Weekly Bulletin

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is tenth Sunday after Pentecost and the leave of the Transfiguration. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 4:9-16. The Gospel is from

Matthew 17:14-23. Maximus the Confessor.

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.

August 13, 2023

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

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 Paolo, Brazil

Monday, August 14, 3 PM to 6 PM – Church School for all ages

Monday, August 14, 4 PM – Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

Monday, August 14, 5 PM – Pizza

Monday, August 14, 6 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, August 15, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

Wednesday, August 16, 9 AM - Perogie Sesson

Wednesday, August 16, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, August 17, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, August 18, 9 AM – Old Testament Class Friday, August 18, 11 AM – Set up for Perogie Dash 5K

Saturday, August 19, 7:30
AM – Perogie Dash
registration opens
8:30 AM – Kids Fun Run
9AM - Perogie Dash 5k Start

Sunday, August 20, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy and Panachida for Katie, Patricia

Sunday, August 20, 12 noon – Artist Group meets

Sunday, August 20, 12:30 PM – Clear hall for floor waxing

Mark Your Calendar

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Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site 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/htocd anbury/?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 man years!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day is Friday, October 13th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. We have seen a significant increase in the number of people the soup kitchen is serving. There are two ways to help, by serving at the soup kitchen--no experience needed—or by preparing large casseroles that we can use to feed the guests. If you've been thinking about getting involved in this ministry, now is a great time! You can serve 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 19th. 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 tshirts 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.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have several adult 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 Schmemann

Catechism Class – Wednesdays education classes going on 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.

Summer Church School-- On Monday, August 14th we will have a summer church school get together for all ages from toddlers to teens from 3-6 p.m. at the hall. Fr. Luke will talk to the youth about the summer feasts of The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ and the Dormition of the Virgin Mary. Everyone will have an opportunity to create a bouquet of flowers to be blessed for the feast. We will have Vespers for the Feast of Dormition at 4 p.m. followed by pizza. We would like to get a head count by Sunday August 13th. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Perogie Session Wednesdaywith the upcoming Perogie Dash on Saturday the 19th we are in need of an additional batch of perogies to serve and sell at the race. We are planning a session this Wednesday, the 16th starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are able to attend.

What's New

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!

| Road Race Set-Up

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We will be setting up for our Perogie Dash Road Race on Friday starting after our Old Testament class, around 11 a.m. All help welcome! 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	
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
Cyril Gutzman	26
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Cyril Gutzman	26

Upcoming Events

Fr. Juvenal Repass, Missionary visit – August 12 and August13

Summer Church School program - Monday, August 14, 3-6 p.m.

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

Perogie Session—Wednesday, Aug. 16th 9:00 a.m.

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

FORCC Divine Liturgy and Cookout—Sat., Sept. 2nd, 9:00 a.m. Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road, Bethany, CT 06524

Holy Land Pilgrimage—Sun. Oct. 15th-Sat. Oct 28th

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 signup 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

Lenox Retreat - November

10 thru November 12

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.

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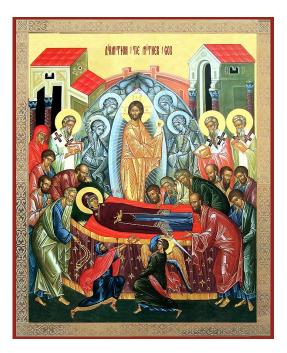
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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



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.

The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary



Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that Godreceiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God.

See also: <u>https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/08/15/102302-the-dormition-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-v</u>