

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Twenty-second

Sunday after Pentecost.

The Epistle is from

Galatians 6:11-18. The

Gospel is from Luke 8:41-56.

Galacteon & Epistemis.

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, November 5, 10 AM**  
– Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, November 5, 11:15 AM** – Panachida for the Labuda Family, Paul Stagen’s father, Paul and Nicholas Makrinos, Adam’s son.

**Sunday, November 5, 1 PM to 5 PM** – OYMT for a Day

**Monday, November 6, 7 PM-** Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, November 7, 9 AM** – Akathist

**Tuesday, November 7, 5 PM** – Vespers for Archangel Michael

**Wednesday, November 8, 9 AM** – Liturgy for St. Michael

**Wednesday, November 8, 7 PM-** Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, November 9, 9 AM** – St. Nectarios Service followed by New Testament Class

**Thursday, November 9, 3 PM – 7 PM** – Making Kielbasa

**November 10 through November 12** - Lenox St. Nectarios Retreat

**Sunday, November 12, 10 AM** – Reader Service with Subdeacon Joel Pleban

**Sunday, November 12, 10:45 AM** – Church School with Leon

**Sunday, November 12, 4 PM** – St. Nectarios Service at Christ the Savior Orthodox church, 1070 Roxbury Road, Southbury, CT

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/htoccdanbury/?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. 18<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas sale will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

### 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 Emiliano entitled: *Priest, Parish and Renewal*. **New Testament –** Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

currently we are reading and studying *St. Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians*

**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.

**Perogie Sessions—**We have finished our perogie sessions for the Thanksgiving sale. Many thanks to all who helped. We will assess our needs after the sale on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. If necessary we will schedule some sessions before the December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas sale.

**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 20-28<sup>th</sup> and we will again be working through the Appalachian Service Project. Youth who will be 13 by the time of the trip (in 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Men's Group Meeting

**The Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.** We will sing the Akathist to St. Nicholas and talk about his life after wards over a light meal. Also, we will discuss some upcoming projects and activities.

## Upcoming Events

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

**Lenox Retreat** - November 10 thru November 12

**Sign Up for OYMT**—Covenant and \$200 deposit due Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Cookie Baking Day**—Thurs., Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.

**Bake Sale Set Up**—Fri. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 11 a.m.

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

**Pick Name for Secret Santa** – Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**Talk on Finances by Vida** – Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Council Meeting** – Sunday, November 19th

**OYMT Sip and Shop**—Sat. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 4-8 p.m. at the home of Beth Rzyk, 5 Honey Hollow Court, Katonah, NY

**Toddlers Class with Leon** – Sunday, November 25

**OYMT Kickoff Get Together**— Sun. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-5 p.m. at St. John's Mill Hill Ave., Bridgeport

**Dorothy Day**—Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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

**St. Nicholas Brunch** – Sunday, December 10th

**Men's Group Meeting and singing of the Akathist to St. Nicholas** - Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 3 PM

## Birthdays or Anniversaries

November	
Stephen Fong	5
Lady Guerrero	5
Paul Sulich, Jr.	7
Elaine Petrik-Sirak	7
Paul & Elaine Toaso	9
Kathryn Kerpchar	9
Nataly Guerrero	10
Lukas Todosiev	10
Sophia Baroody	11
Michael Dran	12
Tennessee Molineaux	13
Matthias Robert Paltauf	13
Daniel John Huott	13
Andrei Zubek	21
Sandi Fong Astras	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

**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. 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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>.



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. We are looking forward to the presentation by our retreat master, Fr. Noah Bushelli. Please see the updated flyer and letter for more details.



Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers

Commemorated on [November 8](#)

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“... a place of refuge full of love and joy.”



**Cookie Baking Day—On Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> we will have a big cookie making session at the church to complete our Russian Tea Cookies and Kolachi. All are welcome—no experience needed. Many hands will make light work!**

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**Synaxis continued...**

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means “who is like unto God”), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, “Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!”

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established in the 4<sup>th</sup> century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35<sup>th</sup> Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The six-winged SERAPHIM (Flaming, Fiery) (Is 6:2) stand closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity. They blaze with love for God and kindle such love in others.

The many-eyed CHERUBIM (outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment) (Gen 3:24) stand before the Lord after the Seraphim. They are radiant with the light of knowledge of God, and knowledge of the mysteries of God. Through them wisdom is poured forth, and people’s minds are enlightened so they may know God and behold His glory.

The THRONES (Col 1:16) stand after the Cherubim, mysteriously and incomprehensibly bearing God through the grace given them for their service. They are ministers of God’s justice, giving to tribunals, kings, etc. the capacity for righteous judgment.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

DOMINIONS (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the angels subject to them. They instruct the earthly authorities, established by God, to rule wisely, and to govern their lands well. The Dominions teach us to subdue sinful impulses, to subject the flesh to the spirit, to master our will, and to conquer temptation.

POWERS (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God without hesitation. They work great miracles and give the grace of wonderworking and clairvoyance to saints pleasing to God. The Powers assist people in fulfilling obediences. They also encourage them to be patient, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

AUTHORITIES (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority over the devil. They protect people from demonic temptations, and prevent demons from harming people as they would wish. They also uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil thoughts.

The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

PRINCIPALITIES (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of God’s commands. They watch over the world and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render proper honor to those in authority, as befits their station. They teach those in authority to use their position, not for personal glory and gain, but to honor God, and to spread word of Him, for the benefit of those under them.

ARCHANGELS (1 Thess 4:16) are messengers of great and wondrous tidings. They reveal prophecies and the mysteries of the faith. They enlighten people to know and understand the will of God, they spread faith in God among the people, illuminating their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

ANGELS (1 Pet 3:22) are in the lowest rank of the heavenly hierarchy, and closest to people. They reveal the lesser mysteries of God and His intentions, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They support those who remain steadfast, and they raise up the fallen. They never abandon us and they are always prepared to help us, if we desire it.