

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

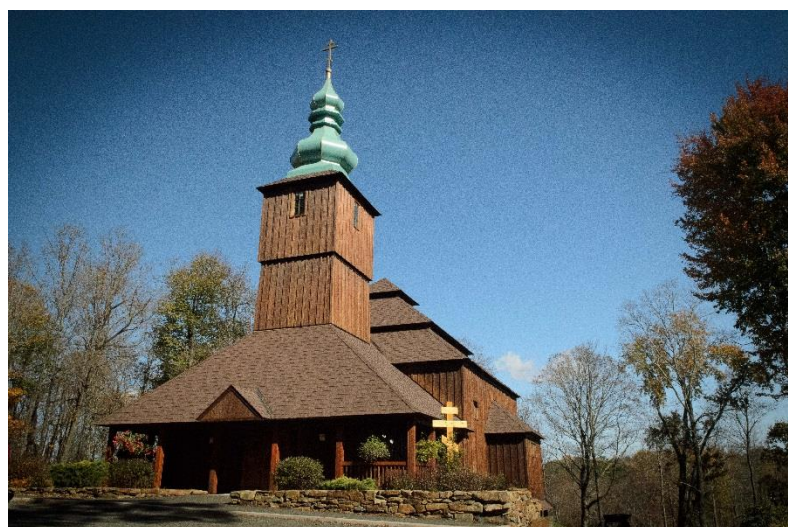
Today is the Nineteenth  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle Galatians  
1:11-19. The Gospel is  
from Luke 8:5-15.  
Venerable Parascevi.

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, October 14, 10 AM**  
– Divine Liturgy

**Monday, October 15, 7 PM**  
– Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, October 16, 8:30 AM**  
– Third Hour

**Tuesday, October 16, 9 AM**  
– Perogie Sessions

**Wednesday, October 17, 7 PM**  
– Adult Catechism

**Thursday, October 18, 8:30 AM**  
– Liturgy

**Thursday, October 18, 9:30 AM**  
– New Testament Class

**Thursday, October 17, 5 PM**  
– Kielbasa Making

**Thursday, October 17, 7 PM**  
– St. Nectarios Service

**Friday, October 19, 9 AM**  
– Old Testament Class

**Saturday, October 20, 9 AM to 12 noon**  
– Cemetery Clean up

**Saturday, October 20, 5 PM**  
– Vespers

**Sunday, October 21, 9:15 AM**  
– Chrismation of Sarah Mannello

**Sunday, October 21, 10 AM**  
– Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, October 21, 4:30 PM**  
– DDD Dinner at Roberto's, Monroe, CT

## Readers Schedule

10/14 – Luke Mihaylo  
10/21 – Susan Paltauf

## Coffee Hour

10/14 – Suzanne  
10/21 - 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](http://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.

**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. 13<sup>th</sup>** – at Blue Jay Orchard: farm lesson, art project and apple picking

**Fri. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sat. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>** and are on a first come, first serve basis. Please let Susan Sulich

([ssulich@yahoo.com](mailto: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 be serving this Akathist for our children on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

### Sign Up for Orthodox Youth Mission Team 2019

—We are in 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Clothing Drive** will be ending in about 4 to 6 weeks.

## Upcoming Events

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

Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.

**Cemetery Clean Up** – Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m

**Lenox Retreat**—Nov. 2-4

**DDD Dinner** – Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 p.m. at Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe, CT

**Thanksgiving Craft and Bake Sale**—Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

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

**Akathist to the Mother of God for our Youth**—

## Birthdays

<b>October</b>	
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
William Obrevko	23
Cheryl Krafick Gartner	24
James Rush	24
William & Ann Marie Huott – Anniversary	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30

## DDD Dinner | Calling All Crafters | New Parish Directory

**DDD Dinner**—Next Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting the Distinguished Diocesan Donor Dinner for our Deanery at Roberto's Restaurant in Monroe, CT starting at 4:30 p.m. Fr. Stephen Loposky will be giving a presentation about Camp Nazareth (one of the apostolates that the DDD donations support). The cost is \$35. Please see Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich today if you would like to attend.

**Calling All Crafters**—Our Thanksgiving Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18. If you know a crafter of fine homemade items we have a few tables left at our sale. Tables are \$35 for the two days. Please see Susan Sulich if you would like a spot.

**New Parish Directory**—At long last, we have an updated parish directory available. Hard copies will be available in the church hall. If you want a digital copy, please email Susan Sulich at [ssulich@yahoo.com](mailto:ssulich@yahoo.com). Many thanks to Pani Bethany, Paul Sulich and Ana Melnic for all the help getting the new directory together.

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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](mailto: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!

**What does it mean?**

**Have you ever had a question at school or at church or even with your family or friends, but you were too shy to ask it?** Maybe you pretended you knew the answer. Maybe you changed the subject. Maybe you just kept quiet and kept it to yourself.

Today's Gospel reading is the parable of the sower. Jesus told a story about a man planting seeds. Some of the seeds fell in good places, and some didn't. The ones that fell in the good places were the ones that grew to be big, healthy plants.

Jesus told this story because He wanted people to learn something...not about gardening, but about listening to the word of God. The seeds that fell in the good dirt were like people who hear the word of God and do it!

We know what that parable meant, because we read about it in the Bible. But did you know that Jesus's disciples didn't know what it meant? They didn't know why Jesus was telling them about planting seeds! Of course, they could have pretended they knew what it meant. They could have changed the subject. They could have just kept quiet. But instead the disciples asked Him, "What does this mean?" And then Jesus explained the whole story.

So, let's be like the disciples! We might have a question about something in the Bible, or about what goes on at church, or about what we believe as Orthodox Christians. Don't be shy or embarrassed. Just ask, "What does this mean?"!

**A SWISS SAINT: ST. GALLUS OF SWITZERLAND**

What do YOU know about Switzerland? The rich chocolate? Fancy Swiss army knives? Excellent skiing in the Swiss Alps?

Do you know how Switzerland became a Christian country? Long ago, in the 600's, a monk named Gallus (or Gallen) came from Ireland to teach people about Christ. Most of the people there were pagan—they still worshipped idols.

St. Gallus had a tough time there because the people did not want to believe at first. But once, he healed the daughter of a duke, and to thank him, the duke gave Gallus land to start a monastery. He built it on the shores of beautiful Lake Constance, and he lived there for many years.

Lots of times, St. Gallus was asked to become a bishop, but he was such a humble man that he always refused. He didn't want to have that kind of power and fame. (Of course, God has helped lots of holy men to be bishops though.) But St. Gallus became well-known whether he liked it or not. Many people knew about this holy man, even though he lived quietly in the forests of Switzerland. And now you know about him too!

We celebrate St. Gallus on Tuesday, Oct. 16th (Oct. 29th, OC)

**We're on the Web!**

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