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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Eighteenth

Sunday after Pentecost.

The Epistle is from 2

Corinthians 9:6-11. The

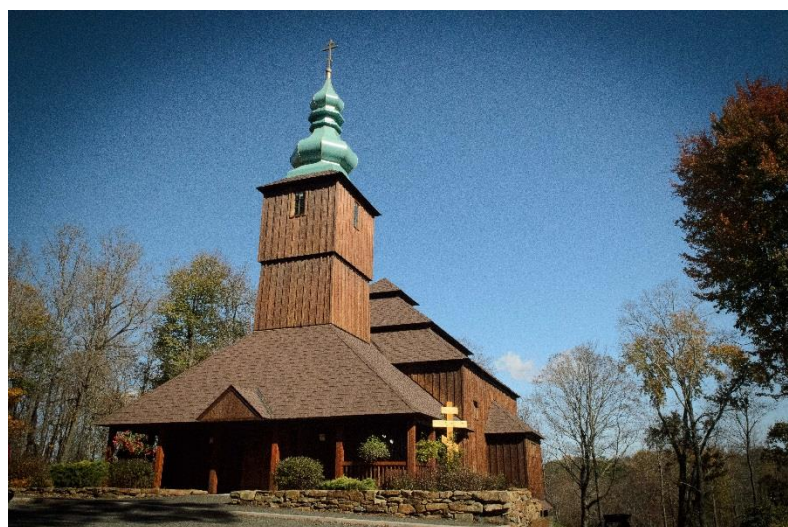
Gospel is from Luke 7:11-16.

Pelagia the Penitent.

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 8, 10

AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, October 9, 7

PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, October 10,

8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, October 10, 9

AM – Perogie Session

Tuesday, October 10,

**6:30 PM – Church School
Parents Meeting at the
Rectory**

Wednesday, October 11,

**7 PM – Adult Catechism
Class**

Thursday, October 12, 9

AM – New Testament

Friday, October 13, 9:30

AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, October 14, 5

PM – Vespers

October 15, 9 AM –

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 15, 12

**noon – Departure to JFK
for Hoy Land Trip**

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!

Holiday Bake Sales—Our holiday bake sales will be here before we know it. The Thanksgiving sale will take place on Sat. Nov. 18th and the Christmas sale will be on Dec. 9th. Order forms went out this week and are attached here in case you or someone you know needs one. In the upcoming weeks we will be finishing up our perogies, rolls and stuffed cabbage making and there will also be cookie baking and kielbasa making. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated! We will also need help on the days of the sales so please save some space on your calendar if you're able.

Calling All Crafters: We will be offering tables to artisan crafters for our upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake sales. If you or someone you know makes handmade items and would like a space please let Susan Sulich know. The tables are \$35. Both sales are one day but crafters are welcome to sell during the coffee hours on the days following the bakes sales as well.

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 This Tuesday

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.

Soup to Share—Soup season is here! If you are making soup and you have some extra to spare consider putting it in a freezer container for "Soup to Share." We will keep these in the freezer in the church hall so that if someone is planning to visit a parishioner and would like to bring a warming meal they will be available. We also have containers at the church you can use. Please label container with name of soup and main ingredients. Thank you!

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 Dates Set for 2024

OYMT Dates Set for 2024—We are happy to announce that the dates for next year's summer youth mission trip have been decided. Our trip will take place July 20-28th and we will again be working through the Appalachian Service Project. Youth who will be 13 by the time of the trip (in 8th grade this year) 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 at the upcoming parent meeting or at another time that's convenient. We are looking to finalize our team by mid to late November.

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.

Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

Lenox Retreat - November 10 thru November 12

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

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

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.



Deadline for Lenox Inn Reservations This Week—Oct 10th is when reservations are due at the Constance Inn for our upcoming Lenox Retreat, Nov. 10-12th. Please call the inn

to reserve your room. If you are unable to reach anyone at: 833-512-0271, please call the manager, Jeff Bourdon at -663-4423 and leave a message stating that you are with the Holy Trinity group to get our discounted room rate. Rooms may be booked for one or two nights. Although payment is taken at the time of the reservation it is fully refundable up until Oct. 27th. We are looking forward to the presentation by our retreat master, Fr. Noah Bushelli. Please see the updated flyer and letter for more details.

Birthdays or Anniversaries

| October | |
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| 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 |

Venerable Pelagia the Penitent

Commemorated on [October 8](#)

Saint Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa (Saturday of Cheesefare Week). Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. "We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls," he said.

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of love and joy."



Holy Land

Pilgrimage—We are going 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.



Saint Pelagia with Saint Nonnus

On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, "Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness." After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.