Weekly Bulletin

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of Zacchaeus. The Epistle is 1 Timothy 4:9-15. The Gospel is from Luke 19:1-10. Gregory the Theologian

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Grace, Bishop 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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, January 25, 11:30 Am – Penny Social starts immediately after Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 26, 8 PM – Prayer Group - **Canceled**

Monday, January 26, 7 PM – Spirituality Class - **Canceled**

Tuesday, January 27, 8:30 AM – Hours - **Canceled**

Tuesday, January 27, 9 AM – Perogie Session - **Canceled**

Thursday, January 29, 9 AM – Liturgy

Friday, January 30-, 9 AM – Liturgy Feast of the Three Hierarchs

Saturday, January 31, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 1, 9 AM – Church School

Sunday, February 1, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 1, 11:30 AM Annual Parish Meeting

Our **Annual Meeting** has been rescheduled for **Sunday, February 1 – We have much to discuss. Please do your best to stay and participate.**

Readers Schedule
1/25 – Harry Fong

Coffee Hour
1/25 – Penny Social
2/1 Villa
2/8 - Bundra

UCONN OCF to visit Holy Trinity

Orthodox Christian Fellowship UCONN Chapter to Visit: On Sunday, February 8th the UCONN chapter of the OCF (of which 3 of our parishioners are members: Filip Bundra, Adrienne Fedyna, and Melanie Sulich) will be visiting our parish for liturgy and staying for
coffee hour and fellowship. We will have some leftovers from the game dinner but if anyone would like to bring a dish or dessert to serve that would be welcome.

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Meeting Sunday February 8th at 3:00 at St. John's, Mill Hill Avenue, Bridgeport. We will be carpooling from the church, leaving at 1:30 p.m. Please bring $4 for dinner.

Annual Parish Meeting rescheduled due to icy weather

We will be voting in a new slate of Parish Council Officers at our annual meeting. The nominating committee of your Parish Council have put together the 2015 Slate of Parish Council Candidates for your consideration at our Annual Meeting on Sunday January 18th following Divine Liturgy. Several people on the Slate have indicated that they would like to step down if there are any parishioners in good standing that would like to be nominated for a position. If you would like to help your Church, please let Harry Fong or Father Luke know of your interest.

2015 Parish Council Slate of Candidates

President – Susan Sulich
Vice President – Harry Fong
Treasurer – Monika Mihaly
Asst. Treasurer – Vida Bundra
Secretary – Lorraine Fedyna
Members at Large – Jeff Szymanowicz, Suad Behrend and Nick Fong

Church School to Resume in January

Our **Church School program** will have its Christmas Break and resume classes in January. We will have classes on Fridays and Sundays. Everyone enjoy the Christmas and New Years break.

Sunday classes resumed Sunday, **January4** for the Elementary and middle school age students. And again for Sunday, **January 18**.

Teen classes resume Sunday, **January 11**.

Friday classes resume Friday, **January 9** and again for Friday, **January 23.**

See Stasia Mihaly, Church School administrator, for details.

Perogie Session

. Perogie Sessions Resume: We will beginning meeting to make perogies on **Tuesday, Jan. 27th** to prepare for our Easter Sale which is scheduled for March 28th. Sessions will start at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to give some time to this major fundraiser for our parish. No prior pinching experience needed!

Wild Game Dinner

Our annual Game Dinner is coming up on Saturday **February 7th**. This very popular event needs everyone's help to be a success. We will need people to cook, helpers in the kitchen, people for set up and clean up and donations of raffle baskets. Please plan to give some of your time and talent to this event.

Valentine's Day Sweet Heart Dinner

Valentine's Day Sweet Heart Dinner Dance is set for Saturday, February 14 at the Church Hall. It will be a catered dinner with live entertainment reasonable priced. More info to come -reserve the date. Sure to be an amazing time. Please talk to Pani Bethany for more info.

Penny Social

Penny Social—We will be having our Penny Social on January 25th. Please bring in any items you have collected and give to Kristen. Also, let her know if you are interested in helping run the event. We will need people to help organize the prizes, sell, tickets, and work in the kitchen.

The Penny Social will be a fun afternoon for the whole family. Feel free to invite friends to join us. Great prizes, food, and a good time for all.

Birthdays – January

January	
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30
February	
Jerry Kachevsky	5
Emily Varney Silvera	13
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf	14
Kristina Bundra	20

Envelopes for 2015

Donation envelopes for 2015 are in the hall. There are 52 weekly envelopes plus holidays, 12 for monthly mortgage donations, and one for Diocesan Dues. Please write your name on the envelopes, particularly if your donation is in cash. You will be receiving a letter about pledging in the upcoming week. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to the church in the upcoming year and submit your pledge forms to Fr. Luke before or at the semi-annual meeting so the parish council can begin to formulate a budget.

House Blessings

Fr. Luke will be scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
3) Take the telephone off the receiver
4) Gather the family together
5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.

2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.

3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.

4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.

5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.

6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.

7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.

8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

St. Nikolai Velimirovich: Zacchaeus Of Little Stature

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

*"*Today, salvation has come to this house*" (Luke 19:9).*

Thus it was spoken by the One Whose word is life and joy and restoration of the righteous. Just as the bleak forest clothes itself into greenery and flowers from the breath of spring, so does every man, regardless of how arid and darkened by sin, becomes fresh and youthful from the nearness of Christ. For the nearness of Christ is as the nearness of some life-giving and fragrant balsam which restores health, increases life, give fragrance to the soul, to the thoughts and to the words of man. In other words, distance from Christ means decay and death and His nearness means salvation and life.

"Today, salvation has come to this house" said the Lord upon entering the house of Zacchaeus the sinner. Christ was the salvation that came and Zacchaeus was the house into which He entered. Brethren, each one of us is a house in which sin dwells as long as Christ is distant and to which salvation comes when Christ approaches it. Nevertheless, will Christ approach my house and your house? That depends on us. Behold, He did not arbitrarily enter the house of the sinner Zacchaeus, rather He entered as a most desired guest. Zacchaeus of little stature climbed into a tree in order to see the Lord Jesus with his own eyes. Zacchaeus, therefore, sought him; Zacchaeus desired Him. We must also seek Him in order to find Him and desire Him in order that He would draw nearer to us and, with our spirit, to climb high in order to encounter His glance. Then He will visit our house as He visited the house of Zacchaeus and with Him salvation will come.

Draw near to us O Lord, draw near and bring to us Your eternal salvation. To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

— St. Nikolai Velimirovich, "Zacchaeus Of Little Stature"

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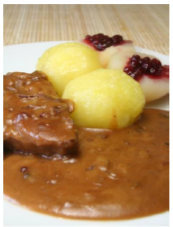
HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH IS HOSTING ITS WINTER WILD GAME & ETHNIC DINNER



Saturday, FEBRUARY 7th at 6 pm

Join Us For an Evening of Good Food and Family Fun.

- **When: Saturday, February 7, 2015**
- **Time: 6:00 PM**
- **Where: Holy Trinity Church**
  74 Joe's Hill Road
  Danbury, CT

- **Reservations strongly recommended.**
  For info and tickets please call (203)748-0671

- **Adult Tickets $30.00 BYOB**
- **Children 13-18 $20.00**
- **Children 12 and under free.**
- **Raffle Prizes**

We will have a variety of venison, antelope, bear, perogies and much more…

Coffee, Tea and Soda will be served.