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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Ninth
Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle 1 Corinthians
3:9-17. The Gospel is
from Matthew 14:22-34.
Martyrs Florus & Laurus

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, 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

Sunday, September 1, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 4, 7 PM - Adult Catechism

Thursday, September 5, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, September 5, 9:15 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, September 6, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, September 6, 1 PM to 5 PM – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Saturday, September 7, 5 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, September 8, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Nativity of the Mother of God

Fr. Luke is away from Sunday, August 18 until Saturday, August 31. If there are any emergencies and you need a priest, please call the rectory (203)748-0671 and Stasia will be able to help you contact a priest. It will be either one of our deanery priests, Fr. David Cochran or Fr. Michael Macura, or a local priest, either Fr. Nikolas Karloutsos or Fr. Peter Karloutsos.

Readers Schedule

8/18 – Bob Faubel
8/25 – Harry Fong

Coffee Hour

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/htcdanbury/?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**

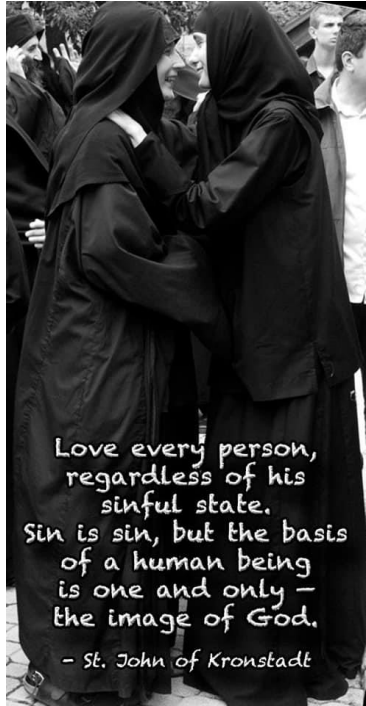
Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun **Judges**.

New Cemetery Fence

New Cemetery Fence-- A new fence along the back side of our cemetery will be installed in the next few weeks. 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.

| Perogie Dash

Perogie Dash – Thank you to everyone who helped out at the 20th Annual Perogie Dash Road Race. We had the most people registered for our race so far: 125! Everyone helped to make this a great day! From those who got here early to cook the perogies, set up the finish line, the sound, the water stations, clean up, our sponsors, set up and so much more! It is truly an all-out parish event! God bless you all!



| 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.

Upcoming Events

Trip to Slovakia –
August 18 – August 30

liturgy for Elevation of the Cross

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Thank You Presentation – Sunday, Sept. 29th

Akathist to the Mother of God for our Children – Thursday, Sept. 5th 8:30 a.m.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service – Thursday, Sept. 19th

Dorothy Day—Fri.
Sept. 6th 1-5 p.m.

Council Meeting –
Sunday, Sept. 22nd

Church School Start—
Sat. Sept. 14th following

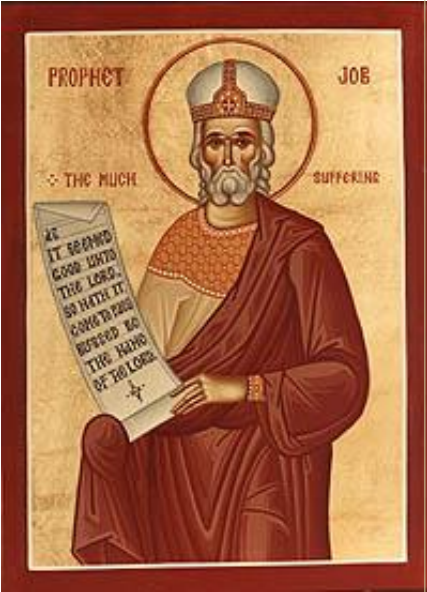
Church School—Fri.
Sept. 27th from 5-7 p.m.

| Birthdays | |
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| August | |
| 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 |
| September | |
| Jonathan McCormack | 1 |
| Petru Zubek | 5 |
| Dusya (Evdokia) Kotereva-Bouffard | 7 |
| Luke Mihaylo | 8 |
| Christopher & Brenna Mihaly - Anniversary | 9 |
| Suad Behrend | 10 |
| Valentina Bayer | 14 |
| Orestes & Monika Mihaly - Anniversary | 21 |
| Bethany Mihaly | 22 |
| Julia Huott | 23 |
| Paul Sulich, Sr. | 26 |
| Lorraine Fedyna | 28 |
| Alex & Elaine Sirak - Anniversary | 28 |
| Jeff & Kristen Szymanowicz - Anniversary | 29 |
| Jim & Pat Zeleniak - Anniversary | 29 |

- The Stewardship of the Prophet Job

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



[Print The Stewardship of the Prophet Job](#)

Almost two millennia before Christ lived a wealthy man who was respected for his piety and faith in God. When he reached the age of seventy-nine, God permitted a number of trials and tribulations to befall him. In one day he lost all his possessions and his children. He became ill and his body suffered great afflictions. He was tempted by Satan, but through all the trials and tribulations he remained steadfast in faith and obedience to God. The man's name — JOB!

In the Old Testament we read about the life of Job in the book that is attributed to him. Job is the icon of patience and perseverance. We learn to deal with life's many pressures by contemplating the experiences of Job. We recognize a man who stays focused on God rather than on his own suffering. He does not turn away in moments of weakness but endures the struggles of life. Job's integrity as a faithful steward of God remains intact.

The Fathers of the Church call Job "a true man" who was "patient" with God. They speak of the sufferings of Job as being illogical according to human reasoning but comprehend this in the respect and faith given to God's wisdom. St. John Chrysostom writes: "...Job had a zeal for sincere actions; that is why the text says he was 'godly and true'."

If we believe that we come into the world with nothing and leave this world with nothing, then we must admit that all we have during our lifetime belongs to someone else who entrusted it to us to manage to the best of our ability. That somebody is God to Whom everything belongs!

When Job had been stripped of his family, his position, and his possessions, he did not choose to blame God, but said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). Job believed that it was God Who took all these things away from him. Rather than challenging God by desiring to know the reason why all this has befallen him, he thanks God and praises Him: "...blessed be the name of the Lord". This is his consolation — it was as the Lord had willed! St. John Chrysostom explains: "Why has He decided it in this way?...When He made me rich, I did not seek to know why He had given me riches, and I no more seek to know now why He has taken them away from me. For did He give them to me because I deserved them? Did I receive them in exchange for my good actions then? He had decided to give, and He did it; He has decided to take back, and He has done it. It is the sign of a godly spirit to entrust everything to the will of God and to ask for neither an accounting nor explanations."

The Book of Job deals with our relationship with God. It puts life into a perspective that is of paramount importance for the Christian Orthodox steward. When we think that everything we possess in this world is our treasure, we just need to turn to Job to realize that this life is temporal, and it is life eternal that we must seek. Job distinguishes himself by his patience, love, and trust in our Heavenly Father. Read the Book of Job and learn how he faced many of the same issues we deal with today. As St. Hesychius wrote concerning Job: "Only patience can save — only she can fulfill the pressing need; it is with help that we re-establish the righteousness of the soul and of thoughts. Because she is the turnkey for the kingdom of heaven; she has also established the gateway to it according to the words of Paul: 'pursue what is good...rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks' (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18)."