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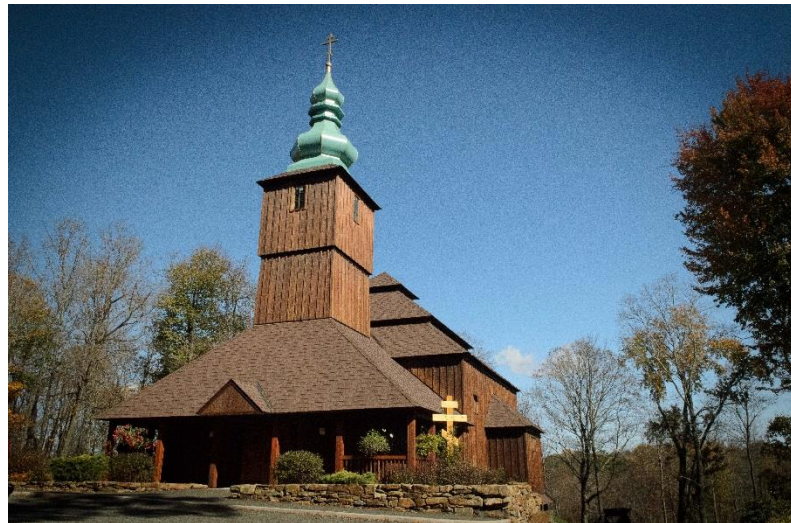
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is *Second Sunday after Pentecost; Saints of Carpatho-Rus; Regional All Saints Sunday*. The Epistle is from Romans 2:10-16. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:18-23.

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, June 18, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy –
Father's Day

We also want to recognize Pablo Villa who stepped up to High School this year who will attending Abbot Technical School in the Fall

Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 is the Vacation Church School Three Saints Orthodox Church Park in Bethany, CT

Monday, June 19, 7 PM
– Spirituality Class

Thursday, June 22, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, June 23, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, June 24, 4 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, June 25, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, June 25, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Fr. Luke will be attending the Vacation Church School program on Tuesday so there will be no Akathist that morning. Also, there is no Adult Catechism this Wednesday due to a previous commitment by 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 need paper towels and decaf coffee. Thank you!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day is Friday, August 4th 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.

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 by Metropolitan Emiliano entitled: *Priest, Parish and Renewal*.

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.

Hold Clothing donations—

Please hold clothing donations. We have a wedding on the 17th and want to avoid having bags stacked up in the vestibule. Clothing donations gladly accepted again starting July 18th.

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 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.

June	
Logan & Anastasia Thompson - Anniversary	18
Jackie Popp	18
Filip Bundra	20
Freddy & Carmen Villa	20
Andrew McKenzie	22
Adrian Guerrero	24
Daniel Kaiser	26
Monika Mihaly	28
Sydney Slupatchuk	29
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo - Anniversary	30
Helen Galskoy	30

Upcoming Events

Vacation Church School, Three Saints Orthodox Church Park in Bethany, CT – June 19 to June 23

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 19

Scholarship Application Deadline—Tuesday, June 20th

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

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.

A New Saint for Carpatho-Russia: St Job of Ugolka

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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.

Educational Scholarships Available— Thanks to a gift from an Orthodox Christian in the greater Danbury area to perpetuate the values and beliefs of the Orthodox Christian Faith by financially supporting the education of active parishioners we are able to offer scholarships to active members of our parish for any type of post-secondary education or training. Applications are available in the church hall or by contacting Fr. Luke.

The scholarship is to be awarded to active members of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church based on several criteria:

- Available to any student/parishioner furthering his or her education
 - Must be a full and active member of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
 - Involved in philanthropic activities
 - Scholarship will be paid directly to the financial institution
 - Recipient must accept the scholarship in person
- Applications must be received by June 20th.

On September 18, 2008, Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev along with scores of priests and thousands of faithful gathered in the remote Carpatho-Russian village of Malaya Ugolka near Chust to celebrate the glorification of the newest saint of the Carpathians, St. Job (Kundria) of Ugolka. Our Holy Father Job Kundria was born Ivan Kundria on May 18, 1902, in the village of Iza, a village forever held in honor by Orthodox Carpatho-Russians. It was the village of Iza that was the center of a movement away from the false union with Rome to the ancestral Orthodox Faith of Carpatho-Russians. It was to the village of Iza that St. Alexis Kabaluk, the Apostle of Carpatho-Russia arrived as the first Orthodox priest and from which he established 28 other Orthodox parishes. It was the village of Iza that gave the Church 160 monks and nuns, several confessors and martyrs along with our Holy Father Job.

The young Ivan finished school in Iza and desired to become a monk but from 1924-1925 was obliged to serve in the Czechoslovak army. Finishing his duties, Ivan walked all the way to Mount Athos in Greece twice in order to live there as a monk. Unfortunately, from September 1926 the Greek government began severely restricting the number of non-Greek monks permitted to live on Mt. Athos so each time Ivan was forced to make his way home. At this same time, the Monastery of St. Nicholas opened in the village of Iza and here Ivan completed his seminary studies. In 1930 he and his elder brother, Hieromonk Panteleimon sold everything they owned and opened a skete dedicated to the Holy Trinity in nearby Gorodilovo. On December 22, 1938, St. Alexis Kabaluk tonsured Ivan a monk, giving him the name of Job.

With the Nazi occupation of Carpatho-Russia in 1939 Fr. Job and many others fled to Soviet Russia, unaware of the persecution the Communists were unleashing on the Orthodox Church. Fr. Job was arrested, sentenced to 25 years in prison but was released in 1942 to serve in the Soviet army fighting the Nazi invasion of Russia. As a Czechoslovak citizen he was forced to fight with the artillery of the Czechoslovak Volunteers Brigade. As a monk, he refused to fire shells and would secretly defuse them before they were fired off. During this period in his life Fr. Job met the renowned Archbishop Luke the Surgeon, later canonized as St. Luke of Simferopol and kept his portrait in his cell for the rest of his life.

With the ending of the war in 1945, Fr. Job made his way back to his monastery in Gorodilovo and was ordained a priest-monk on November 16, 1945. Within a year he was appointed rector and abbot and spiritual father of the monastery in Mukachevo.

In 1956 a new "bishop" was appointed by the Soviet authorities who immediately began closing monasteries throughout Carpatho-Russia. Father Job was removed from his position and the monastery in Gorodilovo was closed, beginning a period of wandering from one monastery to another. Hoping to rid themselves of this holy man, the Soviet authorities had Father Job appointed priest in 1962 in the remote village church of Malaya Ugolka, formerly known as Monastyrrets.

Here as a parish priest, Father Job for 23 years served the Divine Liturgy and the daily cycle of services from which he received the gift of the Holy Spirit. He became known as a starets or an elder. People flocked to him from throughout the region both peasants and the educated to seek his advice. He was known as a clairvoyant, worked miracles and predicted the future. He became such a source of grace because of the years he had spent in warfare against his sinful passions and struggling to join himself to the Lord through prayer and fasting. St. Gregory the Theologian in his writing In Defense of His Flight to Pontus wrote

It is necessary first to be purified, then to purify; to be made wise, then to make wise; to become light, then to enlighten; to approach God, then to bring others to him; to be sanctified, then to sanctify...

The life of St. Job is a sermon to each priest on the means by which we can most effectively serve the Lord and His people. Our ministry as priests becomes a source of spiritual healing for people only as we are in the process of being healed of our sinful passions. Our ministry as priests only becomes a channel of grace when we devote ourselves to daily prayer. This is true in the lives of all the holy men and women throughout history: they only impacted the lives of people in powerful ways and bore the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the proportion to which their lives were spent in prayer, fasting, and fighting against their sins.

On Sunday, July 28, 1985, at the age of 82 St. Job peacefully fell-asleep in the Lord after serving the Divine Liturgy, preaching a sermon and serving the evening Vespers. Soon after his burial miracles of healing began to take place at his grave in the village cemetery. On October 22, 2007, as local clergy and the diocesan Bishop Hippolytus uncovered the relics of Father Job the fragrance of myrrh and incense filled the air. The Divine Liturgy at which his name was added to the calendar of saints was celebrated in the open air in front of St. Job's village church in Malaya Ugolka. St. Job's life was read out and his troparion and kondakion were sung as all venerated his holy relics and icon for the first time.