

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. The Gospel is from Luke 6:31-36.

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, October 3, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy**

**Monday, October 4, 7 PM - Spirituality Class**

**Tuesday, October 5, 8:30 AM - Akathist**

**Tuesday, October 5, 9:15 AM - Perogie Session**

**Wednesday, October 6, 7 PM - Adult Catechism Class**

**Thursday, October 7, 9 AM - New Testament Class**

**Thursday, October 7, 4 pm to 6 pm - Monthly Bake Sale**

**Friday, October 8, 9 AM - Old Testament Class**

**Friday, October 8, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM - Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen**

**Saturday, October 9, 10 AM - Clean up at St. Platon's cemetery of the old church foundation**

**Saturday, October 9, 5 PM - Vespers**

**Sunday, October 10, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy**

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/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

## Lenox Retreat Nov. 5-7—

This Tuesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for making reservations for our annual Lenox Retreat to get the special group package rate. Remember, different from previous years, your reservation is completely refundable up until Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. You can still reserve after Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> but you will not get the special discount package. We also have a retreat master: Fr. John Parker, dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary. The topic of the retreat will be Practical Steps in the Christian Life. See the attached flyer for more details. Donations to cover parish expenses for hosting the retreat gratefully accepted. If you have questions or any difficulty making your reservation, please contact Susan Sulich.

## Parish Men's Group

**Parish Men's Group** – The Men of the Parish 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.

## 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](mailto:shteevbo@aol.com).

## Roll Baking Dates

We have set aside these baking dates.... **Saturdays, October 16 & 30** as our baking dates. **Rolling and baking** will be **8am-noon** with a slot **noon-2pm for cooling and wrapping.**

Carolyn will have sign-up sheets downstairs and will also be contacting folks to check availability.

## 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: *The Religion of the Apostles*

**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 **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).

**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 have set the next date for our fall session of our toddler class: Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

# What's New

## 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 have started up on Tuesdays 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.** Please let Helen Galskoy know if you are able to help out with the sale.

## Upcoming Events

**Monthly Bake Sale—** Thursday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 4-6 p.m.

**Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen –** Friday, October 8 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Roll Baking -Saturday,** October 16 8 a.m. to 12 noon

**Toddler Class—Saturday,** Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

**Roll cooling and wrapping - Saturday,** October 16 12 noon to 2 p.m.

**Men's Retreat at Camp Hi-Rock—**Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>— Saturday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Lenox Retreat—**Friday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>-Sunday Nov. 7<sup>th</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 #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](mailto:ani.melnic@gmail.com)).

## Birthdays

<b>September</b>	
<b>October</b>	
Madeline Sulich	1
Jake Morfa	1
Viorel & Vida Bundra - Anniversary	4
Patricia Zeleniak	8
Veronica Pila	8
Fr. Nicholas & Stacey Mihaly - Anniversary	13
Reader Rob Paltauf	14
Jill Kerpchar-Rosenfield	17
Charles Hull	17
Roger Behrend	18
Diana Borsari	18
Virginia Krista Hull	18
Anna Dugal	20
Rosario Villa	21
Annalisa Paltauf	22
Gabriel Shelley	23
Cheryl Krafick Gartner	24
James Rush	24
William & Ann Marie Huott – Anniversary	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Bede the Venerable: Better a stupid and unlettered brother . . .](#)

"Better a stupid and unlettered brother who, working the good things he knows, merits life in Heaven than one who though being distinguished for his learning in the Scriptures, or even holding the place of a doctor, lacks the bread of love."

— St. Bede the Venerable

[St. Ambrose Milan: But nothing causes such exceeding grief as when anyone, lying under the captivity of sin . . .](#)

"But nothing causes such exceeding grief as when anyone, lying under the captivity of sin, calls to mind from where he has fallen, because he turned aside to carnal and earthly things, instead of directing his mind in the beautiful ways of the knowledge of God. So you find Adam concealing himself, when he knew that God was present and wishing to be hidden when called by God with that voice which wounded the soul of him yourself? Why are you concealed? Why do you avoid Him Whom you once longed to see? A guilty conscience is so burdensome that it punishes itself without a judge, and wishes for covering, and yet is bare before God."

+ St. Ambrose Milan, Concerning Repentance, Book II

[St. Nikolai: Reflection on Giving Alms to the Poor](#)

The Lord said: *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me* (Matthew 25:40).

Similar things happen in almsgiving and in Holy Communion. In Holy Communion we receive the Living Lord Christ Himself, in the form of bread and wine; in almsgiving we give to the Living Lord Christ Himself, in the form of the poor and needy. A certain man in Constantinople was unusually merciful. Walking along the streets of the city, he would press his gift into the hands of the poor and hurry onward, so he would not hear their gratitude or be recognized. When a friend of his asked how he had become so merciful, he replied: "Once in church I heard a priest say that whoever gives to the poor, gives into the hands of Christ Himself. I didn't believe it, for I thought, 'How can this be, when Christ is in heaven?' However, I was on my way home one day and I saw a poor man begging, and the face of Christ shone above his head! Just then a passerby gave the beggar a piece of bread, and I saw the Lord extend His hand, take the bread, and bless the donor. From then on, I have always seen Christ's face shining above the beggars. Therefore, with great fear I perform as much charity as I can.'

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovich, Reflection for September 18, [The Prologue of Ohrid, Volume II](#)