

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross. The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Galatians 2:16-20. The Gospel is from Matthew 22:35-46., Mark 8:34-9:1. Sophia and three daughters.

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 17, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, September 17, 2 PM** – St. John's Picnic Stratford

**Monday, September 18, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, September 19, 9 AM** – Perogie Session

**Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 PM** – Parish Dinner out at Greca in New Milford

**Wednesday, September 20, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, September 21, 9 AM** – New Testament

**Friday, September 22, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, September 23, 8 AM** – Roll Baking

**Saturday, September 23, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, September 24, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, September 24, 12:30 PM** – Parish Council Meeting

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!

**Monthly Bake Sale**—Our last monthly bake sale before Thanksgiving is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. If you would like to help at the sale, please contact Helen Galskoy.

## 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**—As a reminder to those who have signed up, our parish dinner out will be at Greca Restaurant, 1 Kent Rd., New Milford, CT this Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to pay \$50 cash for dinner which includes tip: drinks on your own. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

## OYMT For A Day

**OYMT For A Day**—Ever wondered what it's like to be on the Orthodox Youth Mission Team? Here's your chance to find out. On Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. we will offer OYMT For A Day. Join veteran team members to do some work on the home of a parishioner and experience of some of the best aspects of our trip. This workday is open to all middle and high school students. For more information or to sign up, see Susan Sulich.

## 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 Colossians*

**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 Tuesdays, 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 Recruiting

**OYMT Recruiting for Next Year's Mission Team**—We are currently recruiting new team members for our mission trip next summer. Youth ages 13 and up and adults who are interested in being leaders or assisting the team in other ways please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know. We will be happy to share more in-depth information about the mission efforts and answer any questions you may have. We are looking to finalize our team by the end of November. More details about dates and location of next year's trip coming soon.

## Roll Baking Days

**Roll Baking Days**—In preparation for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake Sales we have two days scheduled for roll baking at the church: Sat. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping with the rolls, please contact Carolyn for the schedule.

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	
Peggy & Frank Scalzo - Anniversary	18
Josue Salcedo	18
Orestes & Monika Mihaly - Anniversary	21
Bethany Mihaly	22
Julia Huott	23
Ivan McKenzie	25
Paul Sulich, Sr.	26
Lorraine Fedyna	28
Alex & Elaine Sirak - Anniversary	28
Jeff & Kristen Szymanowicz - Anniversary	29
Jim & Pat Zeleniak - Anniversary	29

## Upcoming Events

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

**Roll Baking**—Sat. Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Monthly Bake Sale**—Thurs. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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

**Roll Baking**—Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**OYMT For a Day**—Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00-6:00 p.m.

**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 is **Fr. Noah Bushelli** and his topic is entitled: **Passing Through: Our Pilgrimage to Paradise**. Any questions please see Susan Sulich. Deadline to reserve is Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.



## Martyr Sophia and her three daughters at Rome

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Commemorated on [September 17](#)

"... 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.



### [Troparion & Kontakion](#)

The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her Daughters Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Their mother was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters for the three Christian virtues. Faith was twelve, Hope was ten, and Love was nine. Saint Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Sophia and her daughters did not hide their faith in Christ, but openly confessed it before everyone.

An official named Antiochus denounced them to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), who ordered that they be brought to Rome. Realizing that they would be taken before the emperor, the holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking that He give them the strength not to fear torture and death. When the holy virgins and their mother came before the emperor, everyone present was amazed at their composure. They looked as though they had been brought to some happy festival, rather than to torture. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis. The young girls remained unyielding.

Then the emperor ordered them to be tortured. They burned the holy virgins over an iron grating, then threw them into a red-hot oven, and finally into a cauldron with boiling tar, but the Lord preserved them.

The youngest child, Love, was tied to a wheel and they beat her with rods until her body was covered all over with bloody welts. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom and remained steadfast in the Faith.

They subjected Saint Sophia to another grievous torture: the mother was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword.

In order to intensify Saint Sophia's inner suffering, the emperor permitted her to take the bodies of her daughters. She placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city limits and reverently buried them on a high hill. Saint Sophia sat there by the graves of her daughters for three days, and finally she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. Instead, she suffered in her heart. Believers buried her body there beside her daughters.

The relics of the holy martyrs have rested at El'zasa, in the church of Esho since the year 777.