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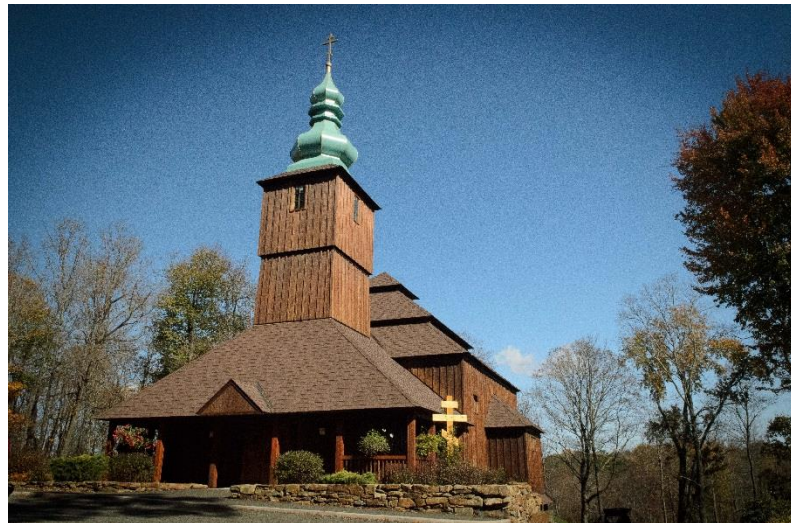
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Eighth
Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle 1 Corinthians
1:10-18. The Gospel is
from Matthew 14:14-22.
Martyr Archdeacon
Euplus.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, August 11, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 11, 11:30 AM
– Panachida imo John (Perun, Sr.) and Patricia (Bob Young' sister)

Sunday, August 11, 12 noon –
Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 11, 12:30 –
Parish Council meeting

Monday, August 12, 9 AM –
Golf Outing at Richter Park

Monday, August 12, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 13, 8:30 AM – Hours

Wednesday, August 14, 6 PM – Great Vespers
Dormition

Wednesday, August 14, 7 PM – Adult Catechism

Thursday, August 15, 9 AM – Liturgy - Dormition

Friday, August 17, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, August 16, 11 AM – Set up for Road Race

Saturday, August 17, 7:30 AM –Registration
Opens for Perogie Dash 5K

Saturday, August 17, 8:30 AM – Kids Run – 9 AM 5K

Sunday, August 18, 10 AM – Liturgy – Prayers for Students New School year

Sunday, August 18, 10 PM – Flight for Slovakia

Sunday, August 25, 10 AM –Divine Liturgy with Fr. Sergej Bouteneff

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Readers Schedule

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

Coffee Hour

8/11 – Picnic
8/18 – OPEN
8/25 – OPEN

Help Re-Stock Our

Kitchen—Kitchen counter cleaner, napkins, kitchen garbage bags, gallon freezer bags, sturdy 10-inch plates.

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/holytrinitydanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

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. Cash prizes will be given out to the top three High School and top three College essay winners. Please see the letter from His Eminence in the bulletin for more information.

| Church School Start

Church School Start—We are planning to start our Church school year on Sat. Sept. 14th on the feast of the Elevation of the Cross. Following liturgy we will have a procession with the Cross with our youth followed by breakfast and our first church school session. A second session is planned for Friday, Sept. 27th from 5-7 p.m. Please mark your calendar. We look forward to welcoming all children and teens for another fruitful year of learning and fun.

| Les Miserable

Les Miserable—We are planning a parish outing to see Les Miserable at the Palace Theater in Waterbury, CT on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 7:30 p.m. We are reserving a block of tickets at a group rate of \$41.75 per ticket. There is a sign up sheet in the hall. We need to give the theater an initial count this week. Please sign up or see Susan Sulich if you are interested in going. Half the payment will be due on Sept. 1st.

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 were 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

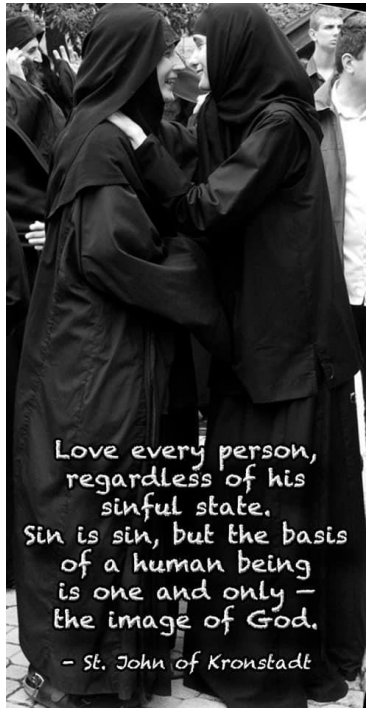
New Cemetery Fence-- We are looking to install a new fence along the back side of our cemetery. It will be made of long-lasting black chain link with privacy slats that will provide a neat backdrop and block the view into the neighboring yards. If anyone would like to donate to the cost of the fence 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 17th. 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

Golf Outing: It's not too late to get a foursome together for our Holy Trinity Golf Outing which had to be rescheduled due to bad weather this week. We will be in a new place this year— Richter Park right here in Danbury. There will be a Hole in One contest and prizes awarded. Male and female golfers welcome. Please consider inviting friends and family to join this fun summer fundraiser. The price is \$125 per person and includes lunch. Stay tuned for the new date. See Harry Fong and Ken Borsari if you want to play.



| Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve will be on Friday, Sept. 6th from 1-5 p.m. If you are able to serve for part of all of the day please let Susan Sulich know. High school and college students welcome.

Birthdays	
August	
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

Upcoming Events

Perogie Dash 5K –
Saturday, August 17th

Church School—Fri.
Sept. 27th from 5-7 p.m.

Trip to Slovakia –
August 18 – August 30

Dorothy Day—Fri.
Sept. 6th 1-5 p.m.

Church School Start—
Sat. Sept. 14th following
liturgy for Elevation of
the Cross

Parish Trip to Slovakia

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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.

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



- The Stewardship of St. Christopher the Martyr

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Christopher stated: "Had I borne the whole world on my back, I would not have outweighed you."

And the Child responded:

"Marvel not for you have borne upon your back the world and Him Who created it!"

As Stewards of the Christian Orthodox Faith, we must strive to insure that our actions support our words of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This is ultimately the concept of Stewardship or service to God and His earthly vessel of salvation, the Church. We offer our Time, Talents, and Treasure because it is the natural response of our love for and our faith in Christ Jesus. Writing in the twentieth century, St. John of Kronstadt explains: "Love for God begins to manifest itself, and to act in us, when we begin to love our neighbor as ourselves, and not to spare ourselves or anything belonging to us for him, as he is the image of God: 'For he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen'."

The story of St. Christopher is well known. It is about a Roman soldier who lived in the third century. This was a time of great unrest and persecution for those who believed in Jesus Christ. Christopher could not see the reason for persecuting these innocent people and spoke out against such cruelties by resigning from the Roman army. Inspired by the love and faith that motivated the Christian people, he enthusiastically accepted Christ and was baptized.

There is a story about this saint that describes his method of offering Christian charity. It is said that he would carry travelers across a river on his back. One day, he happened to carry a young boy across the river. Halfway across, the weight of the child became overpowering and Christopher stated: "Had I borne the whole world on my back, I would not have outweighed you." To this the Child responded: "Marvel not for you have borne upon your back the world and Him Who created it!"

This encounter with the Christ Child expresses the gift of love in which St. Christopher was determined to offer. For this reason, many icons depict the saint carrying our Lord on his shoulders. This is a powerful message of Christian Orthodox Stewardship. Imagine, placing upon our very own shoulders, the One who not only created the world, but also takes away the sins of the world! And yet, this is exactly what our participation in Christian Stewardship requires. We, too, are to become a Christopher — a steward who "bears Christ" in the heart, the mind, and the soul!

For his Christian beliefs, St. Christopher was eventually arrested by his former comrades in arms. While they traveled back to Rome for his trial, the saint seized the opportunity and spoke to the soldiers of God's love for all humankind. Moved by the words of Christopher, the soldiers accepted Christ and were baptized. When this happened, the soldiers did not want to carry out their mission, but Christopher insisted that they must continue as instructed and turn him over to the Roman authorities. Once in Rome, he was tried, convicted, and beheaded on May 9.

The martyred saints of the first three centuries of the Church shed their blood for the foundation of our Christian Orthodox Church. In studying their lives we realize that the true Christian is the person who is marked by the offerings of compassion, charity, and love to all people. The Early Church Fathers were well aware that to become a faithful member of Christ's Church meant to live the Faith by being an active participant in Christ's teachings. St. Christopher did so by enthusiastically sharing his love for Christ with others and by the simple, yet meaningful act of carrying people across a river on his shoulders. His example poses an important question to today's Christian Orthodox Steward:

How will YOU express your faith in Jesus Christ?