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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel is from Luke 8:26-39. St. Cosmas and Damian.

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, November 1, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 2, 7 PM – Spirituality Class at Church and on Zoom

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day – Please Vote!

Wednesday, November 4, 9 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, November 4, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class at Church and on Zoom

Thursday, November 5, 9 AM – New Testament Class at Church and on Zoom

Thursday, November 5, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Friday, November 6, 9 AM – Old Testament Class at Church and on Zoom

Friday, November 6, 2 PM to 4:30 PM – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Saturday, November 7, 12 noon – Parish Retreat via Zoom with Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary

Saturday, November 7, 5 PM – Vespers

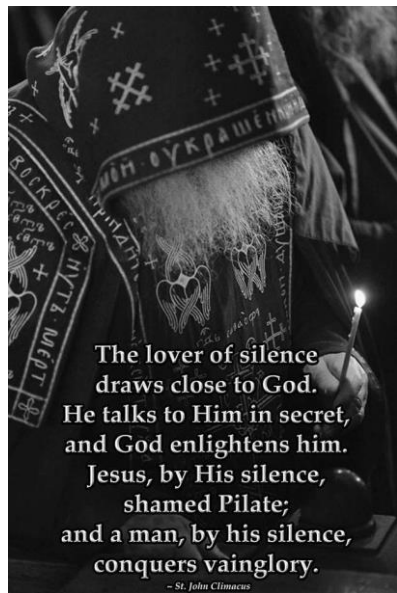
Sunday, November 8, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Cemetery Cleanup—Thank you to everyone who came and helped yesterday at the cemetery. It looks great and we are appreciative of all the efforts to maintain and improve our cemetery.

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.

Roll Baking—We will be having a second roll baking session on Sat. Nov. 14th. Helpers will be needed throughout the day. In order to ensure social distance and good work flow, please contact Chrissanth Gross to confirm a time to help.



The lover of silence draws close to God. He talks to Him in secret, and God enlightens him. Jesus, by His silence, shamed Pilate; and a man, by his silence, conquers vainglory.

— St. John Climacus

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. The Retreat is entitled: ***Firm Foundation: A Return to the Fundamentals of our Orthodox Faith.*** 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

OYMT Plans for 2021—OYMT had a very good first meeting for 2021 last Sunday. The theme of the meeting was “Hope” and we discussed where our Hope comes from, the reassurances of Hope we find in the scriptures and how we are living in our Hope, Christ, and bringing His good news to others. We discussed possible plans for 2021 including setting up our own mission center at Holy Trinity or St. Barbara’s and focusing on local service/mission projects. Youth and leaders were asked for suggestions of ways and places we could help. Our next get together is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5th from 1-4 p.m. We will be creating items for our Holiday fundraiser. OYMT is open for teens currently in 8th grade and up. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich.

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 them available via Zoom (live, same credentials).

Open Parish Council Positions

Open Parish Council Positions—We will have several parish council positions open as of our Annual Meeting in January. We will be looking for a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. Both the President and Treasurer are past their term limits. Please consider giving some time to help manage the business of the parish. Below are “job descriptions” for these three positions. Also, feel free to talk to current

officers (Susan Sulich-Pres., Nick Fong VP, Monika Mihaly, Treasurer) if you have questions or want to learn more about what’s involved.

President

- Set the agenda for monthly parish council meetings and annual and semi-annual meetings.
- Lead parish and parish council meetings and see that decisions made for the parish are carried out.
- Sign official documents of the parish and checks as needed.
- Represent the parish at outside events if needed.

Vice President

- Assist with the duties of the President.

- Assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President.

Treasurer

- Keep an accurate account of all moneys of the parish.
- Keep the checkbook of the parish.
- Receive, review and pay all bills of the parish.
- Present monthly financial statement at parish council meetings and annual and semi-annual statements at parish meetings.
- Help formulate and maintain an annual budget for the parish.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve to serve at Dorothy Day will be 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 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

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

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

Retreat with Fr. John Parker Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary – Saturday, November 7

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

Roll Baking Day—Sat. Nov. 14th

Parish Council Meeting— Sunday, Nov. 15th following coffee hour

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

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

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— We just received our latest check for \$357.50 for the clothing drive! We are continuing to accept more donations. 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! 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.

Orthodoxy in Kenya

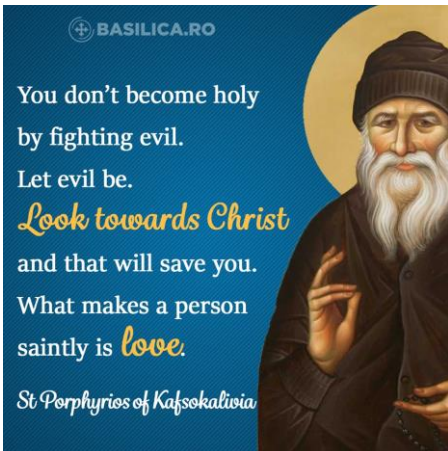
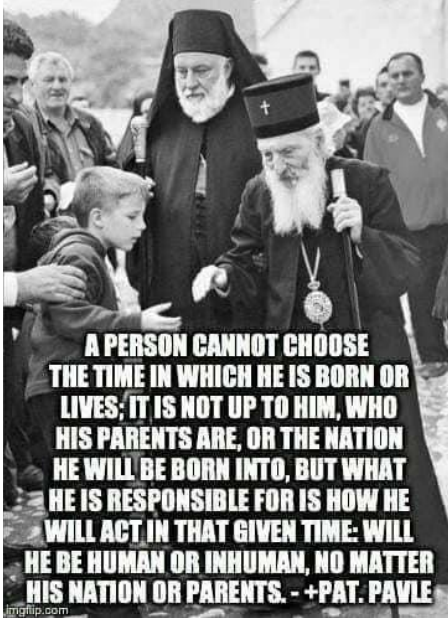
4 part "Orthodoxy in Kenya" educational series via YouTube will be:
 November 12: Dr. William Black
 November 19: Virginia Gathoni, Joel Pleban and Elayne Goldman
 December 3: Theodoros and Eleni Karamatskos, Virginia Gathoni
 December 10: His Eminence Archbishop Makarios and Dr. William Black

Birthdays

October	
Cheryl Krafick Gartner	24
William & Ann Marie Huott - Anniversary	26
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
Nataly Guerrero	10
Lukas Todosiev	10
Sophia Baroody	11
Andrew Timosca	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

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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.