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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel is from Matthew 21:33-42; Mark 8:34-9:1.

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 19, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 19, 12 noon - Parish council Meeting

Monday, September 20, 7 PM - Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 21, 9:15 AM - Perogie Session

Wednesday, September 22, 7 PM - Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, September 23, 9 AM - New Testament Class

Friday, September 24, 9 AM - Old Testament Class

Saturday, September 25, 10 AM to 12 noon - Toddlers Class

Saturday, September 25, 5 PM - Vespers

Sunday, September 26, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Results of Special Parish Meeting 9/19—At the special meeting last Sunday the parish voted to refinance our rectory mortgage to obtain the necessary funds to complete the parking lot paving and driveway repairs. Application for the refinancing of our rectory is underway. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the vote. **Please note, donations toward the paving project will be gratefully accepted and will be used to immediately paydown the amount borrowed for this work.**

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.

Lenox Retreat Set for Nov. 5-7—We have finalized details for our annual adult Lenox Retreat. We will be staying at our old inn—now the Church Street Inn. Reservations will be done a little differently this year. You will have a choice of several levels of rooms and will book directly with the inn. See the attached letter which contains details on how to reserve your room. We will announce the topic and retreat master when they are finalized. This retreat is offered for Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike. Please feel free to invite family and friends who you think would be interested in this enjoyable weekend. If you have questions or have any problem making your reservation, please see Susan Sulich.

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.

| 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.

Choir News

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.

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!

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.

OYMT Update

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Summer ASP Trip— OYMT is planning to travel to Appalachia this summer for a youth mission trip. We are in the process of finalizing the dates for the trip and will be seeking teens currently in grades 8-12 as well as adult leaders who wish to participate. Commitments will be needed in November and training for the mission trip will begin in January. If you have are interested in participating or have any questions, please see Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

| 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!

| Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale—Our next monthly bake sale will take place on Thursday, October 7th from 4-6 p.m. Please let Helen Galskoy know if you are able to help out with the sale.

Upcoming Events

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

Dorothy Day – October 8

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

Monthly Bake Sale— Thursday Oct. 7th 4-6 p.m.

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

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

Lenox Retreat—Friday Nov. 5th-Sunday Nov. 7th

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

New Directory Available—Our parish directory has been updated. If you would like a hard copy or a digital copy emailed to you, please see Ana Melnic (ani.melnic@gmail.com).

Birthdays

September	
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: We have switched our Dorothy Day date to serve to the second Friday of each even month starting with October. Our next date to serve will be Friday, October 8th from 1:30 to 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!

[St. Justin Popovich: . . . Our era is, above all, an era of idol-worship. . . .](#)

Do you not notice that, in his mania for culture, European man has transformed Europe into an idol-factory? Almost every cultural item has become an idol. Our era is, above all, an era of idol-worship. No other continent is so engulfed by idols as is contemporary Europe. Nowhere else are material things so revered, nowhere else do people live for them as much as in Europe. This is idol-worship of the worst kind, for it is the worship of clay. Tell me, does a man not worship clay when he selfishly loves his earthen flesh of clay, and persistently asserts: I am flesh, and flesh alone? Tell me, does European man not worship clay when he takes as his ideal a class, a nation or mankind as a whole?

+ St. Justin Popovich, [Man and the God-Man \(Contemporary Christian Thought Series Book 4\)](#)

[St. Ignatius Brianchaninov: The Lord remained silent before Pilate and Herod . . .](#)

In time of misfortune do not seek the help of man, do not lose precious time and do not waste the strength of your soul in seeking this powerless help. Await help from God: by His command and in His own time people will come and help you.

The Lord remained silent before Pilate and Herod; He made no attempt to justify Himself. You must imitate His holy and wise silence when you see that your enemies accuse you, with every intention of certain conviction; they accuse only with the purpose of hiding their own evil intention under the guise of judgement.

Whether the Cup comes to you as a gradual gathering of clouds or as suddenly as a furious whirlwind, say to God, *Thy will be done* .

You are a disciple, a follower and servant of Jesus. Now Jesus said, *If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be* (Jn. 12, 26). But Jesus spent His life on earth in sufferings; He was persecuted from His birth to the grave; from the time of His swaddling clothes malice was preparing a violent death for Him. Nor was malice satisfied by achieving such an aim, but it tried to uproot the very memory of Him from the earth.

In following Him, all the chosen of our Lord pass along the road of temporary suffering to blessed eternity. As long as bodily pleasures dominate us, it is impossible for a spiritual state to prevail in us.

That is why our Lord ceaselessly offers His Cup to those He loves, so as to keep them dead to the world and enable them to live the life of the Spirit. St Isaac the Syrian said, *The man who is sent unceasing sorrow is known to be especially under God's care*. However, do not cast yourself boldly into the depths of sorrow, for that is proud self-confidence. Pray to God that He may turn every calamity and trial away from you; but when sorrows come of themselves, do not be afraid of them, do not think that they have come by chance, by force of circumstance. No, they are allowed by the inscrutable Providence of God. Filled with faith and the fortitude and magnanimity born of it, swim fearlessly amidst the darkness and howling storm into the peaceful harbour of eternity: the unseen hand of Jesus Himself will guide you.

With reverent and deep reflection, learn the prayer which our Lord offered His Father in the garden of Gethsemane during the heavy hours of suffering that came to Him before His Passion and death on the Cross. With this prayer, meet and conquer every sorrow. *O my Father, prayed our Saviour, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt* (Matt. 26, 39).

+ St. Ignatius Brianchaninov, The Cup of Christ

<http://orthodoxengland.org.uk/cupchrist.htm>