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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman.

The Epistle is from Acts 11:19-26, 29-30. The Gospel is from John 4:5-42. Saint Nikita.

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, May 14, 10 AM
– Divine liturgy

Sunday, May 14, 11:30 AM - Mother's Day Brunch

Monday, May 15, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 16, 9 AM
– Akathist

Wednesday, May 17, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, May 18, 9 AM
– New Testament Class

Saturday, May 20, 9 AM to 4 PM– OYMT construction workday at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church

Sunday, May 21, 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.

Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen: We are in need of paper towels and decaf coffee. Thank you!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day is Friday, June 9th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. No experience needed. All help welcome for all or part of the afternoon. Service hours available for high school students. See Susan Sulich if you want to volunteer.

| Flower Bulbs

Flower Bulbs—the remaining tulip and Easter lily bulbs/plants are available if anyone would like to bring home to plant. They are on the side of the church. Feel free to take them if you want to plant them.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have several adult education classes going on currently that are also online:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. This week we are starting a new book: *Song of Tears* by Oliver Clement

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 Ephesians*

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.

Clothing Drive is Back—Ann Huott and her family have graciously agreed to conduct one more clothing drive as a fundraiser for the parish. The most recent collection brought in \$671.50. Used clothing, linens, shoes, bags and other items can be brought to the church in plastic garbage bags and left at the candle stand. For a complete list of acceptable items see the flyer at the candle stand or ask Ann. Thank you Huott family!

Toddler Time--We are looking forward to bringing the youngest members of our parish family and their parents together to spend time with one another. After talking to the parents, it seems that a good time to meet is the first Saturday of the month from 3-5 p.m. If something changes or you realize this date or time do not work for your family, please let us know so that we can accommodate or make changes as needed. The dates for this spring will be:
Sat. June 3rd 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Millennial Meeting

Each month the young adults of the parish meet up to spend time together and talk about topics that pertain to the ever-looming questions of "How do I adult?" This group is a forum for every young professional, new parent and all others in a transitional time of their life to come together and share the challenges of our ever-changing lives, and an opportunity to set down those cares for a couple of hours and join together in fellowship. The group usually meets on the last Saturday of every month. Contact Nick Fong for more information, nickfong1@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour—Our coffee hour is a great opportunity to spend time together and share a meal. If there's an item or dish, you'd like to bring sign up on the sheet downstairs. No one needs to do the whole coffee hour! All offerings are welcome.

OYMT Stock Thank You

OYMT Stock Thank You—The Danbury OYMT members would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our upcoming summer mission trip. We are extremely grateful for your donations, your prayers and all the support you consistently offer to our team. If anyone did not receive a stock letter and would like more information, please see one of our team members: Chris Reznick, Ryan McVeigh, Nick and Jennie Fong, Susan Sulich, Luke Faubel, Stefan Reznick or Ana Melnic.

Birthdays – If you have dates of Birthdays or Anniversaries that you would like to add, please let Fr. Luke know so he can include them.

May	
Kaitleen Villa	12
Timofei Budyonny	13
Jennie Fong	14
Marika & Quinn Vissak - Anniversary	15
Sam Sophia Kreymer	16
Natalja Schnittler	18
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Jason Varney	27
Maximus Elijah Mihaly	27
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jennie Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Ken Borsari	31

Upcoming Events

OYMT Construction Day at St. Barbara in Orange, CT—Sat., May 20th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1st from 4-6 p.m.

Pentecost - Sunday, June 4

Ascension—Thursday, May 25th

Dorothy Day—Friday, June 9th from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Blessing of Graves at St. Platon's Cemetery—Sun. May 28th following coffee hour

OYMT Trip – Saturday, July 8 to Sunday, July 17

Monthly Bake Sale—Thur. June

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 19

OYMT Training Session #5—

Next up for our summer mission trip to Appalachia training is Construction Day. NOTE: This training will take place at St. Barbara Church in Orange CT from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be working on a building project that uses the skills we learned at the tool and safety training session. Everyone is required to wear work clothes and bring your individual tool bags.

Parish Garden—It's time to start preparing, planning and planting our parish vegetable garden! If you're interested in working on the garden, please let Fr. Luke know.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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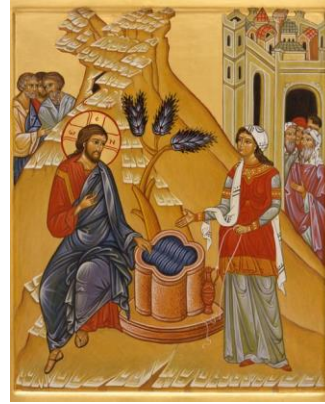
"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



Holy Land Pilgrimage—

We are putting together a group to go on a trip the Holy Land this year. The trip would take place from Oct. 16-28th and will be led by Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky who we have worked with before and has an excellent reputation and much experience with this pilgrimage. The itinerary for the trip is available in the hall and attached to the bulletin. The cost for the trip is \$3150 per person, not including airfare. For details of what is included see the itinerary. If you are interested in going on this trip, please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know.

Toys—As you may have noticed we are blessed with an abundance of children and an abundance of toys in our parish hall! Our storage space is very tight and so we kindly ask that no more toy donations be brought in. As a reminder, parents are asked to help their children pick up the toys when they are done playing at the end of coffee hour.



One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans, it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans, we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.