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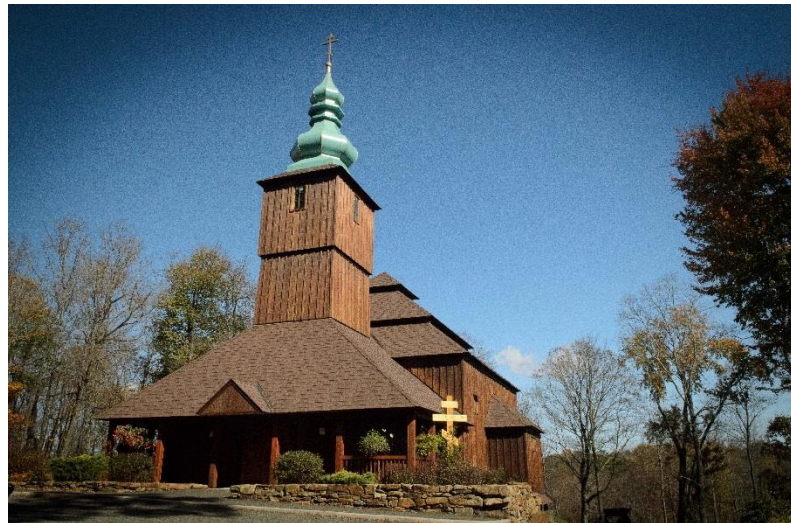
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost and the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. The Epistle Philippians 2:5-11. The Gospel is from Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28.

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

We will be serving a Panachida for Svetlana, Tamara's sister; Sandra, Roz's niece; Peter, Chrissanth's uncle; and Oksana Bubniak, Elaine Sirak's cousin

Monday, September 9, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 10, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, September 10, 9 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, September 11,

7 PM - Adult Catechism

Thursday, September 12,
8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, September 12,
9:15 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, September 13, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, September 13, 5 PM – Vespers Elevation of the Cross

Saturday, September 14, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy Elevation of the Cross

Saturday, September 14,
10 AM to 12 Noon – Church School

Saturday, September 14,
5 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, September 15,
10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Collection for Hurricane Dorian

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Readers Schedule

9/8 – Harry Fong
9/15 – Susan Paltauf
9/22 – Suzanne Molineaux
9/29 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour

9/8 - 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 **Ruth**.

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.

| Hurricane Dorian Relief

HURRICANE RELIEF: His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory, has announced a relief fund effort throughout the Diocese to help those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. We are being asked to take up a collection on Sunday, September 15. Our donations will go directly to the International Orthodox Christian Charities.

| Parenting Workshop

PARENTING WORKSHOP: There will be a Diocesan Parenting Workshop on Saturday, September 21. His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory and Fr. Stephen Lopusky will be in Bridgeport at St. John's Mil Hill Avenue to lead the Workshop. Please mark your calendars and plan to be here for this wonderful event.

Lenox Retreat
Lenox Retreat—Our annual St. Nectarios Lenox Retreat is set for Nov. 1-3. We will once again be staying at the Cornell Inn. Rates are \$250 for a single and \$350 for a double which includes two nights accommodations and two full breakfasts. Deadline for reservations and payment is Sunday, Sept. 29th. Please let Susan Sulich know if you plan to go.

Parish Lending Library | **Parish Lending Library**
 — You may have noticed that in the vestibule of the church we have set up a lending library in the first section of the bookcase. There are books there on a variety of topics of interest from the Church Fathers to parenting to the Liturgy and more. There are also a few titles in Spanish. Feel free to check out one or more titles. Just fill out the lending library book with title, name and date.

Time to Make Perogies | **Time to Make the Perogies**—We will be starting our perogie sessions starting this Tuesday, Sept. 10th, following the morning Hours service (about 9:00 a.m.). We are out of nearly all varieties and will be working to build our stock for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake Sales. Newcomers always welcome! If you would like to have an evening perogie session, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

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

OYMT De-Brief Meeting and BBQ— Sunday, Sept. 15th 1:00 p.m. at Beth Rzyk's home

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

Council Meeting – Sunday, Sept. 22nd

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

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Thank

You Presentation – Sunday, Sept. 29th

Birthdays	
August	
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

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



The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

What does your family do when something is broken in your house? Let's say the sink is clogged or the refrigerator is broken. Your parents might try their best to fix it themselves. Then, if it's really broken, they might have to call a plumber or a repairman.

Today, in the Orthodox Church, is the Sunday before the feast of the Holy Cross. So, we hear about how and why our Lord, Jesus Christ, came into the world!

The Gospel today says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

Before our Lord came to earth, there were a lot of wrong things happening in the world. In a way, things were broken. Some people might have tried to fix things on their own. But when God saw that the world really needed Him to fix things, He sent His Son. He sent His Son to live and grow up from a baby. He sent His Son to teach and heal, and then even to die on a Cross. God wanted the world to be fixed. He wanted it to be saved! That is why Jesus came into the world. When we think of it, let's thank God for that!

ANOTHER NATIVITY: THE BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

Do you celebrate your birthday? Does your family celebrate your birthday too? Your parents or grandparents are probably especially happy on your birthday, because they remember you as a little baby. They remember how you could grow up to be someone really special.

In our Church today, we celebrate a very special birthday. It is the day Mary, the Holy Theotokos, was born. Her parents knew that she would grow up to be someone really special, because her birth was really a miracle in the first place! Her parents, Saints Joachim and Anna, were very old, and they didn't think they could have any children. With the new little baby, Mary, they knew that she was special to God.

In our Church calendar, we celebrate a few birthdays. Can you think of another? Well, Christmas, of course! Mary knew that her son would be a special person too. We also remember the birthday of Saint John the Baptist too. His parents knew he would be special.

Birthdays are fun to celebrate, but we can also use them as a time to thank God for what He has given us. We can ask God to help us use our lives in the way He wants us to....just like baby Mary grew up and did what God wanted her to do!

We celebrate this great feastday today, September 8th (Sept. 21, OC).

