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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

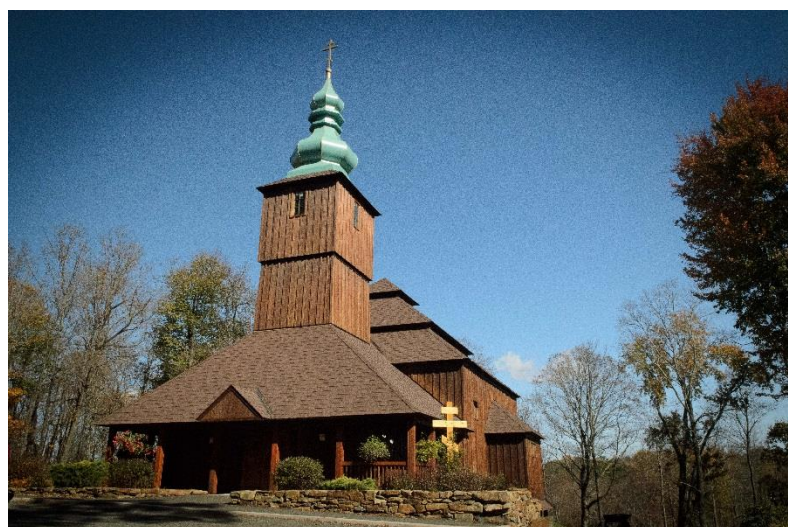
Today is Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from Galatians 1:11-19.

The Gospel is from Luke 16:19-31. 7 Youths of Ephesus.

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 22, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 22, 11:30 AM
– Church School will be Children dismissed first with Leon

Thursday, October 26, 9 AM
– Liturgy for St. Demetrius

Friday, October 27, 9 AM
– Old Testament Class

Saturday, October 28, 11 AM to 1 PM
– Church School for Teens

Saturday, October 28, 11 AM
– Toddlers meet at Blue Jay Orchards and, if they want, can come back to church to decorate and carve their pumpkins

Sunday, October 29, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 29, 12 noon
– Presentation by Shaun McColgan on Catholic War Veterans

Sunday, October 29, 12:30 PM
– Parish Council 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 are currently in need of disinfecting wipes for counters, decaf coffee, large paper plates and paper towels.

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, December 8th 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.

Christmas Cards from the Church Store

Get Your Christmas Cards from the Church Store—we have a large selection of beautiful Christmas cards available to purchase through our church store. See all designs on display. These cards are from Ancient Faith. You can benefit the church and get a bargain for yourself. Cards can be ordered from Lisa Farrah. You pay same price as I the catalog but no tax or shipping and the church benefits from your purchase! Order soon for best selection.

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 Emilianio 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.

Birthdays or Anniversaries

October	
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

Deadline for Discounted Reservations for Lenox Retreat—Oct. 26th

Church School Toddlers/Children – Sunday, Oct. 22

Church School Halloween Day— Saturday, Oct. 28th 11 AM - Teens and Tweens at Church/ Toddlers at Blue Jay Orchards

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

Dorothy Day—Friday, Dec. 8th 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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.



Deadline for Lenox Inn Discounted Reservations Extended—In light of our trip to the Holy Land being cancelled the management at the Constance inn has graciously extended our deadline for booking rooms for the retreat Nov. 10-12th at the discounted

group rate until Oct. 26th. 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.

OYMT Sip and Shop—After the craziness of Black Friday, come enjoy a luxury shopping experience and do good at the same time! OYMT will once again be hosting Sip and Shop on Saturday, Nov. 25th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Beth Rzyk. Come and enjoy festive refreshments while you shop with our exclusive vendors for jewelry, candles, makeup and scents, handcrafted cards, wine and more. A percentage of your purchases proceeds from raffles will go to the Orthodox Youth Mission Team. There will be raffles and fun prizes too. Shopping passes are \$5 and each shopper is entered in a raffle for a fabulous prize (winner need not be present). See attached flyer for more details.

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Church School Updates—Many thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting at the rectory last Tuesday in person and via zoom. It was a productive exchange of ideas and great to get everyone's feedback about how to improve our church school. In case you missed it, some exciting updates:

- **Toddlers**—Leon Guerrero will be teaching the toddler class. The class will meet every other Sunday after Liturgy. First session will be Oct. 22nd.
- **Middle School/High School**—Saturday morning and late Sunday afternoon were the slots favored for this age group and the aim will be to meet monthly. Fr. Luke also encouraged all teens who are eligible to participate in OYMT as it is a good way for teens to put their faith to work.
- **Tweens**—those between the toddler and middle school ages will be able to assist/participate in both areas as appropriate.
- **All Ages Church School Sessions**—we will also have sessions where the entire church school will get together. Our first one will be on Saturday, Oct. 28th and will focus on Halloween. Stay tuned for times and details.

We will also be trying out a new app to keep everyone informed of church school plans and updates. More info on how to sign up will be available shortly.

If anyone has ideas for activities or topics to cover in church school, please share them with Fr. Luke.