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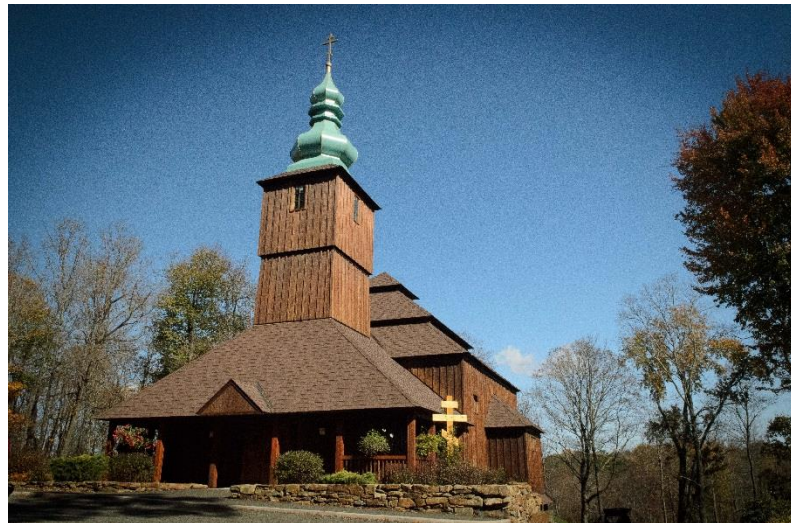
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. The Gospel is from Matthew 19:16-26. Poemen the Great.

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

**Sunday, August 27, 11:30 AM** – Panachida for Alexandra, Larissa Yarush's mother

**Sunday, August 27, 12:30 PM** – Parish Council Meeting

**Monday, August 28, 6 PM** – Vespers for Beheading of St. John the Baptist

**Monday, August 28, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, August 29, 8 AM** – Divine Liturgy for St. John the Baptist – Strict Fast

**Wednesday, August 30, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, August 30, 9 AM** – New Testament Class

**Friday, September 1, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, September 2, 4 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, September 3, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, September 3, 11:45 AM** – OYMT 2023 Presentation

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/htocdanbury/?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.

## | Parish Dinner Out

**Parish Dinner Out**—We are planning a parish dinner out on Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 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. 15<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

**Time to Make Perogies**—We will start our weekly perogie making sessions on Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Presentation and Thank You

**OYMT Thank You Coffee Hour and Presentation**—Next Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> the Danbury members of the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will host coffee hour and give a special presentation about our experiences in West Virginia this summer. We want to express our gratitude to all our parish for their prayers and generous support of the team. We are looking forward to sharing our trip with all of you! We will also offer an opportunity following the presentation for anyone (teens 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up and adults) who might be interested in joining our team for next year to learn more about the mission team and what's involved for participants. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

## 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.

September	
Jonathan McCormack	1
Donna Loomis	3
Petru Zubek	5
Dusya (Evdokia) Kotereva-Bouffard	7
Luke Mihaylo	8
Christopher & Brenna Mihaly - Anniversary	9
Suad Behrend	10
Valentina Bayer	14
Steven & Vera Shelley - Anniversary	14
Miles Silvera	14
Natalie Carrier	14
Peggy & Frank Scalzo - Anniversary	18
Josue Salcedo	18
Orestes & Monika Mihaly - Anniversary	21
Bethany Mihaly	22
Julia Huott	23
Paul Sulich, Sr.	26
Lorraine Fedyna	28
Alex & Elaine Sirak - Anniversary	28
Jeff & Kristen Szymanowicz - Anniversary	29
Jim & Pat Zeleniak - Anniversary	29

## Upcoming Events

**OYMT Thank You Coffee Hour and Presentation**—Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following Liturgy.

**Perogie Session Startup**—Tue., Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

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

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**—Sun. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>-Sat. Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**Lenox Retreat**—Our annual St. Nectarios Lenox Retreat is set for Fri., Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Sun., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. 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. 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

Commemorated on [August 29](#)

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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.



The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist: The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.

Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus).

The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom.

The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: “Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip.” Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in an unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done.

After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligula (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

Today the Church makes remembrance of Orthodox soldiers killed on the field of battle, as established in 1769 at the time of Russia’s war with the Turks and the Poles.