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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost.*

The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Hebrews 9:1-7. The Gospel is from Luke 5:1-11, Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28. Protection of the Mother of God.

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, October 1, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God

Monday, October 2, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, October 3, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, October 3, 9 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, October 4, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, October 5, 9 AM – New Testament

Thursday, October 5, 4 PM to 6 PM – Monthly Bake Sale

Friday, October 6, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, October 7, 3 PM – Vespers

October 8, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

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!

Monthly Bake Sale—Our last monthly bake sale before Thanksgiving is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 5th 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.

| 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. 5th 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.

| Parent Meeting

Parent Meeting—We will be hosting a Parent Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the Rectory. At least one parent from each family is asked to attend. Dessert and coffee will be served. Your children's relationship with Christ and His Church is more important than ever with the challenges facing them today. Come and share your concerns and ideas for making our Church School effective and a vehicle to make our Orthodox Faith real and pertinent to their everyday life.

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. Nov. 4th. If you are interested in helping with the rolls, please contact Carolyn for the schedule.

Birthdays or Anniversaries

| October | |
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| Madeline Sulich | 1 |
| Jake Morfa | 1 |
| Sophia Shelley | 2 |
| Viorel & Vida Bundra | 4 |
| Hannah Kachevsky | 4 |
| Camila (Pila) | 7 |
| Patricia Zeleniak | 8 |
| Veronica Pila | 8 |
| Wylie & Pauline Meath - Anniversary | 9 |
| Francisco Soto | 12 |
| Fr. Nicholas & Stacey Mihaly - Anniversary | 13 |
| Reader Rob Paltauf | 14 |
| Charles Hull | 17 |
| Jill Kerpchar-Rosenfield | 17 |
| Roger Behrend | 18 |
| Diana Borsari | 18 |
| Virginia Krista Hull | 18 |
| Anna Dugal | 20 |
| Rosario Villa | 21 |
| Matt Popp | 21 |
| Annalisa Paltauf | 22 |
| William Obrevko | 23 |
| Gabriel Shelley | 23 |
| Cheryl Krafick Gartner | 24 |
| James Rush | 24 |
| William & Ann Marie Huott - Anniversary | 26 |
| Jon Gross | 29 |
| Christian Reznic | 29 |
| Orestes Mihaly III | 30 |

Upcoming Events

Monthly Bake Sale—Thurs. Oct. 5th 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Parent Meeting—Tuesday, Oct. 10th at the Rectory 6:30 p.m.

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

Roll Baking—Sat. Nov. 4th 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

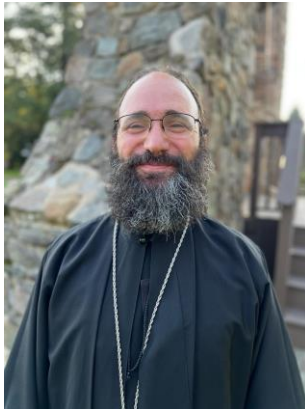
OYMT For a Day—Sun. Nov. 5th 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Lenox Retreat - November 10 thru November 12

Thanksgiving Bake Sale - Sat. Nov. 18th 10 am to 3pm

Christmas Bale Sale - Sat. Dec. 9th 10 am to 3 pm

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 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. 10th.



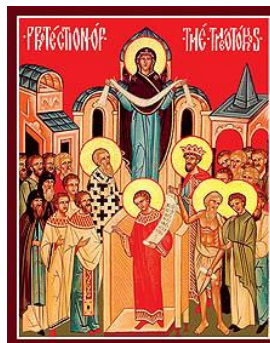
The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Commemorated on [October 1](#)

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



This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

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.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered more important by the Slavs than by the Greeks.

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."