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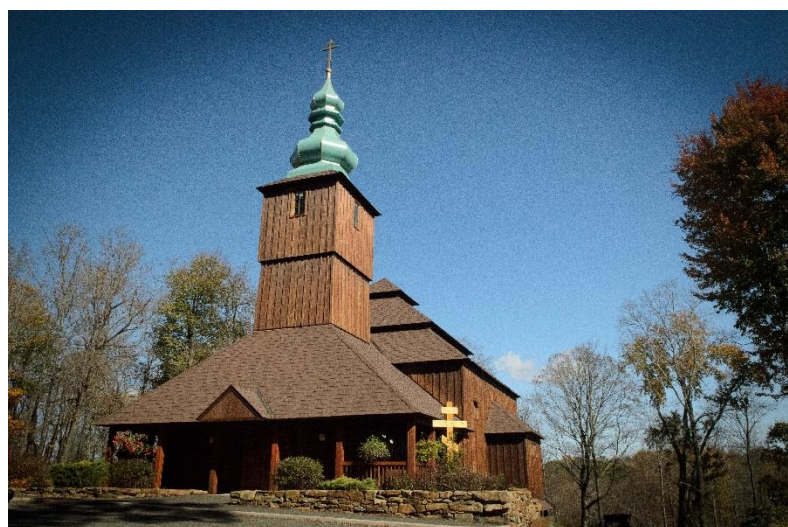
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. The Gospel is from Luke 8:26-39. Nestor of Salonica, St. Prokla, wife of Pilate.

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, Oct. 27, 10:00 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 27, 11:30 AM
– We will be serving a Panachida for Paul Stagen’s father, Paul, for Marty Howley, Stephanie Fong and my brother, Serge.

Monday, Oct. 28—7 p.m.
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, Oct. 29—8:30 a.m.
Hours

Tuesday, Oct. 29—9:00 a.m.
Perogie Session

Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 PM
– Cookie Baking

Wednesday, Oct. 30—4 p.m. to 8 PM - Wake for Serge Mihaly, Jr at St. John’s Church, 1240 Broadbridge Ave. Stratford, CT

Thursday, Oct. 31-10 a.m.
Funeral Service for Serge Mihaly Jr. at St. John’s Church, 1240 Broadbridge Ave. Stratford, CT

Friday, November 1—9:00 AM -Old Testament Class

Friday, November 1 thru Sunday, November 3,
Lenox Retreat

Sunday, November 3m 10 AM – Readers Service led by Reader Christopher Mihaly

Remember: Move your clocks **back 1 hour** on Saturday, November 2. We start Daylight Savings Times

Readers Schedule

10/27—Paul Toaso
11/3 – Susan Paltauf

Coffee Hour

10/27—Roz and Natalia
11/3 - 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/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Church School

Church School—We have had a very good response to our church school sessions and so will continue to offer classes one Friday evening and one Saturday morning each month. Friday classes are from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday classes are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

Fri. Nov. 8th

Sat. Nov. 23rd

Fri. Dec. 6th

Sat. Dec. TBD

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.

Cemetery Cleanup

Nov. 9th Cemetery Cleanup

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at St. Platon's Cemetery for a fall clean up on Sat., Nov. 9th. Please bring leaf blowers, trimmers, rakes and tarps.

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 **1 Samuel**.

CHANGE our Bottom Line

CHANGE our Bottom Line—Please consider donating your spare change toward lowering our mortgage debt. A container is located in the church hall to collect the change and it will be cashed in to contribute to extra mortgage payments.

Annual Weekend Encounter

Annual Weekend Encounter Sponsored by the National Jr ACRY. Open to all diocesan youth ages 8-18 Friday, November 8-Sunday, November 10, 2019. Come experience Faith, Fellowship and Fun at Camp Nazareth this Fall! Cost is \$90 for the weekend Please email Sarah Lavra to register at Sarahlavra@gmail.com Please note parental permission forms must be submitted to attend this event. They can be found on the National Jr ACRY website.

Night Cookie Baking Session

Next Tuesday, Oct. 29th we will be making Kolachi cookies for our upcoming bake sales in the hall starting at 5:30. Any available helpers welcome—no Kolachi experience needed! Several people have expressed interest in night cooking sessions. If you are unable to come Tuesday but have another day that would work better for you please let Susan Sulich know.

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. A \$25 donation is requested for those coming for the presentation only on Saturday. 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.

| Birthdays | |
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| October | |
| Jon Gross | 29 |
| Orestes Mihaly III | 30 |
| November | |
| Stephen Fong | 5 |
| Lady Guerrero | 5 |
| Paul Sulich, Jr. | 7 |
| Paul & Elaine Toaso - Anniversary | 9 |
| Kathryn Kerpchar | 9 |
| Sophia Baroodly | 11 |
| Michael Dran | 12 |
| Tennessee Molineaux | 13 |
| Matthias Robert Paltauf | 13 |
| Daniel John Huott | 13 |
| Andrei Zubek | 21 |
| Sandy Fong | 23 |
| Robert Young | 27 |
| Nicholas Gross | 30 |

Upcoming Events

St. Nectarios Lenox Retreat – November 1 – November 3

3 p.m. and Sunday Nov. 17th, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Church School—Friday, Dec. 6th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Church School—Friday, Nov. 8th 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Church School—Saturday, Nov. 23rd 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Christmas Bake Sale—Saturday, Dec. 14th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cemetery Clean Up-- Saturday, Nov. 9th 9:00 a.m.

Parish Outing to see Les Miserable at Waterbury's Palace Theater—Tuesday, Dec 3rd 7:30 p.m.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, Dec. 19th 7:00 p.m.

Chow Down to Pay Down Mortgage Fundraiser—Sat., Nov. 9th 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Dorothy Day—Friday, Dec 6th 1:00- 5:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Bake Sale—Saturday Nov. 16, 10 a.m. –

Chow Down to Pay Down | Holiday Craft and Bake Sales | Dorothy Day

Chow Down to Pay Down on Nov. 9th—Save the Date!— We are planning a fun, fundraiser, “Chow Down to Pay Down” on Saturday evening, Nov. 9th at The Summit at Bethel Club House in Bethel. Chefs from our parish will demonstrate some favorite recipes and we will get to sample them and enjoy an evening of fellowship together. Proceeds from tickets to this event will be used for extra mortgage payments Making two extra payments per year of \$509.95 on our rectory mortgage would save \$31,700 and a reduce payment time by 49 months. Tickets are \$28.33 and must be purchased in advance. See Elaine Toaso, Pani Bethany or Susan Sulich for tickets.

.Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake and Craft Sales – Our holiday bake sales are coming up. The Thanksgiving sale will take place on Nov. 16-17 and the Christmas sale will be on Saturday, Dec. 14th. We will need help cooking, manning the kitchen and selling our perogies, rolls, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and cookies.

Calling All Crafters—we are looking for artisans of high-quality, hand-crafted items for our sales. Tables are \$35. See Susan Sulich to reserve.

We will not be serving at Dorothy Day on Friday, Nov. 1st.

Upcoming Dorothy Day dates:

Friday, Dec. 6th

Friday, Jan. 3rd

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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The Problem of Evil

October 26, 2019 · [Abbot Tryphon](#)

Darkness does not exist in its own right

Our Orthodox Christian theology views evil not as a primeval essence that is co-eternal and equal to God, but rather a falling away from good. Evil does not exist in and of itself, and was not created by God. Our Orthodox Church rejects the Gnostic teaching that the entirety of being is made up of two realms which have forever existed together: the kingdom of light, and the kingdom of darkness.

This darkness does not exist in its own right, but is simply the absence or lack of light. Evil, according to Saint Basil the Great, 'is not a living and animated substance, but a condition of the soul which is opposed to virtue and which springs up in the slothful because of their falling away from Good. Do not, therefore, contemplate evil from without; and do not imagine some original nature of wickedness, but let each one recognize himself as the first author of the vice that is in him'.

Nothing is greater than God, including evil, and evil results when the free will of God's creation is directed against God and thereby engendering evil. This is precisely what happened when the light-bearing morning star (Lucifer), fell away from the Source of goodness, and became the evil one, Satan. Lucifer, by imposing his own will, found himself in darkness. Since his power is based in falsehood, he can only influence us by convincing people that he is as powerful as God. Yet his power is finite, and good will eventually triumph on the Last Day.

That God would allow evil to exist in the first place, is a mystery, for the scriptures do not explain this. Yet we do know through the scriptures that true love must express itself in action, and in the face of evil and suffering, a Christian is called to action by loving God and his neighbor. Evil then becomes but a simple practical problem, one that the Christian finds ways to alleviate. As Christians we are charged with bringing God's love and goodness into the world by our actions.

Saint Anthony of Egypt, said, "The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the Sign of the Cross."

With love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon



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



Quotes by St. John Chrysostom

It is impossible to be saved without the help of the Most Blessed Virgin, because those who are not saved by the justice of God are saved by the intercession of Mary.

When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them.

Why not learn to enjoy the little things-there are so many of them.

There is nothing colder than a Christian who does not seek to save others.

I am a Christian. He who answers thus has declared everything at once-his country, profession, family; the believer belongs to no city on earth but to the heavenly Jerusalem.

To destroy the fetus 'is something worse than murder.' The one who does this 'does not take away life that has already been born, but prevents it from being born.'

