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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. The Gospel is from Luke 16:19-31. Apostle James, Brother of the Lord.

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 23, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 23, 11:30 AM – Panachida for Stephanie Fong and Marty Howley

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, October 24, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, October 25, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, October 25, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Tuesday, October 25, 5 PM
– Vesper for Great Martyr Demetrios

Wednesday, October 26, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy Great Martyr Demetrios

Wednesday, October 26, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, October 27, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, October 28, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, October 28, 6 PM – Young Adult Meeting

Saturday, October 29, 0 AM – Men's Retreat

Saturday, October 29 5 PM-Vespers

Sunday, October 30, 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

Thank to everyone who sacrificed their Saturday to make rolls for our bake sale.

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—Our first Family Church School class was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and families that made the effort to come. We made Friendship soup, talked about saints and the work of the Church which is to 'make us saints.' Everyone was asked to find out who their patron saint is and to find something special about them. Saints are the church's heroes. The Friendship soup will be sold to buy supplies to make food for the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen visit at Dorothy Day that all will participate in the week between Christmas and New Years.

Clothes Collection Last Call! | Orthodox Mission Team

Last Call for Clothes Collection – Sunday, November 13 is the last Sunday to drop off clothes. 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!

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

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	
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 | Calling All Crafters

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—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.

Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki

Commemorated on [October 26](#)

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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 Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki was the son of a Roman proconsul in Thessaloniki. Three centuries had elapsed and Roman paganism, spiritually shattered and defeated by the multitude of martyrs and confessors of the Savior, intensified its persecutions. The parents of Saint Demetrios were secret Christians, and he was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith in a secret church in his father's home.

By the time Demetrios had reached maturity and his father had died, Emperor Galerius Maximian had ascended the throne (305). Maximian, confident in Demetrios's education as well as his administrative and military abilities, appointed him to his father's position as proconsul of the Thessaloniki district. The young commander's principal duties were to defend the city from barbarians and to eradicate Christianity. The Emperor's policy regarding Christians was expressed simply: "Put to death anyone who calls on the name of Christ." The Emperor did not suspect that by appointing Demetrios he had provided him with the opportunity to bring many people to Christ.

Accepting the appointment, Demetrios returned to Thessaloniki and confessed and glorified our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of persecuting and executing Christians, he began to teach the Christian Faith openly to the inhabitants of the city and to overthrow pagan customs and the worship of idols. The compiler of his Life, Saint Simeon Metaphrastes (November 9), says that because of his teaching zeal he became "a second Apostle Paul" for Thessaloniki, particularly since "the Apostle to the Gentiles" founded the first community of believers in the city (1 Thess. and 2 Thess.).

The Lord also destined Saint Demetrios to follow Saint Paul on the path to martyrdom. When Maximian learned that the newly-appointed proconsul was a Christian, and that he had converted many Roman subjects to Christianity, the Emperor's rage knew no bounds. Returning from a campaign in the area of the Black Sea, the Emperor decided to lead his army through Thessaloniki, determined to massacre the Christians.

Learning of this, Saint Demetrios ordered his faithful servant Lupus to give his wealth to the poor saying, "Distribute my earthly riches among them, for we shall seek heavenly riches for ourselves." He began to pray and fast, preparing himself for martyrdom.

When the Emperor came into the city, he summoned Demetrios, who boldly confessed himself a Christian and denounced the falsehood and futility of Roman polytheism. Maximian ordered Demetrios to be thrown into prison. An Angel appeared to him, comforting and encouraging him.

Meanwhile the Emperor amused himself by staging games in the circus. His champion was a German by the name of Lyaeos. He challenged Christians to wrestle with him on a platform built over the upturned spears of the victorious soldiers. A brave Christian named Nestor went to the prison to Saint Demetrios, his instructor in the Faith, asking for his blessing to fight the barbarian. With the blessing and prayers of Saint Demetrios, Nestor defeated the fierce German and hurled him from the platform onto the spears of the soldiers, just as the murderous pagan would have done with the Christian. The enraged commander ordered the execution of the holy Martyr Nestor (October 27) and sent a guard to the prison to kill Saint Demetrios. At dawn on October 26, 306 soldiers appeared in the Saint's underground prison and ran him through with lances. His faithful servant, Saint Lupus, gathered up the blood-soaked garment of Saint Demetrios he took the imperial ring from his finger, a symbol of his high status, and dipped it in the blood. With the ring and other holy things sanctified the blood of Saint Demetrios, Saint Lupus began to heal the infirm. The Emperor ordered his soldiers to arrest and kill him.

The body of the holy Great Martyr Demetrios was cast out for wild animals to devour, but the Christians took it and secretly buried it in the earth.

During the reign of Saint Constantine (306-337), a church was built over the grave of Saint Demetrios. A hundred years later, during the construction of a majestic new church on the old spot, the incorrupt relics of the holy martyr were uncovered. Since the seventh century a miraculous flow of fragrant myrrh has been found beneath the crypt of the Great Martyr Demetrios, so he is called "the Myrrh-gusher."