

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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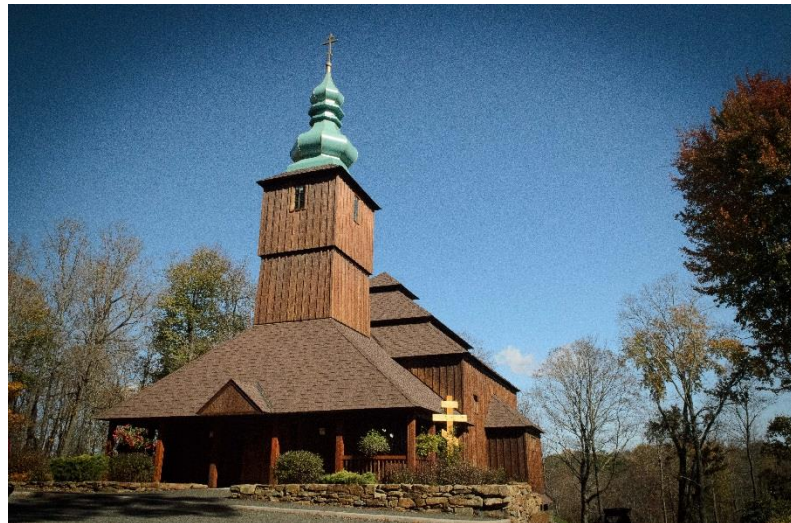
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. The Epistle is from Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The Gospel is from John 17:1-13. Hieromartyr Dorotheus.

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, June 5, 10 AM –**  
Divine liturgy

**Sunday, June 5, 11:15 AM –**  
Panachida for Patricia,  
Michael Dran's sister

**Sunday, June 5, 3 PM – 5 PM–**  
OYMT Parents meeting

**Friday, June 10, 9 AM –**  
Old Testament class

**Friday, June 10, 1:30 pm to 4:30 PM –**  
Dorothy Day Soup kitchen

**Saturday, June 11, 9 AM –**  
Soul Saturday Liturgy

**Saturday, June 11, 5 PM –**  
Vespers for Pentecost

**Sunday, June 12, 10 AM –**  
Divine liturgy for Pentecost

**Sunday, June 12, 11:30 AM –**  
Parish Meeting

This is the second of three announcements for the **Parish meeting** set for **Sunday, June 12** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Hope to see everyone there!

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.

## Dorothy Day

**Dorothy Day**—Our next date to serve is this coming Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We are in special need of extra help this time as a few of our regulars are out of town. If you are available even for the second half of the afternoon from 3-4:30 p.m. please talk to Susan Sulich. Community service hours available for high school students.

## | 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.

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## 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 soon be starting a new book: *Unseen Warfare*

**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, **Symeon the New Theologian – The Discourses.**

**New Testament** – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently we are reading and studying *St. Paul's*

### *Second Epistle to the Corinthians*

**Old Testament Class** – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun **Psalms.**

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).

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**Church Store**—Need a gift? Consider shopping in our Church Store. Your purchase benefits the parish and we have a beautiful selection of icons, jewelry, books and religious items. If there are any items you would like to see in our store, please let Lisa Farrah or Sarah Mannello know.

**Parish Scholarship Available** – We have had a generous anonymous donor who has given to a parish scholarship for anyone of our students who are looking to further their education. The criteria include philanthropic activities, parish involvement to name a few. The scholarship would be paid directly to the school and the recipient would have to accept the scholarship in person. If you are interested, please see Fr. Luke for further details and an application.

**OYMT Update**  
**OYMT Updates—**  
 Today we will have our Parent Meeting and Training Session from 3-5 p.m. We have only one more training after this before we leave for Clay County, WV on July 9<sup>th</sup>! Thank you all for your prayers and generous support.

**| Parish Vegetable Garden**  
**Parish Vegetable Garden—**You may have noticed by the Cross at the top of the driveway a vegetable garden is developing! OYMT helped start the construction of a fence and parishioners have planted some vegetables in the beds. God willing, the garden will provide fresh produce for the parish to share. Everyone is invited to participate planting, weeding and watering the garden whenever you have a little time. There is also more work to be done on the fence to keep the animals from eating our harvest. The children will also be doing some garden projects. It's a great addition for our parish family!

**| Roll Sale**  
**Roll Sale—**We have some nut rolls for sale for \$10. See Helen Galskoy if you would like to purchase one.

## Upcoming Events

**Monthly Food Sale—**  
 Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 4—6 p.m.

**Parish Meeting –**  
 Sunday, June 12

**OYMT Trip to Appalchia—**  
 Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Training Session and Parent Meeting—**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m.

**Graduate Sunday--**  
 Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>

**Perogie Dash 5K Road Race—**  
 Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

**Pentecost Sunday –** June 12<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Final Training Session and Barbecue—**Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m.

## Calling All Graduates

**Calling All Graduates—**  
 Holy Trinity parish would like to honor all of our graduates as the school year comes to an end. If you have someone in your family who is graduating, please send the following information to Susan Sulich at [ssulich@yahoo.com](mailto:ssulich@yahoo.com):

- Grade or program they are graduating from
  - Name of the school they are graduating from
  - What they plan to do next
  - Any special awards or achievements
- We will recognize the graduates on Sunday, June 26.

## Birthdays

June	
Elaine Bomely Poeltl	3
Anastasia Radcliff	3
Anne Marie Huott	6
Michael Baroody	8
Anastasia Mihaly Thompson	9
Cyril Mihaly	9
Konstantin & Tania Radcliff - Anniversary	10
Nikita Budyonny	10
Jeff Szymanowicz	11
Fr. Nicholas Mihaly	13
Eleanor Szymanowicz	14
Robert & Carolyn Faubel - Anniversary	16
Jack & Maria Bouffard - Anniversary	16
Jose & Katie Helu - Anniversary	17
Logan & Anastasia Thompson - Anniversary	18
Bob Popp	19
Filip Bundra	20
Freddy & Carmen Villa – Anniversary	20
Adrian Guerrero	24
Veronica Budyonny	27
Monika Mihaly	28
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo - Anniversary	30

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



**Help Re-Stock Our  
Kitchen— We are in  
need of 10-inch  
paper plates and  
decaf coffee. Thank  
you!**

On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the holy **God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.**

The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). Although the Church of Christ on earth will pass through difficult struggles with the Enemy of salvation, it will emerge victorious. The holy martyrs bore witness to the truth of the Savior's words, enduring suffering and death for confessing Christ, but the persecutor's sword is shattered by the Cross of Christ.

Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies arose within the Church itself. One of the most pernicious of these heresies was Arianism. Arius, a priest of Alexandria, was a man of immense pride and ambition. In denying the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father, Arius falsely taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father but is only a created being.

A local Council, convened with Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria presiding, condemned the false teachings of Arius. However, Arius would not submit to the authority of the Church. He wrote to many bishops, denouncing the decrees of the local Council. He spread his false teaching throughout the East, receiving support from certain Eastern bishops.

Investigating these dissensions, the holy emperor Constantine consulted Bishop Hosius of Cordova (Aug. 27), who assured him that the heresy of Arius was directed against the most fundamental dogma of Christ's Church, and so he decided to convene an Ecumenical Council. In the year 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea.

Among the assembled bishops were many confessors who had suffered during the persecutions, and who bore the marks of torture upon their bodies. Also participating in the Council were several great luminaries of the Church: Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Tremithos, and others venerated by the Church as holy Fathers.

With Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria came his deacon, Athanasius [who later became Patriarch of Alexandria. He is called "the Great," for he was a zealous champion for the purity of Orthodoxy. In the Sixth Ode of the Canon for today's Feast, he is referred to as "the thirteenth Apostle."

The emperor Constantine presided over the sessions of the Council. In his speech, responding to the welcome by Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea, he said, "God has helped me cast down the impious might of the persecutors, but more distressful for me than any blood spilled in battle is for a soldier, is the internal strife in the Church of God, for it is more ruinous."

Arius, with seventeen bishops among his supporters, remained arrogant, but his teaching was repudiated and he was excommunicated from the Church. In his speech, the holy deacon Athanasius conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius. The heresiarch Arius is depicted in iconography sitting on Satan's knees, or in the mouth of the Beast of the Deep (Rev. 13).

The Fathers of the Council declined to accept a Symbol of Faith (Creed) proposed by the Arians. Instead, they affirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith. Saint Constantine asked the Council to insert the text of the Symbol of Faith the word "consubstantial," which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox (which occurred on March 22 in 325).

The First Ecumenical Council is also commemorated on May 29.