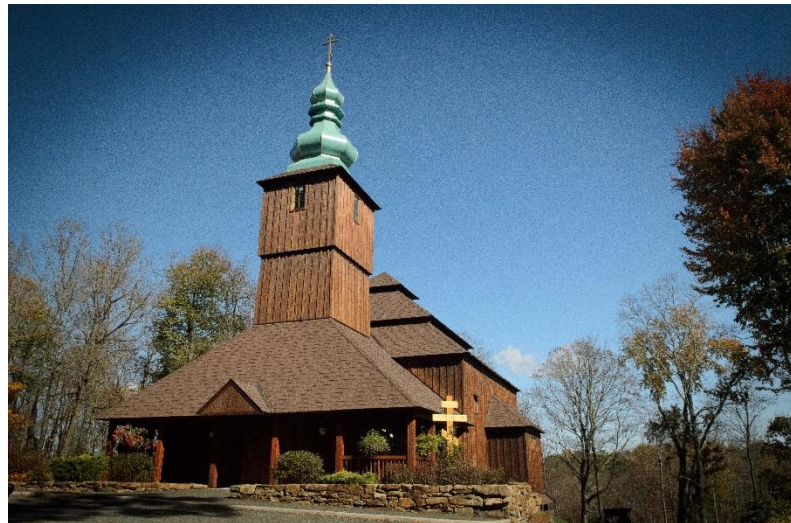
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the sixteenth
Sunday after Pentecost
and Sunday after the
Elevation of the Cross.
The Epistle 2 Corinthians
6:1-10. The Gospel is
from Matthew 25:14-30.
Great Martyr Euphemia.

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 16, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 16, 12:30 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Monday, September 17, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 18, 8:30 AM – Third Hour

Tuesday, September 18, 9 AM – Perogie Sessions Begin!

Wednesday, September 19, 7 PM – Adult Catechism

Thursday, September 20, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, September 20, 9 AM - Prayer Class

Thursday, September 20, 7 PM – St. Nectarios Anointing Service

Friday, September 21, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, September 21, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Church School

Saturday, September 22, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, September 23, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

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

Readers Schedule

9/9 – Susan Paltauf
9/16 – Harry Fong
9/23 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour

9/9 – Fong
9/16 – OPEN
9/23 – OYMT

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

And to those with a Facebook accounts please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here

<https://www.facebook.com/htocdanbury/?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

Time to Make the Perogies—Our freezers are empty and it is time to start making perogies for our Thanksgiving and Christmas bake sales. The perogie making session will take place on Tuesday, Sept 18th following Hours (9:00 a.m.). Newcomers welcome—no prior pinching 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:

Fri. Sept. 21st –

Sat. Oct. 13th – at Blue Jay Orchard: farm lesson, art project and apple picking

Fri. Oct. 26th

Fri. Nov. 9th

Sat. Dec. 8th

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 1st** and are on a first come, first serve basis. Please let Susan Sulich (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.

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!

Upcoming Events

Council Meeting – at Roberto's
Sunday, September 16th Restaurant in Monroe,
following liturgy CT

Monthly St. Nectarious Service – Thursday,
Sept. 20th at 7 p.m. **Akathist to the Mother of God for our Youth**—

Thursday, Nov. 1st
10:00 a.m.

OYMT Coffee Hour and Presentation—
Sunday, Sept. 23rd **Lenox Retreat**—Nov.
2-4

DDD Dinner – Sunday,
October 21st 4:00 p.m.

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.

Birthdays

September	
Valentina Zubek	14
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

YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT
- 7:00 pm, Fri, October 5th -
12:00 noon, Sunday, October
7th. Registration Fee: \$75.
FAITH and Politics.

Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center
339 Pew Road
Mercer, PA 16137. *Financial-need Scholarships may be available through your home parish or diocese. If you need assistance, please contact Fr. Stephen Loposky (724.662.4840 // fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com)*

[Register here](#)

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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) 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!

God loves us! by Presvytera Alexandra Houck in The Children's Word

Do your parents do things for you? Do they give you food and clothes and a place to live? Do they read to you and play with you? Do they try to help you when you are sad? Do they give you treats sometimes and presents too?

Why do they do these things for you? Well, because they love you and they care for you! They do what they can to make you grow up happy and healthy.

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells us what our Father in heaven, God Himself, does for us. He tells us that God gave His Son, Jesus Christ. He let Him be crucified, so that He would rise from the dead and open heaven! Saint Paul says Jesus Christ, "loved me and gave himself for me."

Do you know that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us, and that He gave Himself for us? Jesus died so that we could live forever with Him in heaven.

When we think about the things our parents do for us, we are happy and thankful. They do so much! But God does even more. He loves us even more. He has given us even more! God has given His own Son, who loves us and gave Himself for us!

SAINT EUMENIOS THE WONDERWORKER: HERO OF GORTYNA, CRETE

Have you ever watched a big sports game on TV or maybe even in person? Did you watch the other fans? Did they cheer for their favorite players? Did they chant his name?

This week we celebrate a special saint from the city of Gortyna, on the Greek island of Crete. Saint Eumenios lived about 1400 years ago, and he became a very holy man, because he always tried to do what God wanted for him. He became a bishop of Gortyna, and he showed the people the right way. (At this time, some leaders of the Christian Church were teaching things about Jesus Christ that weren't true.)

Saint Eumenios had courage to set things straight. He traveled around, and he even went to Egypt and Rome. People noticed that wherever he went, Eumenios could do miracles, always with God's power, of course. That's why he is called a "wonderworker."

Saint Eumenios is a special saint for all Christians, but he is especially special for the people around Gortyna. In fact, the hymns about Saint Eumenios are almost like cheers for the saint! "Rejoice, Gortyna's guide and watchful eye of all Crete. Rejoice for your miracles and help of the faithful, three-times blessed Eumenios!" It is great to have a saint from your hometown, but we can cheer for him too!

We celebrate St. Eumenios on Tuesday, Sept. 18th (Oct. 1, OC).