

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 6:1-10. The Gospel is from Luke 6:31-36. Andrew, Fool for Christ.

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 2, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, October 2, 11:15 AM** – Panachida for Curtis Elrod

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

**Monday, October 3, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, October 4, 8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Tuesday, October 4, 9:15 AM** – Perogie Session

**Wednesday, October 5, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, October 6, 9 AM** – New Testament Class

**Thursday, October 6, 4 PM to 6 PM** – Monthly Bake Sale

**Friday, October 7, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, October 8, 5 PM**-Vespers

**Sunday, October 9, 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/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. 4<sup>th</sup>-Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. 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. 4<sup>th</sup>. Reservations made after Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Men's Retreat

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

## Upcoming Events

**OYMT Thank You Coffee Hour**— Sunday Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> following liturgy

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

**Dorothy Day**—Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Sobor**—Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

**Roll Baking**—Saturday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

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

**Kielbasa Making**— Thursday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.

**Secret Santa Name Drawing**—Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour

**Thanksgiving Bake Sale**—Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**OYMT Reunion**— Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

**St. Nicholas Brunch**— Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Bake Sale**— Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Birthdays

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

## Book Review

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**—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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!



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

Commemorated on [October 1](#)

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



**Help Restock Our Kitchen**—We are in need of dinner size paper plates, bowls and decaf coffee. Thank you!

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

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of her.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered more important by the Slavs than by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does not mention Saints Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer.

These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate Saint Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication **might be noted** under (October 2) dating Saint Andrew's death to the year 936.

In the *Prologue*, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!"

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

