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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Thirteenth
Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle is from 1
Corinthians 16:13-24. The
Gospel is from Matthew
21:33-42. Hieromartyr
Anthemius.

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, September 3, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

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

Tuesday, September 5, 8 AM
– Akathist

Tuesday, September 5, 9:15 AM
– Perogie Session

Wednesday, September 6, 7 PM
– Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, September 7, 9 AM
– New Testament Class

Thursday, September 7, 5 PM
– Vespers for the
Nativity of the Mother of God

Friday, September 8, 9 AM
– Divine Liturgy Nativity of
the Mother of God

Saturday, September 9, 5 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, September 10, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 10, 2 PM
– OYMT Leader
Meeting

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/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, 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. 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 Presentation and Thank You

OYMT Thank You Coffee Hour and Presentation—Next Sunday, Sept. 3rd 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 8th 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. 3rd immediately following Liturgy.

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

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

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. 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.

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

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Commemorated on [September 8](#)

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feasts at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

"... 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.