

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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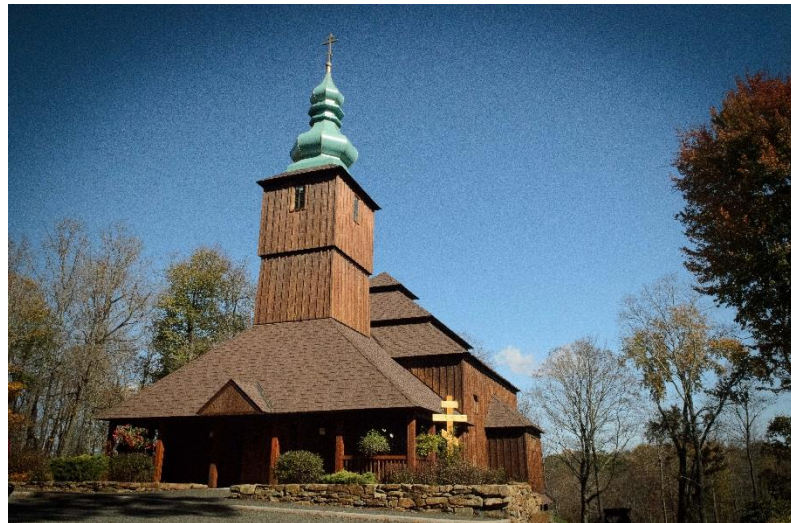
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-first  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle Galatians  
Galatians 2:16-20. The  
Gospel is from Luke 16:19-  
31. Venerable Hilarion the  
Great.

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, October 21, 10 AM**  
- Divine Liturgy

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

**Monday, October 22, 7 PM**  
- Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, October 23, 8:30 AM**  
- Third Hour

**Wednesday, October 24, 9 AM**  
- Stuffed Cabbages

**Wednesday, October 24, 7 PM**  
- Adult Catechism

**Thursday, October 25, 8:30 AM**  
- Akathist

**Thursday, October 25, 9:30 AM**  
- New Testament  
Class

**Friday, October 26, 8 AM**  
- Liturgy - St.  
Demetrius

**Friday, October 26, 9 AM**  
- Old Testament Class

**Friday, October 26, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**  
- Church  
School

**Saturday, October 27, 5 PM**  
- Vespers

**Sunday, October 28, 10 AM**  
- Liturgy

**Sunday, October 28, 12 noon**  
- Parish Council Meeting

## Readers Schedule

10/21 – Susan Paltauf  
10/28 – Harry Fong  
11/4 – Christopher Mihaly

## Coffee Hour

10/21 – OPEN  
10/28 – OPEN  
11/4 – Lenox Retreat

## 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/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.

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

## 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. 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 | Cooking and Baking Sessions for Thanksgiving Sale

### 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.

### Cooking and Baking Sessions for Thanksgiving Sale

We are entering the last month of preparations for our Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale on Nov. 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Below is the schedule for the remaining cooking and baking sessions:

Wednesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – Stuffed Cabbage

Tuesday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – Perogies

Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00 a.m. – Cookies

Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. (Evening Session)— Cookies

Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – Cookies

Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Set Up after Coffee Hour

Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Cookie Packaging

## Birthdays

October	
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

## Upcoming Events

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

**Church School** – Friday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

**Akathist to the Mother of God for our Youth**— Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.

**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.

**Lenox Retreat**—Nov. 2-4

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

**DDD Dinner**—Today 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 Lopusky 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!

**Christ in us - The Children's Word**

**What color did you wear after you were baptized?** You probably don't remember your own baptism. But if you've seen a baptism, you know the new Christian wears white. All white. Pure and clean white. That's because after you are baptized, everything is new. Everything is different. You might look like the same person, but you are really different. You follow Christ.

In the Epistle reading today, we hear what Saint Paul says about when he started to follow Christ. He writes, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

Does Christ live in you? Yes, He does! But how do you show it? When we know that our sweetest Lord Jesus Christ lives inside of us, we start to act differently. We try to be more like Him. We try to do the right thing. We try to treat others in a Christ-like way. Maybe sometimes we do what other people want instead of what we want.

Is that hard to remember? Yes, of course! But the next time you are feeling grumpy or mean or angry at everybody, try to remember those words from the Bible. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

**THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE: ALMOST 1,300 YEARS AGO!**

**Can you remember hearing about an earthquake?** Or a hurricane? The awful Hurricane Florence hit the United States just this year. People are still cleaning up from the winds and the flooding. That hurricane destroyed lots of homes. The earthquake in Haiti hit eight years ago. It was so bad that the people there still need our help.

But this week we also remember an earthquake that hit almost 1,300 years ago in the great city of Constantinople! Was it really that bad? Well, if you came to church very early, you heard the chanters read about it. Some of the taller buildings fell over. Some of the most beautiful buildings toppled too. People were trapped under the stones.

But what happened then? The people did what YOU would do. They prayed to God and to His mother, the Theotokos. They prayed to St. Demetrios (whose nameday is this week, too). They prayed that God would protect them. They prayed that the earthquake would stop. And it did!

Whenever things go wrong, we can always turn to God and His saints. God listens to us, just as He listened to the people 1,300 years ago!

**We remember the earthquake on Friday, Oct. 26th (Nov. 8th, OC)**