

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sixth  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle Romans 12:6-14.  
The Gospel is from  
Matthew 9:1-8. Pitrim of  
Tambov.

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

His Eminence, Metropolitan 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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## Schedule of Services and Events for this week

**Sunday, July 28, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, July 28, 11:30 AM –**  
Panachida for Scott Radcliff

**Monday, July 29, 7 PM –**  
Spirituality class

**Tuesday, July 30, 8:30 AM -**  
Hours

**Wednesday, July 31, 7 PM –**  
Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, August 1, Dormition**  
**Fast Begins**

**Thursday, August 1, 8:30 AM –**  
Akathist

**Thursday, August 1, 9:15**  
**AM – New Testament Class**

**Thursday, August 4, 4 PM**  
**to 6 PM – Monthly Bake**  
Sale

**Friday, August 2, 9 AM –**  
Old Testament Class

**Saturday, August 3, 10 AM**  
**to 3 PM – Thalerhof**  
Commemoration in  
Higganum, CT

**Saturday, August 3, 5 PM –**  
Vespers

**Sunday, August 4, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

## Readers Schedule

8/4 – Paul Sulich  
8/11 – Susan Paltauf  
8/18 – Bob Faubel  
8/25 – Harry Fong

## Coffee Hour

8/4 – OPEN  
8/11 – PICNIC  
8/18 – OPEN  
8/25 – OPEN

**Coffee Hour Sign Up**—There's a new sign up board for coffee hour in the hall. For weeks that have no one signed up, we will have pot luck. Feel free to contribute a dish if you wish.

## Help Re-Stock our Kitchen:

Sturdy 10-inch plates, kitchen counter cleaner, kitchen garbage bags, 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.

## THALERHOF

**COMMEMORATION 2019**  
(Remembering the Thalerhof and Jaworzno Concentration Camps of WW I and Post WW II AND all those who suffered in the World Wars and the post WW II period in the Carpathian homeland)

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 3, 2019, rain or shine 10 AM to 5 PM

**WHERE:** On the grounds of the Carpathian Institute 184 Old County Road (note: C-O-U-N-T-Y Road, not "Country"), Higganum, Connecticut 06441-4446 (south of Middletown, Connecticut [Higganum is a section of the town of Haddam] mid-way between New York and Boston)

**COST:** \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, to cover the cost of food

## Essay Contest

**ESSAY CONTEST:** The Diocese is holding a special Essay Contest project in conjunction with the Sobor this year. All High School Juniors and Seniors as well as all College age students are encouraged to participate. Please see the letter from His Eminence in the bulletin for more information.

## | Parish Trip to Slovakia | Les Miserable

**Parish Trip to Slovakia**—An itinerary has been set for our trip to Slovakia scheduled for August 18-30, 2019. We will start out in Prague, travel through Slovakia and have day trip into Hungary. Highlights of the trip include wooden churches, underground caves and other natural wonders, spas, castles and many other cultural and religious sites.

**Parish Outing to See Les Miserable**—the Tony Award winning production of Les Miserable is coming to CT in December at the Palace Theater in Waterbury. We have reserved a block of tickets for the Tuesday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> performance at 7:30 p.m. Seats are in the Side Rear Orchestra and the cost is \$41.75 per ticket. Even though it's far off, we would like to know who is interested in going. Right now we have reserved 10 seats but we can add more if there is interest. Please see Susan Sulich if you would like to reserve a ticket.

## 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: **Parenting Toward the Kingdom** by Dr. Philip Mamalakis

**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 **The Creed**. This discussion of the Nicene Creed—the foundation of our Faith—begins with a review of Christianity, the Church and Tradition. It offers a definition and an explanation of the Creed.

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

**Old Testament Class** – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun **Judges**.

## New Cemetery Fence

**New Cemetery Fence--** We are looking to install a new fence along the back side of our cemetery. It will be made of long-lasting black chain link with privacy slats that will provide a neat backdrop and block the view into the neighboring yards. If anyone would like to donate to the cost of the fence and the survey please let Fr. Luke know.

## | Road Race Sponsors

**Road Race Sponsors**— We will be looking for sponsors for our Perogie Dash 5K Road Race set for August 17<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorship levels start at \$100. All sponsors will have their logo on our t-shirt and the opportunity to contribute promotional material to our runner bags. Please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know if you or a business you frequent would like to be a sponsor.

## | Holy Trinity Golf Outing

Because of weather, our golf outing was postponed. The rain date is **Monday August 12**. Please get in touch with your group and let me know your status when you have it. The outing is still at Richter Park Golf in Danbury, CT with the first group going out at 9:00 AM. Harry Fong booked 6 foursomes for us, based on what we had on the original date. Anyone that did not sign up for the original date that would like to join us, please let Harry know asap so he can reserve another spot. Please contact Harry at: [hfong@aol.com](mailto:hfong@aol.com)

## The Non-Orthodox

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#### What about people who are not Orthodox?

It is always a pity when people who claim to be Orthodox make judgements against fellow Christians. In the tradition of Orthodoxy, wherever we find beauty and truth, it is of God, and it is our calling, as Orthodox Christians, to rejoice when we see others have at least some portion of the Truth. Slamming others for what they do not have, does nothing to further their journey into Orthodoxy, and in fact may delay or sideline their journey towards the fullness of Truth.

There is the wonderful true story of Saint Silouan the Athonite who was traveling by train with an archimandrite, a zealot who was quick to correct others about the True Faith. Coming upon a group of traveling Roman Catholics, Saint Silouan's traveling companion proceeded to tell them that they must become Orthodox because their faith was without grace. The saint asked him if it were indeed a fact that the Roman Catholics believed that Christ was true God, and that He was present in the Eucharist. The saint asked was it not true that these Catholics believed in the Trinity, and venerated the Holy Virgin and the relics of the saints. The archimandrite answered yes to

all the questions. Saint Silouan responded that of all humility's faiths we must know that we have perhaps more, but not to judge those who are not Orthodox. We must rejoice in the knowledge of what they do have. The saint told him that we should not be filled with such pride as to think we have the right to judge, correct or teach others.

This does not mean that we see the Church as divided, or that the Orthodox Church is anything less than the Church Christ founded. What it does mean is that we do not allow ourselves to think we have the right to correct or teach anyone. We must honor other peoples beliefs and not give in to the prideful stand that we have the right to teach or correct them. The truth that is found within Orthodoxy must be shared by living our faith in love, not in judging or correcting others. Truth, where ever it is found, is Orthodox Truth. If other religions embrace some of these truths that are Orthodox, we must rejoice and give thanks for what they do have.

People who love God and are trying to live holy lives pleasing to Him, according to the knowledge they have been given, are to be respected. They may not have the fullness of Apostolic Truth, but if they are believers in God and are trying to live a life pleasing to God, we must give thanks to Christ for what they do have.

They have God as their Father, just as do we. They can have the Church as their Mother only if they see in us the difference Orthodoxy has made in our lives. Being arrogant in our evangelism does nothing to express the truth of Orthodoxy, and makes us no different than the pushy salesman at the door.

That arrogant archimandrite would better have shared the beauty of Orthodoxy had he embraced those Roman Catholics as fellow disciples of Christ. Then they would have seen Christ in him and known that Orthodoxy was indeed a faith centered in Christ. They would have known the truth of Orthodoxy by seeing in him, the love of Christ.

All this having been said, it is important that we remember Our Lord Himself has charged us to speak the truth. We must never fail to share the truth of our Orthodox faith for fear we might offend someone, for by "Speaking the truth in love, let us grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head (of the Church), even Christ (Ephesians 4:15)."

Love in Christ,  
Abbot Tryphon



## Upcoming Events

**Akathist to Mary for Our Children—**

Thursday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 a.m.

**Monthly Food Sale—**

Thursday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 4-6 p.m

**Parish council Meeting –**  
Sunday, August 11

**Golf Outing—**Monday,  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

**Perogie Dash 5K –**  
Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Trip to Slovakia –** August 18  
– August 30

Birthdays	
<b>July</b>	
Vivian Szymanowicz	28
Marilyn Zaengle	30
Paul Toaso	31
<b>August</b>	
Susan Sulich	1
Ken and Diana Borsari - Anniversary	1
Carolyn Faubel	4
Lisa Farrah	5
Trianna Gutzman (Names day)	8
Carolos Morfa	9
Bill Huott	10
Sarah Baroody	15
Fr. Luke & Bethany Mihaly - Anniversary	17
Slave & Mariana Todosiev - Anniversary	19
Brenna Singer	23
Amy Fong	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
Cyril Gutzman	26
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28
Kristen Szymanowicz	31

### How About a Parish Picnic?

Before summer is over, we're thinking about having a parish picnic in place of coffee hour on Sunday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to bring a dish to share. Plan to come and enjoy each other's company on our beautiful lower lawn. Bring lawn chairs and games



**A cheerful Christian**

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“... a place of refuge full of love and joy.”



Have you ever done something nice for somebody...but you didn't want to do it? Maybe you shared a treat with a brother or sister, or played with somebody you didn't want to play with, or helped somebody you didn't want to help. But then, did you complain about it? When we complain about something, we take away the good thing we did! In today's epistle reading, we hear some advice about being a good Christian. We hear how when we do something good, we should do it cheerfully! The epistle says, "Let us use our gifts...Whoever does something merciful, with cheerfulness." In another epistle, we hear the same kind of thing. When we give to people who need our help, we don't want to give with complaining or because somebody forced us to do it, "because God loves a cheerful giver." But sometimes it's hard to give, or to share, or to help somebody! How do you think you can learn to do something nice, AND to be happy about doing it? Well, helping people takes practice. The more we help others, and the more we share, and the more we give, the more we know a secret. It starts to feel good. Then we really will be a cheerful Christian. We learn to really like helping others.

**Online Donating**—If you missed last week's semi-annual meeting, we are now offering online donating through our bank, Webster. If you are interested in making a regular recurring donation to the church automatically out of your bank account, you can fill out a form and Webster will take the designated account out of your account and deposit in the church's account. Other ways to set up a recurring donation are to arrange bill pay through your bank or use PayPal through our website. Regular donations help keep our cash flow positive, especially during the summer months and bad weather. If you have questions, please see Orestes Mihaly.



**THE HOLY CROSS A PROCESSION THROUGH THE CITY**

What do you do to try to keep yourself from getting sick? You probably wash your hands before you eat, you don't share your drinking cups with your friends, you get a vaccine. Once it starts getting colder, sometimes people start getting worried about getting colds or the flu. That's because those germs spread around a lot during the cold months. But many years ago, in the great Christian city of Constantinople, people would get sick the most when it was hot. And it was hottest in the beginning of August. So what did the people do to keep from getting sick? And what would help if they did get sick? The people tried the best they could to use the right medical care. But they also prayed to God! Starting on August 1st, we still celebrate the Procession of the Precious Cross. Many years ago, the faithful Orthodox Christians carried a part of the true Cross of our Lord from the church all the way through the city. People kissed the holy Cross, and many people were made well again. God healed people through His holy Cross. So, let's remember, we try our best not to get sick, but we also turn to our Lord too! We always remember to ask Him to keep us safe! We celebrate this special day on Thursday, Aug. 1 (Aug. 14th, OC).