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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 9:2-12.

The Gospel is from Matthew 18:23-35. Prophet Samuel.

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 20, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy and Panachida for Katie Helu; Patricia Young; Valery Popovich; Violet, Roz Mihaylo’s mother; John, Chrissanth’s Godfather; and Sophia, Paul Stagen’s mother.

Sunday, August 20, 12 noon – Artist Group meets

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

Saturday, August 26, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, August 27, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Prayers for the beginning of the School year and blessing of back packs

Fr. Luke will be out of town this week, if there are any emergencies, please call the rectory and Stasia will be able to direct you to your needs.

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/htoccdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

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

A great **big thank you** to everyone who helped make the Perogie Dash Road Race yesterday a huge success! We had our biggest race ever with 128 people who signed up to run, walk or participate in the kid's fun run. Thank you to our sponsors, all those who donated supplies and time and talents before and on the day of the race. Once again, we received many favorable comments from those visiting our parish for this beautiful, family friendly event to benefit Healing Hearts of Regional Hospice.

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 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.

Parish Dinner Out

Parish Dinner Out—We are planning a parish dinner out on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Greca, a wonderful Greek/Mediterranean restaurant located at 1 Kent Rd. in New Milford, CT. They have offered us an excellent menu with a variety of appetizers served family style, a choice of 3 entrees, dessert and coffee. (See attached menu.) Cost is \$50 per person which includes tips. Please RSVP to Susan Sulich with your entrée selection by Friday, Sept. 15th.

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).

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.

Time to Make Perogies—We will start our weekly perogie making sessions on Tuesday, Sept. 5th following our Akathist Service, about 9:00 a.m. New helpers are always welcome! No experience necessary.

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!

Support Fr. Juvenal

Guatemala Missionary – Fr. Juvenal Repass, OCMC missionary from Guatemala will who visited our parish last week, is going to be going to serve in Brazil. Anyone who would like to support his work can make donations directly to OCMC for Fr. Juvenal Repass. You may find his link to OCMC here and click on the support tab:
<https://secure.ocmc.org/site/SPageNavigator/Missionaries/Arc%20himandrite%20Juvenal%20Repass/RepassMissionary.html>

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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Upcoming Events

Perogie Session Startup—Tue., Sept. 5th at 9 a.m.

Lenox Retreat - November 10 thru November 12

Parish Dinner Out—Tuesday, Sept. 19th 6:30 p.m. at Greca Restaurant in New Milford.

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

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.

Lenox Retreat—Our annual St. Nectarios Lenox Retreat is set for Fri., Nov. 10th – Sun., Nov. 12th. We will be staying at The Constance—a sister property to The Whitlock where we were last year. Reservations for the weekend will be made directly with the inn (see attached flyer and letter with reservation info). There is also an option to just attend the retreat for the day on Saturday. Retreat master and topic TBD. Any questions please see Susan Sulich. Deadline to reserve is Oct. 10th.

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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.

Prophet Samuel

Commemorated on [August 20](#)



[Troparion & Kontakion](#)

The Prophet Samuel was the fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, living more than 1146 years before the Birth of Christ. He was descended from the Tribe of Levi, and was the son of Elkanah from Ramathaim-Zophim of Mount Ephraim. He was born, having been besought from the Lord through the prayers of his mother Hannah (therefore he received the name Samuel, which means “besought from God”). Even before birth, he was dedicated to God. Her song, “My heart exults in the Lord,” is the third Old Testament ode of the Canon (1 Sam/1 Kings 2:1-10).

When the boy reached the age of three, his mother went with him to Shiloh and in accord with her vow dedicated him to the worship of God. She gave him into the care of the High Priest Eli, who at this time was a judge over Israel. The prophet grew in the fear of God, and at twelve years of age he had a revelation that God would punish the house of the High Priest Eli, because he did not restrain the impiety of his sons. Eli’s whole family was wiped out in a single day.

The prophecy was fulfilled when the Philistines, having slain in battle 30,000 Israelites (among them Hophni and Phinees, the sons of Eli the High Priest), gained victory and captured the Ark of the Covenant. Hearing this, the High Priest Eli fell backwards from his seat at the gate, and breaking his back, he died. The wife of Phinees, upon hearing what had happened in this very hour, gave birth to a son (Ichabod) and died with the words: “The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God is taken away” (1 Sam/1 Kgs 4: 22).

Upon the death of Eli, Samuel became the judge of the nation of Israel. The Ark of God was returned by the Philistines on their own initiative. After returning to God, the Israelites returned to all the cities that the Philistines had taken. In his old age, the Prophet Samuel made his sons Joel and Abiah judges over Israel, but they did not follow the integrity and righteous judgment of their father, since they were motivated by greed.

Then the elders of Israel, wanting the nation of God to be “like other nations” (1 Sam/1 Kgs 8: 20), demanded of the Prophet Samuel that they have a king. The Prophet Samuel anointed Saul as king, but saw in this a downfall of the people, whom God Himself had governed until this time, announcing His will through “judges,” His chosen saints. Resigning the position of judge, the Prophet Samuel asked the people if they consented to his continued governance, but no one stepped forward for him.

After denouncing the first king, Saul, for his disobedience to God, the Prophet Samuel anointed David as king. He had offered David asylum, saving him from the pursuit of King Saul. The Prophet Samuel died in extreme old age. His life is recorded in the Bible (1 Sam/1 Kgs; Sirach 46:13-20).

In the year 406 A.D. the relics of the Prophet Samuel were transferred from Judea to Constantinople.