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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. The Epistle is from Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. The Gospel is from John 4:5-42.

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, May 30, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 30, 11:15 AM – Panachida for Amelia, a dear friend of Pani Bethany, and for Tom, a dear friend of Eric.

Monday, May 31, 10 AM – Panachida and blessing of Graves at our parish cemetery of St. Platon

Tuesday, June 1, 9 AM – Akathist

Wednesday, June 2, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, June 3, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Thursday, June 3, 4 pm to 6 PM – Monthly Bake sale

Friday, June 4, 9 AM – Old Testament class

Friday, June 4, 2 PM – Dorothy Day soup Kitchen

Friday, June 4, 5 PM – OYMT weekend

Saturday, June 5, 4 PM – OYMT weekend concludes

Saturday, June 5, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, June 6, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Gift from a Friend—We have received a very generous anonymous donation of \$5,000, a gift from a friend of Holy Trinity parish. After a discussion at our most recent parish council meeting, it was decided to put the donation toward the building of a bell tower for the church—a long standing goal which this gift moves us significantly closer to achieving! We wish to express our sincere gratitude for this generous gift.

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.

Coffee Hour Sign Up—

Now that we are able to get together again, please consider signing up to host coffee hour. See the new sheet in the hall. As a reminder, coffee hour is a time for fellowship—not a culinary competition! Simple fare is fine. Consider signing up with a friend to lighten the load.

Choir News—

Have you ever thought about joining the choir? Now's the time!

We are just starting up again with some new members. We are looking forward to going over music we know both plain chant and choral and also learning new music. We have rehearsals every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the choir loft. If you are interested in being a part of the choir, talk to Stephen Fong in person or by email:

shteevbo@aol.com.

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.

Toddler Toys

Wanted: Toddler Toys-- If your family has some young children's items that you would not use, and glad to lose, our church school will gladly take off your hands for our youngest class.

The items we are looking for are:

- Sensory table or bins
- Child size table and chairs
- Play vehicles that children can ride or push
- Toddler and young children's toys

Thank you very much!

Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale: Our next monthly bake sale will be Thursday June 3rd from 4-6 p.m. Spread the word to your family and friends!

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: *The Burning Bush*

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, **Orthodox Worship: A Living Continuity with the Synagogue, the Temple, and the Early Church.**

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

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

All classes will take place in the church hall. We will also make them available via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. (live, same credentials).

Church Store—We are currently in the process of restocking our church store and would like to hear from parishioners about what they would like to see us carry. Are you looking for cards, books, CD's gifts for children or adults, crosses, jewelry? We'd like to be able to fill some of those needs. If there are specific saints that you would like icons of or any other items or categories you would like to see in the church store please let Chrissanth, Sarah or Lisa know.

First Toddler Class—On Saturday we had our first toddler class with Miss Elena and it went very well! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who brought our youngest parish members together for fun and socialization. Our church school teacher, Elena Gordon, has experience and wonderful ideas for very young children that will appeal to all the senses, introduce them to some basic Bible stories and allow them to interact with each other in an age appropriate setting. There is also a possibility for the parents to meet with Fr.

Luke and get to know each other while their children are having fun in class. We look forward to sharing this time of fun and fellowship with you and your child and hoping to offer this class on a monthly basis. Stay tuned for the date of the next class.

What's New

OYMT Summer 2021 ASP Trip

OYMT Summer Mission Weekends 2021

—We are planning 2 OYMT home mission weekends for this summer that are open to all teens who will have finished 8th grade this year and up through high school/college. Here are the details:

- **Dates:** June 4- and July 16-1
- **Where:** Holy Trinity, Danbury, CT
- **What:** Mission and Devotional training, Safety and Tool Training, Living in Community, Service Projects for Parish, Seniors and Community,

Planning Future Mission Trips, Fun and Fellowship!

There are several new teens interested in joining our team and this will be a great opportunity for veteran teens to introduce youth mission work to them and for us all to prep for a trip next summer. We will also be reaching out to other Orthodox parishes in our area to get to know new people, socialize and introduce them to OYMT.

NEXT STEP: If you haven't already done so (leaders and teens) contact us by email or through a leader let us know that yes, you are interested and able

to participate in one or both of the above weekends ASAP. We would like to hear of your commitment by May 17th in order to prep for the first weekend. We will then send you a medical form/permission slip and additional details about the weekends.

We look forward to coming together again and pursuing our goal of putting our Faith to work through missions! If you have any questions, talk to Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) or Fr. Luke.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Bake Sale—

Thursday, June 3rd 4-6 p.m.

OYMT Home Mission

Weekend--Friday June 4-
Saturday June 5.

Dorothy Day—Friday, June 4th

1:30-5:00 p.m.

Ascension—Thursday, June

10th

Cemetery Clean up and

Picnic--Saturday, June 19th 10 a.m.

Pentecost/Father's Day—June

20th Mom's and Children hosting Coffee Hour

Graduate Sunday – Sunday,

June 27

Semi-Annual Meeting—

Sunday July 18th following liturgy

Perogie Dash Road Race—

Saturday, August 21st

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.

|Cards for Marilyn

Cards for Marilyn—Marilyn Zaengle is still at Bethel Healthcare. She is very appreciative of all the cards that she received from parishioners. She has a new room number#: 122D. The full address is: Mrs. Marilyn Zaengle – Room #122D, Bethel Health Care Center, 13 Park Lawn Dr, Bethel, CT 06801.

|Graduate Sunday

Graduate Sunday—We will be honoring our graduates this year on Sunday, June 27 at the end of Divine Liturgy and at Coffee Hour.

Birthdays

May	
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31
June	
Elaine Bomely	3
Anastasia Radcliff	3
Anne Marie Huott	6
Michael Baroodly	8
Anastasia Mihaly Thompson	9
Cyril Mihaly	9
Konstantin & Tania Radcliff - Anniversary	10
Jeff Szymanowicz	11
Christina Chow	12
Fr. Nicholas Mihaly	13
Eleanor Szymanowicz	14
Robert & Carolyn Faubel - Anniversary	16
Jack & Maria Bouffard - Anniversary	16
Jose & Katie Helu - Anniversary	17
Logan & Anastasia Thompson - Anniversary	18
Bob Popp	19
Filip Bundra	20
Freddy & Carmen Villa - Anniversary	20
Katherine Chow	20
Adrian Guerrero	24
Monika Mihaly	28
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo - Anniversary	30

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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



Help Re-Stock our

Kitchen—We are in need of kitchen counter cleaner, garbage bags and napkins.

Mortgage Pay Down Month—

As determined at our Annual Parish Meeting, the parish will be making an extra payment to the mortgage principal quarterly. If you wish to make a contribution specifically for paying down the mortgage, please mark your donation accordingly. We will also be counting up the change in our mortgage jar.



One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

