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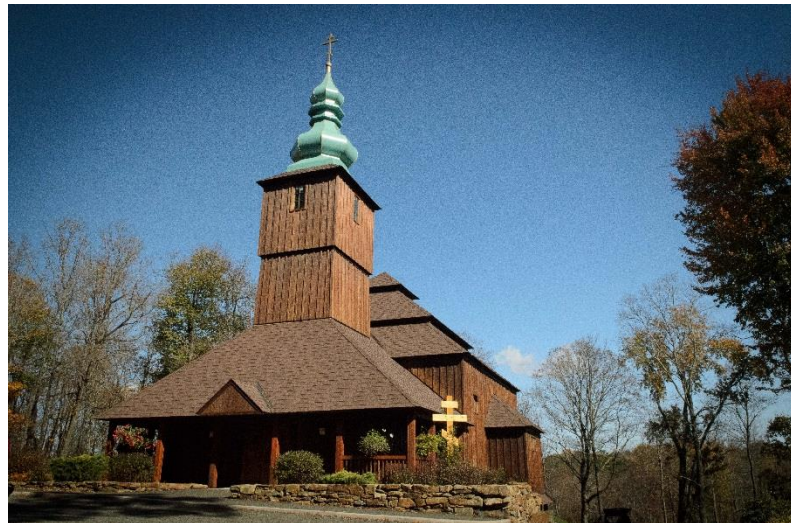
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from I Corinthians 9:2-12. The Gospel is from Matthew 18:23-35. Prophet Zachariah & Righteous Elizabeth.

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, September 5, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 6, 7 PM - Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 7, 8:30 AM - Akathist

Tuesday, September 7, 9:15 AM - Perogie Session

Tuesday, September 7, 5 PM - Vespers for Nativity of the Mother of God

Wednesday, September 8, 9 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Mother of God

Wednesday, September 8, 7 PM - Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, September 9, 9 AM - New Testament Class

Friday, September 10, 11 AM - Parish Golf Outing

Saturday, September 11, 5 PM - Vespers

Saturday, September 11, 6 PM - Parish Movie night

Sunday, September 12, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 12, 11:45 AM - Special Parish Meeting

Special Parish Meeting— Next Sunday, Sept. 12th we will have a short special parish meeting immediately following liturgy. We will be discussing the financing for paving the parking lot. The input of all of our parishioners is very important. The meeting will also be on Zoom. Please plan to attend.

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 next Meeting **Saturday, August 7 at 3 PM.**

We will be having an overnight **Men's Retreat at Camp Hi-Rock. Friday, October 22 to Saturday, October 23. Please let Fr. Luke know as we need to sign a contract with the camp ASAP.**

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.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have several 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

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.

| 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.

| Tag Sale Oct. 2nd

Tag Sale Oct. 2nd—We will be having another parish tag sale on Saturday, Oct. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spots will be \$35. Feel free to invite friends and family to take a space as well.

reading and studying *St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun **The Book of Tobit.**

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).

Toddler Class—We have set two dates for fall sessions of our toddler class: Saturday, Sept. 25th and Saturday, Oct. 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. If you are unable to attend, please let Fr. Luke know. We look forward to seeing all of our young parish family members and their parents!

Movie Night—We will have our next movie night on **Saturday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m.** following Vespers. We hope to watch the film "A Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood," about Mr. Rodgers, starring Tom Hanks (who is Orthodox!). Potluck snacks and supper.

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!

| Time to Make the Perogies

Time to Make the Perogies—After the sales at the Perogie Dash Road Race we sold all of our perogies except a few dozen prune. Fall sessions will start up on Tuesday, September 7th at 9:15 a.m. following the weekly Akathist service which will now start at 8:30 a.m. New and veteran pinchers are welcome!

| Golf Outing

Golf Outing—Due to inclement weather, the golf outing was postponed to Monday, Sept. 10th. Same start time, 11:00 a.m. at Somers National Golf Course. Cost is \$50 and includes a cart. If you are interested in playing, please see Harry Fong.

Upcoming Events

Perogies Session Start Up— Tuesday, Sept. 7th 9:15 a.m.

Tag Sale—Saturday, Oct. 2nd— 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Golf Outing – September 10

Toddler Class—Saturday, Oct. 16th 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Special Parish Meeting— Sunday, Sept. 12th immediately following liturgy

Men's Retreat at Camp Hi-Rock—Friday, Oct. 22nd— Saturday, Oct. 23rd

Toddler Class—Saturday, Sept. 25th 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Movie Night—Saturday, September 11th 7:00 p.m. following Vespers

Dorothy Day – October 1

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 #21212D, 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.

Birthdays

September	
Jonathan McCormack	1
Donna Loomis	3
Petru Zubek	5
Dusya (Evdokia) Kotereva-Bouffard	7
Luke Mihaylo	8
Christopher & Brenna Mihaly - Anniversary	9
Suad Behrend	10
Valentina Bayer	14
Steven & Vera Shelley - Anniversary	14
Miles Silvera	14
Natalie Carrier	14
Peggy & Frank Scalzo - Anniversary	18
Josue Salcedo	18
Orestes & Monika Mihaly - Anniversary	21
Nicholas Scalzo	21
Bethany Mihaly	22
Julia Huott	23
Paul Sulich, Sr.	26
Lorraine Fedyna	28
Alex & Elaine Sirak - Anniversary	28
Jeff & Kristen Szymanowicz – Anniversary	29
Jim & Pat Zeleniak - Anniversary	29

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Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—
We are currently in need of decaf coffee, paper towels and gallon size freezer bags.

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!

Lenox Retreat—We're working on it! We are in touch with our inn at Lenox (now the Church Street Inn) which has been newly renovated and hopeful that we will be able to resume our retreat this year. If you are interested, please save the date, Nov. 5-7th. We are hoping to finalize the plans and send out an email later this week.

[Desert Fathers: Instructions about lustful thoughts](#)

A brother asked one of the Fathers, What shall I do? My thoughts are always turned to lust without allowing me an hour's respite, and my soul is tormented by it. He said to him, Every time the demons suggest these thoughts to you, do not argue with them. For the activity of demons always is to suggest, and suggestions are not sins, for they cannot compel; but it rests with you to welcome them, or not to welcome them. Do you know what the Midianites did? They adorned their daughters and presented them to the Israelites. They did not compel anyone, but those who consented, sinned with them, while the others were enraged and put them to death. It is the same with thoughts.



[St. Nectarios of Aegina: We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. . . .](#)

"We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope."

— St. Nectarios of Aegina

