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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday of the Fathers of First Ecumenical Council. The Epistle is from Acts 20:16-18, 28-36.

The Gospel is from John 17:1-13. Martyr Aquilina.

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, June 13, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 14, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, June 15, 9 AM –
Akathist

Wednesday, June 16, 7 PM
- Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, June 17, 9 AM –
New Testament Class

Friday, June 18, 9 AM –
Old Testament class

Saturday, June 19, 10 AM –
Cemetery Clean-up

Saturday, June 19, 12 noon
– 3 PM - Parish Picnic at Church

Saturday, June 19, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, June 20, 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.

Cemetery Clean Up and Picnic—On Saturday, July 19th starting at 10 a.m. we will have a clean-up at our parish cemetery followed by a picnic. Please plan to bring rakes, tarps, clippers and other tools and picnic food. There is a grill at the cemetery that we can use. We will also serve a Panachida for the departed of our parish.

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.

We will be having a **Men's Retreat** in the upcoming months at **Camp Hi-Rock**.

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!

Outdoor Vigil Candles

Outdoor Vigil Candles for the Cross—We have new 7-day vigil candles made for outdoors that are available to place in the glass vigil holder at the foot of the cross in the garden in front of the church. You can purchase one to be lit for a week at the candlestand. We will keep a list and candles will be placed in the order received.

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: *Orthodox Spirituality*

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 re-stocking 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.

Toddler Class—We are planning to continue our toddler class over the summer class. The next date will be Saturday, June 26th at 10:00 a.m. We also hope to meet on July 24 and August 7. 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.

Perogie Dash Road Race 2021—We will once again resume our Perogie Dash Road Race to benefit Healing Hearts of Western Regional Hospice. The date is set for Saturday, August 21st. We will need many helpers to set up and work on race day. Right now, we are looking for sponsors for the event. Please consider asking a business that you patronize or work for to be a sponsor for this event. Sponsorship forms available in the hall.

OYMT Home Missions Weekend

OYMT Home Mission Weekends—

As we are not traveling to Appalachia this year to participate in ASP, we have decided to have some Home Mission Weekends with our teens. The first one took place last weekend. Our youth helped serve at Dorothy Day and visited some of our parishioners in their homes and at Bethel Health Care. Teens stayed overnight at the Church and enjoyed a bonfire and some fun and fellowship as well. We are tentatively planning a second Home Mission Weekend Friday July 16-Saturday July 17. We look forward to coming together again and pursuing our goal of putting our Faith to work through missions! If you would like to attend or have any questions, talk to Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) or Fr. Luke.

| Covid Restrictions Lifted

Covid Restrictions Lifted—We continue to follow the guidelines for the state of Connecticut. As of May 19, 2021, there are no restrictions on the number of people allowed in the church building and people who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear masks indoors or outside.

| Father's Day Coffee Hour

Father's Day Coffee Hour—Calling all children and moms! We are planning to host a coffee hour next Sunday on Pentecost to honor our Dads. We will need helpers to prepare, serve and clean up. Please see Pani Bethany or Susan Sulich if you can make something for the brunch.

Birthdays

June	
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

Upcoming Events

Cemetery Clean up and Picnic--Saturday, June 19th 10 a.m.

Pentecost/Father's Day— June 20th Mom's and Children hosting Coffee Hour

Toddler Class—Saturday, June 26th 10:00 a.m.

Graduate Sunday – Sunday, June 27

Semi-Annual Meeting— Sunday July 18th following liturgy

Toddler Class—Saturday, July 24

Dorothy Day—Friday, August 6th 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Toddler Class—Saturday, August 7

Perogie Dash Road Race— Saturday, August 21st

Clothing Drive

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#: 221D. 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. If you have not already done so, please send Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) details about your family member who is graduating (where they are graduating from, what's next, etc.)/

Help Re-Stock our Kitchen—We are in need of kitchen counter cleaner, garbage bags and napkins.

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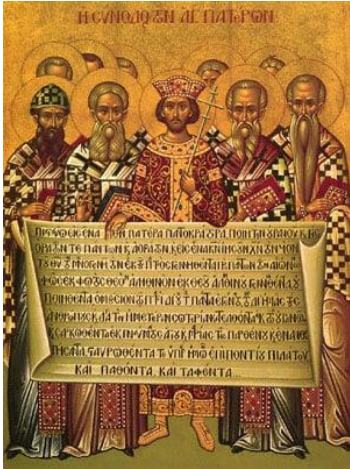


Rectory Mortgage Paydown--

As discussed in our Annual Meeting in January, we are making paying down our rectory mortgage a priority. To date for 2021, from donations made to paydown the mortgage and our coin jar, we have made additional principal payments on the Rectory Mortgage of \$18,529.19. These additional current year payments and budgeted annual January payments have resulted in significant savings to the Church on loan interest of \$14,612 and reduced the remaining payment term on this mortgage by 9 years and 7 months.

The additional principal payments in the early years of the Rectory Mortgage term offset the periods where the most significant amount of interest is incurred. The projected total term interest on this mortgage is \$22,689.54. With the additional principal payments made through June 2021 and the budgeted annual future January additional payments, the Church has saved approximately 64% of interest expense that would have been incurred over the term of the loan.

If you have any questions on the Rectory Mortgage and the savings that have been noted, Sarah Mannello will be able to walk you through the schedule. We will also be discussing the Rectory Mortgage pay down at our Semi-Annual Parish Meeting in July.



The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities,

Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.