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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Hebrews 13:7-16.
The Gospel is from Luke 7:11-16, John 17:1-13.
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, Apostle Philip.

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, October 11, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 17, 5 PM – Vespers

Wednesday, October 14, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class at Church and on Zoom

Sunday, October 18, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, October 15, 9 AM – New Testament Class at Church and on Zoom

Sunday, October 18, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Friday, October 16, 9 AM – Old Testament Class at Church and on Zoom

Saturday, October 17 8 AM – 4 PM – Baking session

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Parish Men's Group

Parish Men's Group – The Men of the Parish will be reading the Book *Orthodoxy and the Religions of the Future* by Fr. Seraphim Rose.

More information to come. If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information on the Parish Men's Group, please contact Fr. Luke

In House Retreat

In House Retreat—Save the Date!
In place of our annual Lenox Retreat this year we are planning an in-house retreat on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The retreat master will be Fr. John Parker, dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary. Many parishioners have requested a retreat at the church and we are happy to be able to offer one this year. Please mark the date on your calendar and stay tuned for additional details.

OYMT Plans for 2021

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Making Plans for 2021—All youth in grades 8-12 are invited to attend a meeting about upcoming plans for summer youth mission work on Sunday, Oct. 25th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. OYMT is led by Fr. Luke and has been active for 10 years giving youth an opportunity to put their Faith to work through a week-long summer mission/service project. We are also looking for adult leaders who will participate in training and go on the trip as well. Come and find out what OYMT is about! If you have questions about OYMT, contact Fr. Luke Mihaly (padreluke@aol.com) or Susan Sulich (oymt.info@gmail.com).

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.

We encourage as many parishioners as possible to participate. Gifts of \$100 or more are asked. Proceeds from the DDD benefit Camp Nazareth, and because Covid has caused all events and programs to be cancelled, DDD is basically our only source of Camp income.

Checks are payable to:

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and may be sent to:

Diocesan Chancery

312 Garfield Street

Johnstown, PA 15906.

May the Lord bless you and yours during these stressful times.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank P. Miloro

Chancellor

Adult Education Opportunities

We have a number of adult education classes going on currently that are currently online:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. This week we will be starting a new book: *Prayer, Encounter with The Living God by*

Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev.

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'll be starting a new book soon, **Acquiring the**

Mind of Christ.

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently we are reading and studying *St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun *4 Kingdoms*.

Classes will resume in the church hall this week. We will also continue to make

Church School This Fall

Fall Church School Session
We have set the following schedule for church school this fall:

- Sat. Oct. 24th 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

I will be teaching the youth about Baptism and Miss Elena will continue with creative art projects. **Please send in an old t-shirt or smock with your children that can be kept at the church for messy projects.**

To help keep everyone as safe as possible, we will have class outside whenever possible. (Please have your child bring a sweatshirt in case it's chilly.) We have also resumed regular professional cleaning services for the hall and church. In addition, we will be observing the following safety measures:

There will be hand sanitizer at the entrance to church school for each child to use when they arrive.

- Please have your child sign in so we know who is present.
- Have your child wear a mask.
- Individual snacks will be served to each child.
- When we are indoors, the air handler will be on and windows will be open.
- Children will be seated at a socially safe distance or with siblings.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please let me know. We look forward to your children and teens participating!

Roll Baking

Roll Baking—Save the Date—On Saturday, Oct. 17th we will have a roll baking day to prepare for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake sales. There will be some changes to the operations due to COVID. If you are interested in helping, please let Chrissanth or Carolyn know and you will be assigned a slot so that we can keep observe social distancing.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve to serve at Dorothy Day will be this Friday, November 6th from 2:00-4:30 p.m. As a reminder, we are packaging and handing out bag lunches to the hungry in the community and also preparing lunches and breakfasts that are brought to area hotels where shelter guests are currently being housed and senior housing. If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Farrah or Susan Sulich.

Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions—We are scheduling four perogie making sessions on Wednesday mornings on Oct. 28th, Nov. 4th, Nov. 11th and Nov. 18th in preparation for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bakes Sales. All veteran and new pinchers are welcome! Sessions will start at 9 a.m. and should finish by 12 noon or so.

Bake and Craft Sales

Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake and Craft Sales—Here's an update on these significant parish events. We are hoping to have our holiday bake sales but with some modifications. The sales will be only one day each: Sat. Nov. 21st and Sat. Dec. 12th. If we are able, we will have the sales in the hall with COVID security measures (masks, social distancing, limiting numbers, etc.). We are also prepared to switch to full curbside pick-up if necessary. We are asking all our customers to pre-order. Order forms should go out this week. Stay tuned for more details and cooking/baking help needed.

Upcoming Events

Roll Baking Day—Saturday, Oct. 17th

Perogie Session—Wed. Oct, 28th 9:00 a.m.

Perogie Session—Wed. Nov. 11th 9:00 a.m.

Parish Council Meeting—Sun. Oct. 18th following liturgy and on Zoom

Perogie Session—Wed. Nov. 4th 9:00 a.m.

Perogie Session—Wed. Nov. 18th 9:00 a.m.

Church School—Sat. Oct. 24th 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Dorothy Day—Fri. Nov. 6th 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale—Sat. Nov. 21st 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Meeting—Sun. Oct. 25th 3-5 p.m. at Holy Trinity

In-house retreat with Fr. John Parker Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary – Saturday, November 7

Birthdays

October	
Fr. Nicholas & Stacey Mihaly - Anniversary	13
Rob Paltauf	14
Jill Kerpchar-Rosenfield	17
Charles Hull	17
Roger Behrend	18
Diana Borsari	18
Virginia Krista Hull	18
Anna Dugal	20
Rosario Villa	21
Annalisa Paltauf	22
Emily Bracey	23
Cheryl Krafick Gartner	24
William & Ann Marie Huott - Anniversary	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30

Cards for Marilyn

Cards for Marilyn—Marilyn Zaengle is currently in Bethel Health Care and is only allowed one visitation by Bill per week. If you would like to reach out to her by sending a card, you can mail them to: Ms. Marilyn Zaengle – Room 212D, Bethel Health Care, 13 Parklawn Dr. Bethel, CT 06801. Thank you for all who have mailed cards so far—they are really a bright spot in her week.

Clothing Drive

Clothing Drive—Our clothing drive is continuing. Many thanks to Ann Huott and her family for their ongoing work on this project which has brought in over \$3,000 for our parish since they first began! For the last pick up they had 200 bags. Please bring in clothes, shoes, linens and other soft items in plastic garbage bags to the church. If you are uncertain what items are eligible, see the list at the candlestand or contact Ann.

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



As you probably know, **Phase 3 Re-Opening for the state of CT** began October 8. What that means for churches is that we can increase to 50% capacity which for us at Holy Trinity is approximately 50 people. This means that we will be able to stop having A and B weeks and go back to “normal” attendance at church on Sundays for liturgy.

This will bring some changes to the parish. Here are some reminders of safety procedures that will be in effect:

We will no longer have A week and B week—people can come to church as they are able on any given Sunday and there will no longer be assigned seats.

- Parishioners will be seated when they arrive, using every other pew with 2 units per pew.
- We have shifted the ribboned off pews by one so that we now have 5 pews on either side that are useable including the first pew and the last one. (We can seat 10 units in pews, 4 in the side alcoves, 4 in the choir loft and potentially 2 additional people up front if needed.)
 - Seating will be first come, first served.
- If we reach capacity, parishioners who arrive later will have the option to stand in the vestibule (6ft distance), outside on the porch or downstairs and come up into the church to receive communion. (If necessary, we can arrange to have the service shown on the TV downstairs for overflow.)
- Parishioners will receive communion and prosphora starting from the front of the church to the back as directed and maintaining 6 ft distance between each other as they approach Fr. Luke.
- Parishioners will continue to follow one-way direction in the church whenever possible.
 - All parishioners are asked to wear masks while in church for liturgy.
 - All parishioners are asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the church.
- All parishioners are asked to maintain a 6ft distance between each other as much as possible.
- When receiving communion, parishioners are asked to tilt their heads back, open their mouths wide and please do not stick out your tongue to make it easier for Fr. Luke to place Eucharist in your mouth without any contact with the spoon.
 - If you have any symptoms of sickness, please stay home.
- We will continue to use the air handler and keep windows open for optimal air movement. It is suggested that parishioners plan to wear coats or warmer clothes to stay comfortable.
 - If you are uncomfortable attending liturgy at this time and would like to receive communion, please contact Fr. Luke to make arrangements to do so.