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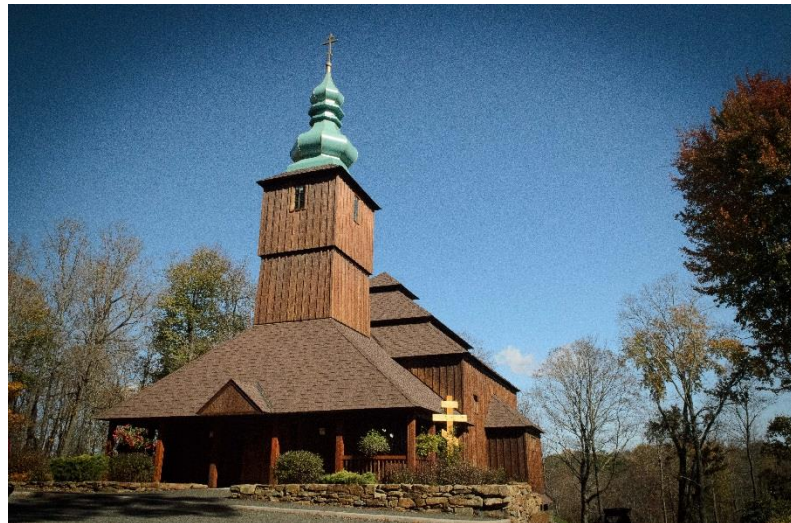
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from Romans 12:6-14. The Gospel is from Matthew 9:1-8. Procession of the Holy Cross.

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, August 1, 10 AM
- Divine Liturgy

Sunday, August 1, 11:30 AM – Panachida for the member of the Kuziak and Sulich Family and Marin Howley

Monday, August 2, 7 PM
– Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 3, 9 AM – Akathist

Wednesday, August 4, 9 AM – Paraklis

Wednesday, August 4, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, August 5, 9 AM
– New Testament Class

Thursday, August 5, 2 PM – Vespers for Transfiguration

Thursday August 5, 4 PM to 6 PM – Monthly Bake Sale

Friday, August 6, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration

Friday, August 6, 1:30 to 4:30 PM – Dorothy Day

Saturday, August 7, 10 AM to 12 noon – Toddlers Class

Saturday, August 7, 3 PM
– Men's Group Meeting

Saturday, August 7, 5 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, August 8, 10 AM – Divine liturgy

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/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.

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. Men's Group next Meeting **Saturday, August 7 at 3 PM.**

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. 14th for a day of fun and activities in preparation for the feast of Dormition on Aug. 15th.** 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 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, 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 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 are set 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

August	
Susan Sulich	1
Ken and Diana Borsari - Anniversary	1
Carolyn Faubel	4
Lisa Farrah	5
Trianna Gutzman (Names day)	8
Carolos Morfa	9
Bill Huott	10
Rick Farah	11
Sarah Baroodly	15
Fr. Luke & Bethany Mihaly - Anniversary	17
Slave & Mariana Todosiev - Anniversary	19
Brenna Singer Mihaly	23
Amy Fong	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
Cyril Gutzman	26
Mariana Bundra Todosiev	28
Kristen Szymanowicz	31

Upcoming Events

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

Monthly Bake Sale—Thursday, August 5th 4-6 p.m.

Toddler Class—Saturday, August 7

Summer Church School for Feast of Dormition—Saturday, Aug. 14th

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

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 #212D, 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). 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."



Help Re-Stock our Kitchen—

We are in need of kitchen counter cleaner, garbage bags, paper towels and napkins.

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day is Friday, August 6th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. If you are able to help for all or part of the afternoon, please let Susan Sulich know. Community service hours available for high school students who need them!

Monthly Bake Sale—This Thursday, August 5th we will have our next monthly bake sale from 4-6 p.m. If you are able to assist with the sale please let Helen Galskoy know.



St. Hierotheos: Extract from the Ecomium at the Dormition of the Theotokos

When was such a wonder of wonders ever seen by men? How does the Queen of all lie breathless? How has the Mother of Jesus reposed? Thou, O Virgin, wast the preaching of the prophets; thou art heralded by us. All the people venerate thee; the angels glorify thee. Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, the Lord is with thee, and through thee, with us. With Gabriel we hymn thee, with the angels we glorify thee; and with the prophets we praise thee, for they announced thee.

Habakkum beheld thee as an overshadowed mountain, for thou art covered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Daniel beheld thee as a mountain from whom, seedlessly, the solid and strong King, the Christ, issued forth. Jacob saw thee as a ladder upon Whom Christ came down to eat and drink with us. And although we, His slaves, contemplate ascending into the heavens, yet thou hast ascended before all. Rejoice, O Virgin, for Gideon beheld thee as a fleece. David saw thee as the virgin daughter of the King. Isaias called thee Mother of God and Ezekiel a gate. All the prophets prophesied thee!

What shall we call thee, O Virgin? Paradise. It is meet, for thou hast blossomed forth the flower of incorruption, Christ, Who is the sweet-smelling fragrance for the souls of men. Virgin? Verily, a virgin thou art, for without the seed of man thou gavest birth to our Lord Jesus Christ. Thou wast a virgin before birth and virgin at birth and still a virgin after. Shall we call thee Mother? This is meet too; for as a Mother thou gavest birth to Christ the King of all. Shall we name thee Heaven? This thou art also for upon thee rose the Sun of righteousness. Wherefore, rejoice O Virgin, and hasten to thy Son's rest and dwell in the tents of His beloved. Hasten there and make ready a palace and remember us and all thy people also, too. O Lady Mother of God, for both we and thyself are of the race of Adam. On account of this, intercede on our behalf; for this supplicate thy Son Whom thou hast held in thine embrace, and help us in our preaching and then afterwards that we may find rest in our hopes. Go forward, O Virgin from earth to heaven, from corruption to incorruption, from the sorrow of this world to the joy of the Kingdom of the heavens, from this perishable earth to the everlasting Heaven. Hasten, O Virgin to the heavenly light, to the hymns of the angels, to the glory of the saints from all the ages. Hasten O Virgin to the place of thy Son, to His Kingdom, to His power, where the angels chant, the prophets glorify and the Archangels hymn the Mother of the King, who is the lit lampstand, wider than the heavens, the firmament above, the protection of Christians, and the mediatrix of our race."

+ St. Hierotheos, Quoted from [The Life of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos](#), Holy Apostles Convent, pp 476-77. Originally sourced from *The Great Synaxaristes of the Orthodox Church* (in Greek), see footnote 134, pg 592, in *The Life of the Virgin Mary* for greater detail.