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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

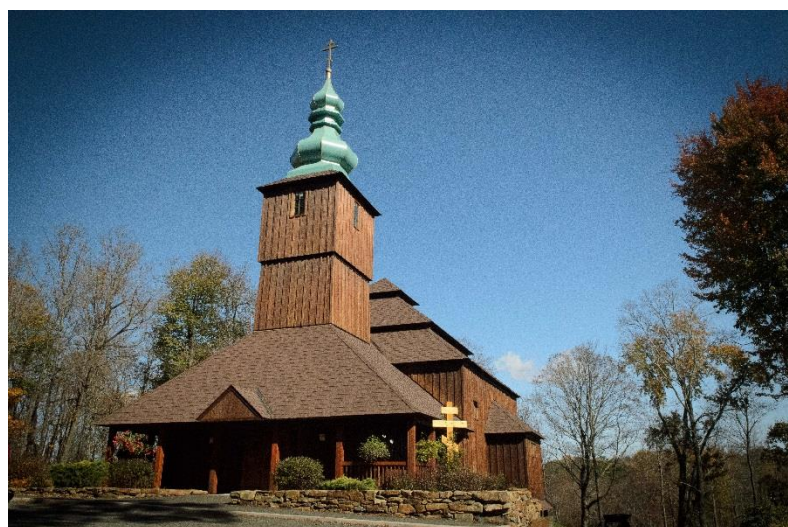
Today is Eighteenth
Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle is from 2
Corinthians 9:6-11. The
Gospel is from Luke 16:19-
31. Martyr Arethusa.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, October 24, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 21, 11:30 AM – Panachida for Martyr Howley and Serge Mihaly, Jr.

Monday, October 25, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, October 26, 8:30 AM - Akathist

Tuesday, October 26, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, October 27, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, October 28, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, October 29, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, October 30, 8 Am to 12 noon – Roll Baking

Saturday, October 30, 12 noon to 3 pm – Roll Wrapping

Saturday, October 30, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, October 31, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Date for cancellation in Lenox to Oct. 29th

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 Nov. 5-7—

This Tuesday, Oct. 5th 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. 1st. You can still reserve after Oct. 5th 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. Date for cancellation in Lenox to Oct. 29th

Parish Men's Group

Parish Men's Group – Thank to all the men who participated in our First Annual Men's retreat at Camp Hi-Rock in Mt. Washington, MA.

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.

Roll Baking Dates

We have set aside **Saturday, October 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 Judith**.

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 Order Your Christmas Cards from the Church Store—It's time to order Christmas cards and if you normally get yours from Ancient Faith you can order through our church store. You will have the same selection and pay the same price but the church will get the profit. See Lisa Farrah to order. Also, if there are any items you would like to see in our church store for the holidays, please let Lisa or Sarah Mannello know.

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

OYMT Updates--OYMT has set the date for its summer youth mission trip. We will again be working with Appalachia Service Project and our trip will take place from July 9-17. We are 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!

| Holiday Bake and Craft Sales

Holiday Bake and Craft Sales Coming Up—We have set the dates for our holiday Bake and Craft Sales. The Thanksgiving sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20th from 10 am to 3 pm and the Christmas sale will take place on Dec. 11th from 10 am to 3 pm. Thank you to everyone who is already helping with the baking, cooking and publicity for the sale. We will also need helpers to set up and work at the sale and in the kitchen on the days of the sale. We are currently taking reservations for crafters. If you or someone you know is a producer of fine, homemade artisan crafts please encourage them to join us. A limited number of tables are available at a cost of \$35.

Upcoming Events

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

St. Platon's Cemetery Church foundation archaeology dig – Tuesday, November 9 - 9 AM

Parish Council Meeting – November 21

Clothing Drive

Clothing Drive— The latest check for the clothing drive has arrived for \$552.50! 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#: 212D. The full address is: Mrs. Marilyn Zaengle – Room #212D, 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

October	
Cheryl Krafick Gartner	24
James Rush	24
William & Ann Marie Huott – Anniversary	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30
November	
Stephen Fong	5
Lady Guerrero	5
Paul Sulich, Jr.	7
Elaine Petrik-Sirak	7
Diana Kuo	7
Paul & Elaine Toaso - Anniversary	9
Kathryn Kerpchar	9
Nataly Guerrero	10
Lukas Todosiev	10
Sophia Baroody	11
Andrew Timosca	11
Michael Dran	12
Tennessee Molineaux	13
Matthias Robert Paltauf	13
Daniel John Huott	13
Michelle Duclos	18
Andrei Zubek	21
Sandi Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

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Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—We are currently in need of decaf coffee and paper towels.

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, Dec. 10th. 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! If you are interested in cooking something for Dorothy Day that can be made ahead and frozen, please let us know.

St. Barsanuphius of Optina: You need not be despondent. Let those ... who do not believe in God ...

You need not be despondent. Let those be despondent who do not believe in God. For them sorrow is burdensome, of course, because besides earthly enjoyment they have nothing. But believers must not be despondent, for through sorrows they receive the right of sonship, without which is impossible to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

+ St. Barsanuphius of Optina, quoted from [Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina](#)

St. Barsanuphius of Optina: Prayer in church is important. The best thoughts and feelings come in church, yes, and the enemy attacks more violently ...

“Prayer in church is important. The best thoughts and feelings come in church, yes, and the enemy attacks more violently in church, but with the sign of the Cross and the Jesus Prayer, you drive him away. It is good to stand in some dark corner in church and to pray to God. “Let us lift up our hearts!” the priest exclaims, but our mind often creeps along the ground, thinking about indecent things. Fight against this.”

+ St. Barsanuphius of Optina, [Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina](#)

St. Dorotheos of Gaza: In the mercy of God, the little thing done with humility ...

“In the mercy of God, the little thing done with humility will enable us to be found in the same place as the saints who have labored much and been true servants of God.”

+ St. Dorotheos of Gaza