

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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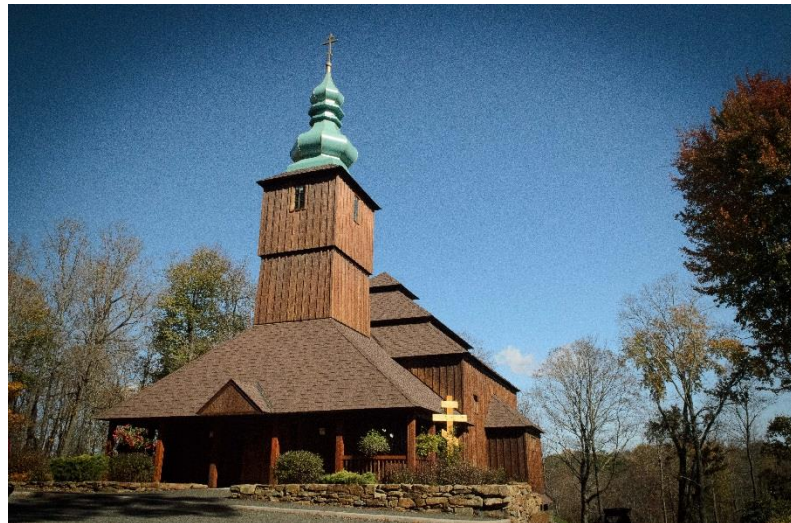
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is ninth Sunday after Pentecost and the Feast of the Transfiguration. The Epistle is from 2 Peter 1:10-19. The Gospel is from Matthew 17:1-9

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, August 6, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy – Blessing of Fruits and Vegetables

**Monday, August 7, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, August 8, 9 AM** – Akathist

**Wednesday, August 9, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, August 10, 9 AM** – New Testament Class

**Friday, August 11, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Friday, August 11, 1:30 Pm to 4:30 PM** – Dorothy Day soup Kitchen

**Saturday, August 12, 5 PM** – Vespers and light dinner with Fr. Juvenal Repass, Missionary

**Sunday, August 13, 10 AM** – Divine liturgy Procession to Mary shrine and singing of the sticheri from the Moleben

**Sunday, August 13, 11:45 AM** – Fr. Juvenal presentation on Guatemala

and his future work in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site [www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://www.holytrinitydanbury.org)

And to those with a Facebook account please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here <https://www.facebook.com/htoccdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

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

We have **two Scholarship recipients** this year: **Nataly Guerrero and Grace Radcliff**. Grace is away until December and we will recognize her when she returns to home. Today, however, we would like to recognize Nataly who recently graduated Henry Abbot Technical High School. She is attending Sacred Heart University this fall to study Neuroscience. Congratulations to Grace and Antaly. We are all immensely proud of you! May God grant you many years!

### Dorothy Day

**Dorothy Day**—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day is Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### | Perogie Dash

**Perogie Dash**—Our annual Perogie Dash 5k to benefit Healing Hearts of Regional Hospice is right around the corner on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of opportunity to help with this parish-wide event before and on the day of the race. Stay tuned for sign-up sheets. We will also be looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of the race. Attached is a 2023 Sponsorship form. All sponsors are featured on our t-shirts and receive additional publicity. If you are part of a business and would like to sponsor the race, use the attached form and attach your logo. Consider asking businesses you patronize to support this worthwhile community cause.

### | Missionary visitation

Guatemala Missionary visit – Fr. Juvenal Repass, OCMC missionary from Guatemala will be visiting out parish from Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. He has been in Guatemala for the last several years and is now repositioning his ministry to Brazil. He will be here to serve, preach and give a presentation on his work in Guatemala.

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### 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: *For The Life of The World* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

**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).

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**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.

### Summer Church School

– We will have a one-day summer church session on Monday, August 14. Fr. Luke will go over the two summer feasts: The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary.

## 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](mailto: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 Trip to West Virginia

**OYMT Trip to West Virginia**—With thanksgiving to God and gratitude for all your prayers for our trip the Orthodox Youth Mission Team returned safely from our ASP trip to West Virginia last Sunday! We spent a Spirit filled and fruitful week in West Virginia serving 7 families. Some of the projects we worked on were building a ramp for the Mom of a family who has 10 foster children, helping create a level and safe floor for a woman immobilized by a stroke, framing and sheet rocking 3 bedrooms in a home of single mom with four children and for a couple whose home was severely damaged in a fire. In addition, our team worked on roofing, siding, painting and other jobs. More importantly, our youth and adult leaders built relationships with our homeowners and one another and experienced an opportunity and a setting for deepening their relationship with our Lord, Who blessed us abundantly! We look forward to sharing our experiences with you in our newsletter and Thank You Coffee Hour in September!

## Upcoming Events

**Feast of the Transfiguration** – August 6

**Summer Church School program** - Monday, August 14

**Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen** – August 11<sup>th</sup>

**Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God** – August 15

**Fr. Juvenal Repass, Missionary visit** – August 12 and August 13

**Perogie Dash 5K** – Saturday, August 19

**Lenox Retreat** - November 10 thru November 12

**Parish Garden**—Our parish garden is growing strong! Many thanks to all who have planted. We have tomatoes, squash, beans, lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, pumpkins, peppers, watermelons, beans, radishes and some mystery veggies as well as herbs growing. There is still some space if anyone would like to plant anything else. Anyone is welcome to come and weed or water the garden. We look forward to sharing the harvest with everyone as God provides.

**Help Needed for the Perogie Dash**—Plans are well underway for our annual Perogie Dash 5K to Benefit Healing Hearts of Regional Hospice. There are lots of ways to help with this event. See the sign-up sheet in the hall for tasks before and on the day of the road race. To increase our donation to Healing Hearts we will also have a sign-up sheet of items needed for the race that may be donated to reduce our expenses. Thank you all in advance!

**Lenox Retreat—Save the Date**—Our annual Lenox Retreat will take place from Fri., Nov. 10-Sun., Nov. 12, 2023. Please note this is the SECOND weekend in November (not the first which we usually do). More details to come.

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.

August	
Susan Sulich	1
Ken and Diana Borsari - Anniversary	1
Carolyn Faubel	4
Lisa Farrah	5
Abigail Rose Morfa	6
Trianna Gutzman (Names day)	8
Carlos Morfa	9
Bill Huott	10
Rick Farah	11
Sarah Baroody	15
Fr. Luke & Bethany Mihaly - Anniversary	17
Slave & Mariana Todosiev - Anniversary	19
Brenna Singer	23
Amy Fong Arifin	25
Susan Paltauf	25
Marika Gutzman	26
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## Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

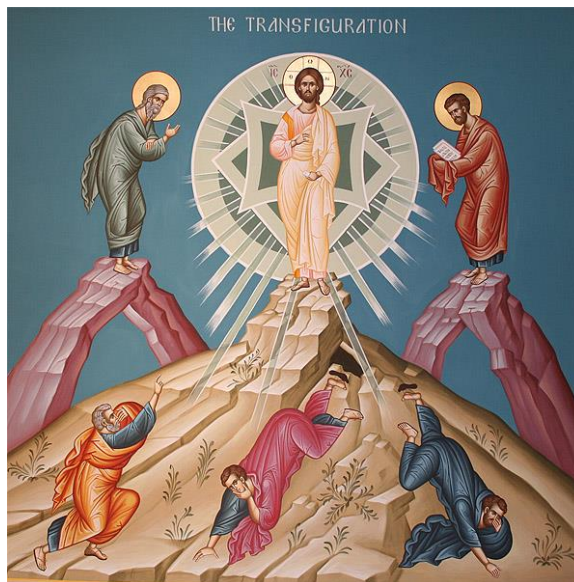
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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



### 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. 16-28<sup>th</sup> 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.



Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.