

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Third Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from Romans 5:1-10. The Gospel is from Matthew 6:22-33. Great Martyr Euphemia, Princess Olga.

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 11, 10 AM –** Divine Liturgy

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

**Monday, July 12, 7 PM –** Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, July 13, 8:30 AM –** Akathist

**Tuesday, July 12, 9:15 AM –** Perogie Session

**Wednesday, July 14, 7 PM –** Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, July 15, 9 AM –** New Testament Class

**Friday, July 16, 9 AM –** Old Testament class

**Saturday, July 17, 5 PM –** Vespers

**Sunday, July 18, 10 AM –** Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, July 18, 11:45 AM –** Parish Semi-Annual 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 Second 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	
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

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

**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, August 5<sup>th</sup> 4-6 p.m.

**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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**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.

**Perogie Session**—This Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a perogie session at 9:15 a.m. in preparation for our Perogie Dash Road Race in August. New and experienced pinchers welcome!



Great martyr Euphemia the All-praised  
Commemorated on [July 11](#)

In the year 451 in the city of Chalcedon, in the very church where the glorified relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia rested, the sessions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council (July 16) took place. The Council was convened for determining the precise dogmatic formulae of the Orthodox Church concerning the nature of the God-Man Jesus Christ. This was necessary because of the widespread heresy of the Monophysites ["mono-physis" meaning "one nature"], who opposed the Orthodox teaching of the two natures in Jesus Christ, the Divine and the Human natures (in one Divine Person). The Monophysites falsely affirmed that in Christ was only one nature, the Divine [i.e., that Jesus is God but not man, by nature], causing discord and unrest within the Church. At the Council were present 630 representatives from all the local Christian Churches. On the Orthodox side Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople (July 3), Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (July 2), and representatives of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome (February 18) participated in the conciliar deliberations. The Monophysites were present in large numbers, headed by Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and the Constantinople archimandrite Eutychius.

After prolonged discussions the two sides could not come to a decisive agreement.

The holy Patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople proposed that the Council submit the decision of the Church dispute to the Holy Spirit, through His undoubted bearer Saint Euphemia the All-Praised, whose wonderworking relics had been discovered during the Council's discussions. The Orthodox hierarchs and their opponents wrote down their confessions of faith on separate scrolls and sealed them with their seals. They opened the tomb of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia and placed both scrolls upon her bosom. Then, in the presence of the emperor Marcian (450-457), the participants of the Council sealed the tomb, putting on it the imperial seal and setting a guard to watch over it for three days. During these days both sides imposed upon themselves strict fast and made intense prayer. After three days the patriarch and the emperor in the presence of the Council opened the tomb with its relics: the scroll with the Orthodox confession was held by Saint Euphemia in her right hand, and the scroll of the heretics lay at her feet. Saint Euphemia, as though alive, raised her hand and gave the scroll to the patriarch. After this miracle many of the hesitant accepted the Orthodox confession, while those remaining obstinant in the heresy were consigned to the Council's condemnation and excommunication.

After an invasion by the Persians during the seventh century, the relics of Saint Euphemia were transferred from Chalcedon to Constantinople, into a newly built church dedicated to her. Many years later, during the period of the Iconoclast heresy, the reliquary with the relics of the saint was cast into the sea by order of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian (716-741). The reliquary was rescued from the sea by the ship-owning brothers Sergius and Sergonos, who gave it over to the local bishop. The holy bishop ordered that the relics be preserved in secret, beneath a crypt, since the Iconoclast heresy was continuing to rage. A small church was built over the relics, and over the reliquary was put a board with an inscription stating whose relics rested within. When the Iconoclast heresy was finally condemned at the holy Seventh Ecumenical Council (in the year 787), during the time of Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (784-806) and the emperor Constantine VI (780-797) and his mother Saint Irene (797-802), the relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia were once again solemnly transferred to Constantinople.