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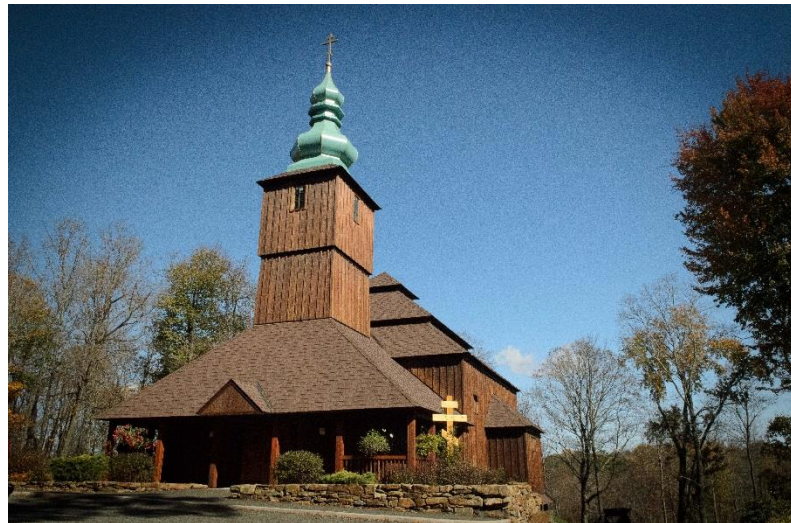
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. The Epistle is from Acts 20:16-18, 28-36. The Gospel is from John 17:1-13. Nicetas of Chalcedon.

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

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Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, May 28, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 28, 12 noon
– Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 28, 1 PM – Bless Graves at our Parish Cemetery of St. Platon.

Tuesday, May 30, 9 AM
– Akathist

Wednesday, May 31, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, June 1, 9 AM
– New Testament Class

Thursday, June 1, 4 PM to 6 PM – Monthly Bake Sale

Friday, June 2, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, June 3, 9 AM – Soul Saturday Liturgy

Saturday, June 3, 3 PM to 5 PM – Toddler time

Saturday, June 3, 5 PM – Vespers for Pentecost

Sunday, June 4, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for Pentecost and Kneeling Prayers

This is the first of three **wedding banns** for **Nicholas Huott and Stephanie Casey**. If anyone knows why they should not be married, please contact Fr. Luke.

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.

| Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale—Our next monthly bake sale will be this Thursday, June 1st from 4-6 p.m. We are planning to have a fresh batch of stuffed cabbage prepared so tell your friends! See Helen Galskoy if you want to help.

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	
Maximus Elijah Mihaly	27
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jennie Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Ken Borsari	31
June	
Elaine Bomely Poeltl	3
Anastasia Radcliff	3
Paul Kachevsky	4
Anne Marie Huott	6
Michael Baroody	8
Anastasia Mihaly Thompson	9
Cyril Mihaly	9
Konstantin & Tania Radcliff - Anniversary	10
Nikita Budyonny	10
Daria McKenzie	12
Fr. Nicholas Mihaly	13
Robert & Carolyn Faubel - Anniversary	16
Jack & Maria Bouffard - Anniversary	16
Jose & Katie Helu - Anniversary	17
Logan & Anastasia Thompson - Anniversary	18
Jackie Popp	18
Filip Bundra	20
Freddy & Carmen Villa	20

Upcoming Events

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

Monthly Bake Sale—Thur. June 1st from 4-6 p.m.

Pentecost - Sunday, June 4

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

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

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 19

OYMT Training Session #6—

We are down to our last two training sessions before our trip to West Virginia! Our next training is our Parent Meeting. NOTE: Change in location—the meeting will take place at St. Barbara in Orange so that we can finish up with the sawhorses we made on Construction Day. It is mandatory for one parent for each teen to attend the meeting. We will be going over important information for the trip and also checking health and contact information for all team members.

Parish Garden—Yesterday the parish garden was clean up and the beds prepared for planting. Anyone who has extra vegetable plants or seeds is welcome to donate them. So far, we have planted some tomatoes, summer squash and cucumbers. We also have a place for herbs. Anyone who is interested can speak to Fr. Luke. Once the garden is planted anyone is welcome to come and weed and water. What grows will be shared with all—starting today, with fresh mint harvested yesterday! If you can use, please take some.

New Cabinet Doors Behind the Altar-- Thank you to A.J. Villa for his very kind and generous donation of time, talent and treasure in the construction of new doors for the cabinets behind the altar. God has blessed you with a talent and we are grateful for your offering by putting it to use in the church.

Congratulations to **Petru Zubek** who became an **Eagle Scout** on February 13, 2023, and his Eagle Court Of Honor was on May 21, 2023.

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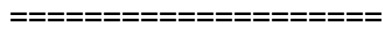
"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



Holy Land Pilgrimage—
 We are putting together a group to go on a trip the Holy Land this year. The trip will 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.



Petru's Eagle Service Project: Pollinator Garden at Ridgebury Elementary School. Petru planned, organized, and planted a pollinator garden at Ridgebury Elementary School in Ridgefield to support declining native pollinators and educate young students about the environment. He researched a variety of native plants to create a garden with diverse species of flowers that provide vital nutrients and habitat for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. After designing a layout for the garden, Petru led the weeding of the flower beds and the planting of the new flowers. Local students and hikers can enjoy the garden, appreciate the environment, and take inspiration to start their own pollinator gardens.



Fathers of the 1st Council

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

June continued	
Andrew McKenzie	22
Adrian Guerrero	24
Daniel Kaiser	26
Monika Mihaly	28
Sydney Slupatchuk	29
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo - Anniversary	30
Helen Galskoy	30