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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost and the Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross. The Epistle Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel is from Mark 8:34-9:1. Great Martyr Nicetas.

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.

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Schedule of Services and Events for this week

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

Monday, September 16, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 17, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, September 17, 9 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, September 18, 7 PM - Adult Catechism

Thursday, September 19, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, September 19, 9:15 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, September 20, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, September 21, 10 AM – Diocesan parenting Seminar in Bridgeport

Sunday, September 22, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

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

Coffee Hour

9/22 – OPEN
9/29 - OYMT Presentation

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.

Church School Start | Les Miserable

Church School Start—We are planning to have our second church school session 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—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.

| OYMT Presentation

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Presentation--On Sunday Sept. 29th OYMT will host a special coffee hour to show our appreciation for all of our parish's support for this youth endeavor. We have a new video to share that was made this year by a professional videographer for our team. We will serve BBQ and other delicious food! All are welcome and if you are thinking about joining the team for next summer this is a great way to learn what OYMT is all about. Teens currently in 8th grade and up are eligible to join. New adult leaders welcome!

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 | **Time to Make Perogies**
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 the Perogies—We have started our perogie sessions on Tuesdays 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

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	
September	
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 Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

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September 14

Reading

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



Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be

