

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday of Carpatho-Rusyn Saints. The Epistle is from Romans 2:10-16. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:18-23. Andrew Archbishop of Crete.

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, July 4, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Monday, July 5, 7 PM –**  
Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, July 6, 9 AM –**  
Akathist

**Wednesday, July 7, 7 PM -**  
Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, July 8, 9 AM –**  
New Testament Class

**Thursday, July 8, 4 pm to 6 PM –** Monthly Bake Sale

**Friday, July 9, 9 AM –** Old Testament class

**Saturday, July 10, 2 PM -**  
Vespers

**Sunday, July 11, 10 AM –**  
Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, July 11, 12:30 PM**  
– Parish Council Meeting

**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.

This is the First of three announcements for our semi-annual meeting to be held on Sunday, July 18.

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site [www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://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/htoccdanbury/?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](mailto:shteevbo@aol.com).

**Semi-Annual Meeting**—We will hold our Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following liturgy. We will keep the meeting brief! Please try your best to attend or give your proxy to another parish member or parish council member. We will have several important items to discuss and your input is very important.

## 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.

## Summer Church School

**Summer Church School**— We'd like to get our youth together on Saturday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> for a day of fun and activities in preparation for the feast of Dormition on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. We plan to go blueberry picking, pick flowers to bless at the feast and other activities. Lunch will be provided. Please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know if your child/teen will be able to attend.

## 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 **Nehemiah**.

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

**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, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. We also hope to meet on 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 Update

**OYMT Updates**--Since we were unable to travel for a summer youth mission trip this year OYMT hosted a Home Mission Weekends in Danbury with our teens. Our youth helped serve at Dorothy Day and visited and served 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 will be getting together in the fall to continue our mission training and start planning for 2022. Stay tuned for dates and details!

## | Roll Sale

**Roll Sale**—We are looking to sell the rolls that we have remaining in our freezer and start fresh for our Fall Sales. There are a limited number of Poppyseed, Raspberry and Prune rolls leftover from the last 2 sessions. All rolls are selling for \$5. See Roz, Helen or Susan to purchase.

## | Golf Outing

**Golf Outing**—We have the opportunity to get together to play golf on Thursday, August 19. Start time is 11 AM Somers National Golf Course. The fee is \$50 per golfer and includes a cart. Need Reservations by August 12. Interested? Talk to Harry Fong.

## Birthdays

July	
Marianna Paltauf	1
Rebecca Gartner	5
Rachael Gartner	5
Pani Stacey Mihaly	5
Roger &Suad Behrend - Anniversary	9
Katie Tynan Helu	9
Taylor Anne Gartner	9
Martin Villa	9
Martin Villa	12
Daria McKenzie	12
Suzanne Molineaux	13
Jacob Villa	16
Father Luke	18
Daria Gross	20
Anna Radcliff	20
Nicu & Anna Melnic	21
Andrea Paltauf	21
Katherine Ann Huott	22
Andrew McKenzie	22
Ryan McVeigh	25
Vivian Szymanowicz	28
Marilyn Zaengle	30
Paul Toaso	31

## Upcoming Events

**Semi-Annual Meeting**—  
Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Toddler Class**—Saturday, July 24

**Dorothy Day**—Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Monthly Bake Sale**—  
Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> 4-6 p.m.

**Parish Council Meeting**—  
Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> following coffee hour

**Toddler Class**—Saturday, August 7

**Summer Church School for Feast of Dormition**—Saturday, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Golf Outing** - Thursday, August 19, 11 AM - Somers National

**Perogie Dash Road Race**—  
Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

## 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

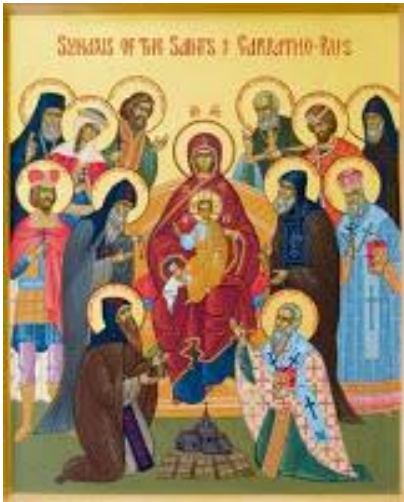
**Cards for Marilyn**—Marilyn Zaengle is still at Bethel Healthcare. She is very appreciative of all the cards that she received from parishioners. She has a new room number#: 221D. The full address is: Mrs. Marilyn Zaengle – Room #122D, Bethel Health Care Center, 13 Park Lawn Dr, Bethel, CT 06801.

## | Directory Update

**Directory Update**—It's time for our semi-annual update of the parish directory. If your contact information (phone number, email, address, etc.) has changed, please email those changes to Ana Melnic ([ani.melnic@gmail.com](mailto:ani.melnic@gmail.com)). If you are new to the parish and wish to be included in our directory which parishioners use to get in touch with one another, please send the above information to Ana as well. We will publish an updated directory after the Semi-Annual Meeting.

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



**Monthly Bake Sale**—We will have our July monthly bake sale this Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. If you are able to help man the sale at that time, please see Helen Galskoy.

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

### The Synaxis of Carpatho-Rusyn Saints

On August 28, 2005, Metropolitan Nicholas of the American Carpatho- Russian Orthodox Diocese of the USA (Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople) proclaimed that starting in 2006 the Second Sunday after Pentecost will be commemorated as the Synaxis (Gathering) of the Carpatho-Rusyn Saints of the Holy Orthodox Faith.

On the Orthodox Church calendar, the first Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints of the Orthodox Church. The Kondak for that Sunday tells us: "The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of great creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace."

The Second Sunday after Pentecost is designated in some calendars as the Sunday of the Regional Saints. So, it is appropriate that the Carpatho- Rusyn saints are commemorated on this day.

The twelve Saints who are remembered are:

1. **St. Maxim of Gorlich.** He was martyred in 1914 for his priestly witness against Austro-Hungarian oppression.
2. **St. Ludmilla.** Martyred in 926. She was the grandmother of King Wenceslaus.
3. **St. Procopius of Sazava.** He built several monasteries in the 11th century which subsequently became centers of Orthodox Christianity when the Church came under severe governmental opposition.
4. **St. Rostislav.** As prince of Moravia in the 9th century, SS Cyril and Methodius were encouraged to begin their missionary work with the Slavic people.
5. and 6. **St. Cyril** and his brother **St. Methodius** who established the Orthodox faith and were the first Orthodox witnesses to the Slav nations. They lived around the year 863.
7. **St. Wenceslaus.** The king of the Czech and Moravian lands known for his charity and promoting of Christianity among his subjects. He was killed in 929. He was the subject of the well-known (Christmas song "Good King Wenceslaus." Sometimes identified as Vagislav in martyrologies.
8. **St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre.** He was instrumental in evangelizing many in the early 20th century.
9. **St. Moses the Hungarian.** He was a slave for many years. He entered a monastery in the eleventh century. He endured much for his Christian faith while a slave.
10. **St. Gorazd.** He was the bishop of Moravia and Sleizska. During World War II, he harbored members of the resistance in the Orthodox cathedral in Prague. He was executed by the Nazi.
11. **St. Alexis of Khust.** He led many Carpathian people to the Orthodox faith about the same time as did St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre. He was persecuted by the Nazi during World War II.

12. **St. Ephrem of New Torzhok**