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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1. The Gospel is from Luke 7:11-16. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow.

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 9, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, October 10, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Monday, October 10, 6 PM – Moleben to the Mother of God

Tuesday, October 11, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, October 11, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, October 12, 6 PM – Moleben to the Mother of God

Wednesday, October 12, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, October 13, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, October 14, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, October 14, 1:30 PM to 4 PM – Dorothy Day Soup kitchen

Friday, October 14, 6 PM – Moleben to the Mother of God

Saturday, October 15, 5 PM-Vespers

Sunday, October 16, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 16 through Wednesday, October 19 – Diocesan Sobor in Johnstown, PA

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. 11th. Reservations made after Oct 11th 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

| Roll Baking

Roll Baking second session is set for Saturday, October 22. Please mark your calendar. We are getting ready for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake Sales. We will need people to sign up for that day.

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.

First Family Church School Day Sat. Oct. 22nd—We will be starting our family church school program on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 2 p.m. All children from toddlers through teens are invited to come with parents. At this first session there will be play and fun for toddlers and the older children and teens will be making "Friendship Soup" mix to sell at our upcoming bake sale. The proceeds will be donated to a charity the children choose. Fr. Luke will also spend some time with the parents. We are trying this new way of gathering for church school based on feedback from families and parents. Please plan to come!

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.

Clothes Collection Last Call!

Last Call for Clothes Collection – We have the next 3 weeks before this load of clothing will be picked up. Ann Huott, who with her family is spearheaded the collection, will be scheduling a pickup real soon. So go through your closets and talk to your neighbors and fill those bags!

Orthodox Mission Team

Join the Orthodox Youth Mission Team—We are currently recruiting new team members for our 2023 youth mission trip to Appalachia. The trip will take place from Sat. July 8 – Sunday, July 16, 2023. Teens who will be finished with 8th grade by the summer are eligible to attend. The cost for youth to attend is \$350. Deadline to sign up with a 50% deposit is Nov. 15th. We will meet once a month for training sessions beginning in December. If you have questions or are a high school or college student or an adult who is interested in being a leader please see Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

Birthdays

October	
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

Upcoming Events

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

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

Roll Baking—Saturday, Oct 22nd

Family Church School Day – Saturday, October 22 at 2 PM

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

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

Kielbasa Making—Thursday, Nov. 10th 5:30 p.m.

Secret Santa Name Drawing—Sunday, Nov. 13th during coffee hour

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

OYMT Reunion—Saturday, Nov. 26th 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

St. Nicholas Brunch—Sunday, Dec. 4th

Sip and Shop Fundraiser for OYMT—Friday, Dec. 9th 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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

Book Review

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!

Calling All Crafters

Calling All Crafters—We are always looking for new crafters for our holiday bake and craft sales. If you or someone you know makes handmade artisan items and you would like a table for the Thanksgiving or Christmas sale (or both) please contact Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com). The cost of a table is \$35. Feel free to share this with anyone you know who makes beautiful handicrafts.

Monthly Bake Sale—Many thanks to all those who have helped with our monthly bake sale. This month's sale brought in over \$300. There will be no more monthly sales until January as we have our Thanksgiving and Christmas Sales in November and December.

Tikhon of Moscow

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



Help Restock Our Kitchen—We need 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 29th. If you are interested, please let Fr. Luke know.



Our father among the [saints](#) Tikhon of Moscow, [Enlightener](#) of North America, was Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1917–1925).

While in America, he established his cathedral in New York City, and presided over a vast [archdiocese](#), encouraging and authorizing many publications in the English language. Among these, he encouraged the translation of the Eastern [liturgy](#) into English by [Isabel Florence Hapgood](#), and he wrote an extensive [catechism](#) based on the [Nicene Creed](#) and the [Our Father](#).

Early life

St. Tikhon was born on [January 19](#), 1865. His father was Ioann Bellavin, a rural [priest](#) of the Toropetz district of the Pskov diocese. "From his early years he displayed a particular religious disposition, love for the Church as well as rare meekness and humility. ... From 1878 to 1883, Vasily studied at the [Pskov](#) Theological Seminary. His fellow students liked and respected him for his piety, brilliant progress in studies, and constant readiness to help comrades, who often turned to him for explanations of lessons, especially for help in drawing up and correcting numerous compositions. Vasily was called 'bishop' and 'patriarch' by his classmates." [\[1\]](#)

"Following graduation from the Pskov Seminary and [St. Petersburg Theological Academy](#), he becomes an instructor first at Pskov Theological Seminary (1888-91), then Kholm Theological Seminary (1891-97), where he quickly became [Rector](#). Just prior to his transfer to Kholm he was tonsured a monk with the name Tikhon and ordained." [\[2\]](#)

Life and work after ordination

One of the first Orthodox [bishops](#) to do major work in North America, St. Tikhon went on to establish the "Diocese of the Aleutians and North America" after converting many people on the continent. Deemed an honorary citizen of the United States, he consecrated Orthodox Churches in America during the early 20th Century. The saint was also the primary founder of [St. Tikhon's Orthodox Monastery \(South Canaan, Pennsylvania\)](#), naming it for his heavenly patron, St. [Tikhon of Zadonsk](#).

After returning to Russia in 1907, he continued to win the affection of thousands with his humble piety and loving affection. During World War I, he charitably aided displaced citizens, who flocked to him. He was also honored on [November 5](#), 1917 by being elected [Patriarch](#) of the Russian [Orthodox Church](#). St. Tikhon had to overcome much disunity within the Church.

When the ungodly Bolshevik regime took control of the country, Church property was confiscated and the Russian Orthodox Church had to endure much repression. St. Tikhon openly condemned the killings of [Czar's](#) family in 1918 and protested against violent attacks by the Bolsheviks on the [Church](#). At this time, he called Russian Orthodox Christians to unite and strengthen their practices. To avoid further persecution, he issued a message that clergy were not to make any political statements.

From 1922 to 1923, Patriarch Tikhon was imprisoned in [Donskoy Monastery](#) after he openly opposed the government's decree of being able to confiscate Church property. Thousands of Russian believers were shot. Upon being released, he assured the regime of his loyalty in an apparent attempt to relieve the harsh pressures on the Church. Despite his declaration of loyalty, he continued to enjoy the trust of the Orthodox community in Russia.

As persecution continued, he began to feel overwhelmed, and his strength and health declined. On Sunday [April 5](#), 1925 he served his last Liturgy. He died giving the Sign of the Cross, saying, "Glory to Thee, O [Lord](#), glory to Thee." He only crossed himself two times, dying before he could complete the third. After his death, he was considered a [martyr](#) for the faith.

In 1989, Patriarch Tikhon was [glorified](#) by the [Church of Russia](#). This process is generally considered an example of the thaw in [Church-Soviet](#) relations in the Glasnost era.