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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. The Gospel is from Luke 8:5-15. Longinus the Centurion.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, October 16, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

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

Thursday, October 20, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, October 21, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, October 22, 8 AM to 2 PM – Roll Baking

Saturday, October 22, 2 PM to 3:30 PM – Family Church Class

Saturday, October 22, 5 PM-Vespers

Sunday, October 23, 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/htocdanbury/?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.

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.

Men's Retreat

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. It will start at 9 AM with morning prayers, followed by breakfast in the church hall. We will discuss St. Demetrios the Great Martyr and see a video on soldier saints. Pray the Akathist to St. Demetrios followed by a hike in the Farrington Memorial Park. And then lunch.

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!

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.

Upcoming Events

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.

Birthdays

October	
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

Holiday Bake Sales Coming Up

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake Sales are coming up on Nov. 19th and Dec. 10th respectively and we will need helpers for both dates to fill orders, work in the kitchen, set up and clean up. In upcoming weeks there will also be roll and cookie baking and kielbasa making. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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.

Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord

Commemorated on [October 16](#)

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



Help Stock Our Kitchen:
We are in need paper towels, decaf coffee and bowls.

OYMT Reunion Gala-- On

Saturday, Nov. 26th the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will celebrate its 12th year of service and 10th mission trip at a Reunion/Gala. We want to thank all of you for your continual prayers and support and we look forward to celebrating this milestone with you! See the attached invitation. There will be dinner, dancing with DJ Bill Lopez and a silent auction. We will also have a program that will be distributed in both hard-copy and digitally. If interested in being a sponsor in the program, please use this link to form below and send in by November 12th.

<https://forms.gle/xKG439yZ3RChy7sW8>



The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the command of the Governor, Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events shook the centurion's soul. Longinus believed in Christ and confessed before everyone, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27:54).

According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound.

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Savior, Longinus stood watch with his company at the Sepulchre of the Lord. These soldiers were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to lie and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. They also refused to remain silent about the miracle of the Resurrection.

Having come to believe in the Savior, the soldiers received Baptism from the apostles and decided to leave military service. Saint Longinus left Judea to preach about Jesus Christ the Son of God in his native land (Cappadocia), and his two comrades followed him.

The fiery words of those who had actually participated in the great events in Judea swayed the hearts and minds of the Cappadocians; Christianity began quickly to spread throughout the city and the surrounding villages. When they learned of this, the Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to send a company of soldiers to Cappadocia to kill Longinus and his comrades. When the soldiers arrived at Longinus's village, the former centurion himself came out to meet the soldiers and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers revealed the purpose of their visit, not knowing that the master of the house was the very man whom they were seeking. Then Longinus and his friends identified themselves and told the startled soldiers to carry out their duty.

The soldiers wanted to let the saints go and advised them to flee, but they refused to do this, showing their firm intention to suffer for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried at the place where the saints were martyred. The head of Saint Longinus, however, was sent to Pilate.

Pilate gave orders to cast the martyr's head on a trash-heap outside the city walls. After a while a certain blind widow from Cappadocia arrived in Jerusalem with her son to pray at the holy places, and to ask that her sight be restored. After becoming blind, she had sought the help of physicians to cure her, but all their efforts were in vain.

The woman's son became ill shortly after reaching Jerusalem, and he died a few days later. The widow grieved for the loss of her son, who had served as her guide.

Saint Longinus appeared to her in a dream and comforted her. He told her that she would see her son in heavenly glory, and also receive her sight. He told her to go outside the city walls and there she would find his head in a great pile of refuse. Guides led the blind woman to the rubbish heap, and she began to dig with her hands. As soon as she touched the martyr's head, the woman received her sight, and she glorified God and Saint Longinus.

Taking up the head, she brought it to the place she was staying and washed it. The next night, Saint Longinus appeared to her again, this time with her son. They were surrounded by a bright light, and Saint Longinus said, "Woman, behold the son for whom you grieve. See what glory and honor are his now, and be consoled. God has numbered him with those in His heavenly Kingdom. Now take my head and your son's body, and bury them in the same casket. Do not weep for your son, for he will rejoice forever in great glory and happiness."

The woman carried out the saint's instructions and returned to her home in Cappadocia. There she buried her son and the head of Saint Longinus. Once, she had been overcome by grief for her son, but her weeping was transformed into joy when she saw him with Saint Longinus. She had sought healing for her eyes, and also received healing of her soul.