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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 4:6-15. The Gospel is from Luke 5:1-11. Sergius of Radonezh.

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 25, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 25, 12:30 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Monday, September 26, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, September 27, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, September 27, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, September 28, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, September 29, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, September 30, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, September 30, 5 PM – Vespers Protection of the Mother of God

Saturday, October 1, 9 AM – Liturgy – Protection of the Mother of God

Saturday, October 1, 5 PM-Vespers

Sunday, October 2, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 2, 11:30 AM – 2022 OYMT Coffee Hour and Presentation

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.

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. Please reserve by Oct. 4th. Reservations made after Oct 4th will not receive our discounted group rate. The retreat master will be Fr. Bogdan Bucur, Associate Professor of Patristics at St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary. 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).

PLEASE NOTE: Day Guests who wish to attend the retreat presentation only are welcome. Retreat fee is \$50.

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

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Trinity Troubadours and our Orthodox Youth Mission Team. It was a night of fun and fellowship along with some great food and karaoke. Thank you, Harry and Paul to cooking and serving some fine food!

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 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.

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, please note processional cross in the memo line of your check.

Monthly Bake Sale—Our next monthly bake sale will be Thursday, Oct 6th from 4-6 p.m. If you are able to help out, please see Helen Galskoy. This will be our last monthly sale for the year as we have our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake sales coming up in Nov and Dec.

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!

Trek for Missions

Trek for Missions—Many thanks to all who donated to Trek for Missions! We were able to raise \$4,200 for OCMC which was matched by an anonymous donor for a total donation of \$8,400.

Men's Retreat

Men's Retreat—We will have a men's retreat at our parish on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 29th. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Luke know.

Upcoming Events

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

Roll Baking—Saturday, Oct 22nd

Men's Morning Retreat – Saturday, October 29 at the Church

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

Thanksgiving Bake Sale—Saturday, Nov. 19th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Bake Sale—Saturday, Dec. 10th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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!

Birthdays

September	
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
October	
Madeline Sulich	1
Jake Morfa	1
Sophia Shelley	2
Viorel & Vida Bundra - Anniversary	4
Patricia Soper 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
Annalisa Paltauf	22
Emily Bracey	23

Venerable Euphrosynē of Alexandria

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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.

Fr. Luke is looking to put together a **Men's Retreat** for the morning of Saturday, October 29th. If you are interested, please let Fr. Luke know.

October continued	
Gabriel Shelley	23
Cheryl Krafick Gartner	24
William & Ann Marie Huott - Anniversary	26
Jon Gross	29
Orestes Mihaly III	30

Our venerable Mother Euphrosynē was born at the beginning of the fifth century in the city of Alexandria. She was the only child of illustrious and wealthy parents. When she was twelve years old, her mother reposed, and so the girl was raised by her Father, Paphnutios, who was a very devout Christian. He was in the habit of visiting a certain monastery, where the Igoumen was his Spiritual Father.

When Euphrosynē turned eighteen, her father wanted her to marry. He went to the monastery to obtain the Igoumen's blessing for his daughter's wedding. The Igoumen talked with her and gave her his blessing, but Saint Euphrosynē longed for the monastic life. One day, she gave away her possessions to the poor, and then she snuck out of the house.

The Saint had decided to enter a monastery in order to spend her life in solitude and prayer, but she was afraid that her father was apt to find her in a women's monastery. Therefore, she disguised herself as a man and entered the same men's monastery which she had visited with her father from her childhood, calling herself Smaragdos. The monks did not recognize Euphrosynē dressed in men's clothes, and so they received her into the monastery. The monks were impressed by her spiritual struggles and by her willingness to serve everyone.

There in a solitary cell, Saint Euphrosynē spent 38 years in spiritual endeavors, fasting and prayer, thereby attaining a high level of spiritual accomplishment.

Paphnutios was deeply saddened by the loss of his beloved daughter; more than once, on the advice of his Spiritual Father, he spoke to the "monk" Smaragdos, disclosing his grief and receiving spiritual comfort. Before her death, Saint Euphrosynē revealed her secret to her grieving parent and insisted that no one but he should prepare her body for burial. After he buried his daughter, Paphnutios distributed all his wealth to the poor and to the monastery, and then he was tonsured. For ten years, until the time of his own repose, he labored in his daughter's cell.

By her life, Saint Euphrosynē reminds us that we must renounce "worldly passions and live soberly, uprightly, and devoutly" (Titus 2:12). That is, after rejecting the desires of this vain and sinful world, we ought to live abstemiously, with justice toward our fellow human beings, and with piety toward God.

Saint Paphnutios and his daughter Saint Euphrosynē are both commemorated today, and once again on February 15.