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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

The Gospel is from Matthew 19:16-26. Prophet Moses.

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 4, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 6, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, September 6, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, September 7, 6 PM – Vespers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God

Wednesday, September 7, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, September 8, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Mother of God

Friday, September 9, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, September 10, 5 PM-Vespers

Sunday, September 11, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

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.

September Bake Sale Cancelled—Our monthly bake sale schedule for Thursday, Sept. 1st is cancelled due to lack of stock. We will resume our monthly sales on Thursday, Oct. 6th from 4-6 p.m. Please see Helen Galskoy if you can help out.

Annual Lenox Retreat—We are making plans for our St. Nectarios Retreat in Lenox, MA which will take place Nov. 4th-Nov. 6th. We will be staying at the same inn as last year now called [The Whitlock](#) (formerly Church Street Inn). Room reservations will be made directly with the inn as we did last year. Our room rates are nearly the same as last year which is a significant reduction from the rack rates. Retreat master TBD. This is always a very enjoyable weekend and we look forward to sharing it with parishioners and guests from outside the parish. See the attached letter for more details including room rates and reservations instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com).

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve will be **Friday, October 14th from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Community service hours available for high school students. If you are unable to serve but would like to help feed the hungry in our community another option is to prepare a meal for us to serve. We use 3 large silver trays for each meal. See Susan Sulich to volunteer.

| Cards for Marilyn and Bob

Cards for Marilyn and Bob—Marilyn Zaengle and Bob Popp are both at Bethel Health Care and would very much enjoy hearing from parishioners. The address for the center is: Bethel Health Care, 13 Parklawn Dr., Bethel, CT 06801. Marilyn's room number is 121D and Bob's room number is 227W

| Trinity Troubadours Return

Trinity Troubadours Return to Support OYMT—After a 2-year hiatus the Trinity Troubadours will once again be back at Holy Trinity on Sat. Sept. 17th for "Caberoke." Please join us for a cabaret night featuring karaoke from some of your favorite performers. Audience participation greatly welcomed! The fun and frivolity starts at 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity church hall. Tickets are \$25 which includes dinner and the show. BYOB. See attached flyer. Come for a fun evening and support the Orthodox Youth Mission Team.

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 Galatians*

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).

Church Store—we have many new items in our Church Store. Check out our selection of books for summer reading, beautiful icons, jewelry, and religious items. We have many children's offerings and items perfect for gift giving. Your purchase also benefits the parish. 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.

Processional Cross and Fans – The parish council has moved to go ahead with the purchase of new hand carved wooden processional Cross and Fans. The cost is \$4000.00 and we are looking for donations to help offset the cost. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the cross.

OYMT Update

OYMT Updates—Thanks be to God we had a fruitful week serving in Appalachia. Seven families received help with much needed home repairs including: new siding, addition of porches, new flooring, underpinning, ceiling repair and more. Team members were able to build relationships with the families they served and with each other, living in community with Christ at the center of all. We are grateful for all your prayers and support and we look forward to sharing more about our experiences with you in the fall at our Thank You Presentation. Stay tuned for the date and more details.

| 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!

| Thank You Perogie Dash 2022

Thank You Perogie Dash 2022 Helpers—Yesterday we had a very successful 22nd Perogie Dash 5K Road Race. Over 100 runners, walkers and kids' fun run participants took part in the day and enjoyed the day with Holy Trinity. Thank you to everyone who helped at the race from t-shirt design, to sponsors and sponsor seekers, kitchen staff, registration, shirt and perogie sellers, set up and clean up! A special thanks to Perogie Patty! It was great to come together as a parish community and give to our local community.

Upcoming Events

Perogie Sessions Start— Tuesday, Sept. 6th 9:15 a.m.

OYMT Leaders Wrap Up Meeting at Beth Rzyk's— Sunday, Sept. 11th 2:00 p.m.

Cabaroke with the Trinity Troubadours—Saturday, Sept. 17th 7:00 p.m.

OYMT Thank You Coffee Hour—Sunday Oct 2nd following liturgy

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

Dorothy Day—Friday, Oct. 14th 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Sobor—Sunday, Oct. 16th – Wednesday, Oct. 19th

Annual Parish Lenox Retreat – Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6

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

Book Review

Oct 2nd Big in Heaven by Father Stephen N Siniari

Follow Father Naum, an Orthodox priest of an inner-city immigrant parish, daily. A collection of short stories with each story about different parishioners. Sometimes poignant, sometimes funny, sometimes heartbreaking. A great read that Orthodox Christians can relate to!

Available to order from our Church Store \$18.00

| Perogie Sessions Starting Up

Perogie Sessions Starting Up—It's time to make the perogies! We will begin sessions again on Tuesday, September 6th at about 9:15 a.m. following our Akathist service at 8:30 a.m. New perogie makers welcome!

| OYMT Thank You Coffee Hour

OYMT Thank You Coffee Hour Oct 2nd—The Orthodox Youth Mission Team is looking forward to sharing our experiences from our summer youth mission trip to West Virginia through the Appalachian Service Project. We will be hosting coffee hour on Sunday, Oct 2nd and preparing some delicious dishes for you to enjoy to express our gratitude to all of our supporters. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

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



Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—We are in need of kitchen size garbage bags, 30-gallon black trash bags and decaf coffee.

Join the Trek for Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)—Each year [OCMC](#) sponsors a "Trek for Missions," where participants can run, walk, bike or swim to raise funds for missions. We are joining up with St. Alexis parish in Clinton, CT to form a team. There are several ways you can participate:

1. Visit our page: [St. Alexis/Holy Trinity CT Trek Team](#) and sign up to be a team member. You will be able to set a mileage goal and invite friends and family to support you.

2. Make a donation to our team. Visit the above link and click on the donation button. An anonymous donor has agreed to match all of our team's donations up to \$5,000.00 so your contribution is worth double!

3. Log the miles you run, walk, bike or swim from August 8-Sept 18th and report them to Susan Sulich so they can get added to our team total.

If you have questions and would like to get involved, talk to Susan.

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Commemorated on [September 8](#)

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastsdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.