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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is *Seventh Sunday* after Pentecost. The Epistle is from Romans 15:1-7. The Gospel is from Matthew 9:27-35. Confessor *Emilian*.

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 8, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 9, 7 PM - Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 10, 9 AM - Akathist

Wednesday, August 11, 6 PM - Paraklis

Wednesday, August 11, 7 PM - Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, August 12, 9 AM - New Testament Class

Friday, August 13, 9 AM - Old Testament Class

Friday, August 13, 5 PM - Daily Vespers

Saturday, August 14, 10 AM to 12 noon - Church School - Class and Art

Saturday, August 14, 1 PM to 3 PM - Fruit picking at Silverman's Farm

Saturday, August 14, 5 PM - Vespers for Dormition of the Mother of God

Sunday, August 15, 10 AM - Divine liturgy, Panachida and Procession

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. 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 Session This Saturday August 14th at 10:00 a.m.

--We are planning one summer church school session next Saturday, Aug. 14th starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be a number of activities planned all centered on Mary, the Mother of God, in preparation for the feast of her Dormition the next day on the 15th. You are invited to participate in all or part of the day as best suits your family. Here's the tentative schedule:

10:00 a.m. – Meet at Church Hall. Fr. Luke will talk to the children about Mary and the upcoming Feast of Dormition. The children will also pick flowers to decorate the church for Mary and to carry in the procession of a new icon of the

Kardiotissa after liturgy on Sunday to one of the shrines on the church grounds. We will learn the hymn "Rejoice O Virgin."

11:00 a.m.—Miss Elena will lead the children in an art project.

12:00 Noon—Lunch

1:00-3:00—We will be going to Silverman's Farm at 451 Sport Hill Rd. in Easton, CT to pick fruit.

Children are welcome to come for the whole day, just the morning or families are welcome to meet us at the farm at 1:00.

Please let us know if your children will participate and for what part of the day so that we can be sure to have enough supplies and meet up with everyone who plans to go to the farm.

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.

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 in the fall. 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.

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 Poppysseed, 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 | |
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| 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 Arifin | 25 |
| Susan Paltauf | 25 |
| Marika Gutzman | 26 |
| Cyril Gutzman | 26 |
| Mariana Bundra Todosiev | 28 |
| Kristen Szymanowicz | 31 |

Upcoming Events

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

Parish Council Meeting—
Sunday, August 29th following coffee hour

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

Perogie Dash Road Race—
Saturday, August 21st

Clothing Drive

Clothing Drive— 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! 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: 212D. The full address is: Mrs. Marilyn Zaengle – Room #212D, Bethel Health Care Center, 13 Park Lawn Dr, Bethel, CT 06801.

| Directory Update

Directory Update—Our directory has been recently updated! Many thanks to Ana Melnic for taking on this task. Copies are available in the church hall. If you wish to receive a digital copy via email please contact Ana Melnic (ani.melnic@gmail.com).

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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, October 1st 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, September 2nd 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 Galsky know.



Dormition of the Theotokos

August 15

Introduction

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (dormition and in the Greek kimesis) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

Biblical Story

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles.
