# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. The Gospelis from | uke 7:11-16. Martyrs Sergius and

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Bacchus.

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

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Sunday, October 7, 10 AM - Friday, October 12, Divine Liturgy Class

Monday, October 8, 7 PM -Spirituality Class

Tuesday, October 9, 8:30 AM - Third Hour

Tuesday, October 9, 9 AM – Perogie Sessions

Wednesday, October 10, 7 PM - Adult Catechism

Thursday, October 11, 8:30 AM - Akathist

Thursday, October 11, 9 **AM** – New Testament Class 9 AM - Old Testament

Saturday, October 13, 8AM - Roll Baking

Saturday, October 13, 10 AM to 12 noon - Church School at Blue Jay Orchards

Sunday, October 14, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

#### **Readers Schedule**

10/7 - Bob Faubel10/14 – Luke Mihaylo 10/21 – Susan Paltauf

#### **Coffee Hour**

10/7 – Toaso/Silvera 10/14 - Suzanne10/21 - OPEN

### 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/hto cdanbury/?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**

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**Perogies**—Our freezers are empty and it is time to start making perogies for our Thanksgiving and Christmas bake sales. The perogie making session take place on Tuesdays 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:

Sat. Oct. 13th – at Blue Jav 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.

**Church School and Apple** Picking—Our next church school session will be on Saturday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Blue Jay Orchards in Bethel at 10 a.m. for a lesson, art project and apple picking. Please let Roz know if your children will be able to attend.

#### **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

**New Testament** – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently were are reading and studying The Acts of the Apostles

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. Lenox Retreat—Today is the last day to guarantee a room at the Cornell Inn for the retreat. We will continue to take reservations, however, as long as the inn continues to have rooms

#### | Akathist - Nurturer of Children | OYMT

Akathist to the Mother of God for our Youth—we will children on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Sign Up for Orthodox Youth Mission Team 2019—We are in be serving this Akathist for our the process of putting together our team for next year. We will once again have an all Orthodox center in Appalachia and participate in the Appalachian Service Project. The trip will take place July 6-14, 2019. Training will begin in January. Youth who are currently in 8th grade through 12th grade, young adults ages 18-24 and adults are all welcome to join the team. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please see Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

#### WEEPING ICON FROM TAYLOR | Cemetery Clean Up | Clothing Drive will be ending

#### **WEEPING ICON FROM TAYLOR:**

The Weeping Icon of the Mother of God from our parish in Taylor, PA will be at St. John's parish in Bridgeport, Mill Hill Avenue on December 7. Please mark your calendars now so that you may be there for this service.

Cemetery Clean Up— We will have a cemetery clean up on Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. Please bring leaf blowers, rakes and clippers.

**Cemetery Clean Up**— Clothing Drive will be ending in about 4 to 6 weeks.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Roll Baking –** Saturday, October 13 from 8 AM to 5 pm

Church School at Blue Jay Orchards – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.

Kielbasi Making trying new recipes - Thursday, October 18, 5 PM

Cemetery Clean Up – Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m **DDD Dinner** – Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 p.m. at Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe, CT

**Council Meeting** – Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy

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

Lenox Retreat—Nov. 2-4

#### College Student Sunday

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On Sunday, October 7th, we will take a collection, along with parishes across the USA, to support the good works of Orthodox Christian Fellowship, an Orthodox campus ministry endorsed by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. As Bishop Gregory, Episcopal Liaison to the Assembly for OCF, has pointed out on numerous occasions, statistics show us that more than 6 out of 10 of all young adults, including

Orthodox, leave the Church after graduating from high school and college. To help counteract this trend, OCF is on the frontlines of over 350 college campuses engaging our students in the Orthodox faith through fellowship, education, worship, and service. Through this four-tiered approach, college students who participate in OCF make their way from schools to parishes spiritually stronger and ready to serve. Please give what

you can to help keep our children faithful – something which has been near and dear to His Grace's heart from the beginning of his episcopacy.

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Lorraine Fedyna	28
October	
Madeline Sulich	1
Viorel & Vida Bundra - Anniversary	4
Patricia Soper Zeleniak	8
Veronica Pila	8
Fr. Nicholas & Stacey Mihaly - Anniversary	13
Rob Paltauf	14
Jill Kerpchar-Rosenfield	17
Charles Hull	17
Roger Behrend	18
Diana Borsari	18
Virginia Krista	18
Anna Dugal	20
Rosario Villa	21
Annalisa Paltauf	22
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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.toasoa@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!

#### **Boasting**

**Have you ever boasted** about something? Did you show off for something great you did, or something cool you have? A goal you made in soccer, a toy you got for Christmas, a score you got on a test, some new clothes you bought?

We've all boasted about something. In today's epistle reading, we find out that Saint Paul boasted too! But when we read the words, we hear how Saint Paul boasted about something we probably haven't. He didn't boast about the things that made him look great. He boasted about things that made him look weak!

Saint Paul tells how much he suffered, how he was hurt and in danger. Saint Paul boasted because he knew God was on his side. He knew that he was doing what God wanted him to do.

Saint Paul writes, "I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

God wants us to be humble, and He doesn't want us to show off. Usually, boasting is not a good idea! But when Saint Paul boasted, he was showing off about the power of God!

SAINT PHILIP: THE DEACON AND APOSTLE

**Do you have a deacon at your church?** Do you watch him lead the church in prayer? Does he offer you Holy Communion? Sometimes deacons visit sick people in hospitals and help with other things around the church.

Did you know that the Bible tells us how the Christian Church first started having deacons? We can read about how the Church chose seven men to help the apostles care for the poor. One of these first deacons was Saint Philip, and we celebrate his nameday this week!

Saint Philip served as a deacon in Jerusalem, but then he left to go preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. He preached in Samaria, and a famous magician (who believed in false gods) wanted to be baptized after he heard Philip.

Later on, he preached the Good News to a servant of the queen of Ethiopia. The Bible tells us how the man was traveling in a chariot, and he was reading part of the Bible. He didn't understand part of it, and Saint Philip ran up and helped him understand about our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then, that man was baptized too!

Saint Philip worked hard to spread the Gospel, and we can thank God for him this week!

We celebrate St. Philip on Thursday, Oct. 11th (Oct. 24th, OC)

We're on the Web! holytrinitydanbury.org