

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

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Today is the Thirty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is 1 Timothy 1:15-17. The Gospel is from Matthew 15:21-28. Luke of Hellas.

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.

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Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Monday, February 8, 6 PM
– Prayer Group

Monday, February 8, 7 PM -
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 9, 8:30 AM
– First Hour

Tuesday, February 9, 9 AM
– Perogies

Thursday, February 11, 8:30 AM
– Akathist

Friday, February 12, 9:30 AM
– Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 13, 5 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, February 14, 9 AM – Church School

Sunday, February 14, 10 AM
–Liturgy

We will install our new Parish Council at the end of Divine Liturgy today.

Parish Council Officers are as follows:

- Susan Sulich** - President
- Harry Fong** – Vice President
- Monika Mihaly** – Treasurer
- Lorraine Fedyna** – Secretary
- Luke Mihaylo** – Assistant Treasurer

Nicholas Fong, Luke Faubel and Christopher Mihaly – Member at Large

Readers Schedule

2/7 – Bob Faubel
2/14 – Jonathan McCormack
2/21 – Luke Mihaylo
2/28 – Susan Paltauf

Coffee Hour

2/7 – Villa
2/14 - Sulich

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:
We are in need of 10-inch and 5-inch paper plates.

Monthly Food Sales: We had our first monthly food sale this past Thursday and sold over \$100 worth of food and gained a new customer. Thank you to those who manned the sale. The monthly sales will take place on the first Thursday of the month from 4pm to 7pm in months when we do not have bake sales. The next one will be on Thursday, May 5th. Please see Rodger if you are able to come and man the sale—we need two people for each session.

Offering Envelopes | Roll Baking

Weekly Offering

Envelopes: Pick up your weekly offering envelopes for 2016 in the hall. WE will collect all the Pledge Forms on Sunday, March 5 unless you hand them in beforehand.

We will be getting together on Saturday, March 12th to make rolls for our upcoming Spring bake sales. Please let Sarah or Amy know if you are able to give some time that day.

Rollers, bakers and packagers all needed.

Catechism Class | Game Dinner

Our **ongoing catechism class** which meets on Wednesday at 7 PM. Is taking this week off for Theophany We are using the text: *The Living God* by Oliver Clement.

Our annual **Wild Game Dinner** is set for Saturday, March 5th. We will need people to prepare game dishes, help set up, man the kitchen and clean up. We are also in need of raffle basket donations. This is a great event and a big fundraiser for our parish.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall. Tickets are \$30. See Fr. Luke for reservations.

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

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!!

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor,

Clothing Drive | Easter Bake Sales

We are now collecting for our 4th clothing drive.

We will have two bake sales this spring because the Easters are so far apart. The dates of the sales are March 19-20th and April 16th. We have already begun our perogie sessions. Rolls, cookies, stuffed cabbage and kielbasa coming soon.

Please plan to give some time as you are able. We are also looking for crafters for the March sale. If anyone in the parish would like to reserve a table see Susan Sulich. If you know of any crafters who make quality, hand-crafted artisan items, encourage them to participate. Tables are \$35.

Birthdays

February	
Emily Varney	13
AJ Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf Anniversary	14
Kristina Bundra	20

Penny Social

We have decided to postpone the Penny Social to April 3. Please continue to save items for this fundraiser and a new date will be announced. Our 1st Penny Social was a success mainly because of the quantity and quality of the donations. We will accept any item with a tag or in its original packaging. We are also looking for gently used collector's items including (but not limited to!) china, glassware, jewelry and home décor.

If you would like to help with this Penny Social or have any questions, please contact Kristen Szymanowicz at kszymano@gmail.com or 203.529.3144.

Prom Dress Project

Cheyenne River Youth Project Prom Dress Collection: We will be helping our friends on the Lakota reservation in South Dakota with a special collection of gowns, jewelry, make-up and accessories for teens to attend their high school prom. See the attached flyer for details. All items can be brought to the church.

Parish Dinner Out

Friday February 26th is a fast-free Friday—let's go out to dinner! Chuck's Steakhouse in Danbury is offering us a private room and the following menu: Your choice of Prime Rib, New York Strip, Grilled Lemon, Teriyaki, Dijon Chicken, Portobello Mushroom Ravioli or Pasta Primavera, Baked Stuffed Scrod. Also includes baked potato, bread and salad bar, coffee or tea. Price \$27 per person (includes gratuity). Make reservations with Susan Sulich by Feb. 21st.

New England Deanery

Women's Lenten Retreat: We will be hosting an overnight women's retreat on March 25-26 at Camp Hi-Rock in Mt. Washington, MA. Details are in the attached flyer. Cost is \$85 per person which includes overnight accommodations, and 3 meals. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are interested in attending. We need to send in our reservation by February 22nd.

Knitting Group: Our knitting group will be starting up again on the second Sunday of the month immediately following coffee hour. First get together will be next Sunday, February 14th. All ages and experience levels welcome. If you would like to learn to knit, see Suad for a list of supplies to bring and if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

Knitting Group – Sunday
February 14th following coffee hour

Monthly St. Nectarios Service:
Thursday, February 18th

Love is Respect Campaign –
Friday, February 19th

Council Meeting – Sunday
February 21st, following coffee hour

OYMT Training Session –
Sunday February 21st, at St. John's Bridgeport 3-5 p.m.

Parish Dinner Out at Chuck's Steakhouse –
Friday, February 26th

Mardi Gras Dinner Dance St. John's Bridgeport -
February 27th

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
– Friday, March 4

Wild Game Dinner –
Saturday, March 5

Roll Baking – Saturday,
March 12th

First Easter Bake Sale –
Saturday, March 19 to
Sunday, March 20

Second Easter Bake Sale – Saturday, April
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“... a place of refuge full of love and joy.”



Elder Thaddeus: We think we know a lot . . .

We think we know a lot, but what we know is very little. Even all those who have striven all their life to bring progress to mankind — learned scientists and highly educated people — all realize in the end that all their knowledge is but a grain of sand on the seashore. All our achievements are insufficient.

+ Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, [Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives](#)

St. Ambrose of Optina: In the beginning, envy is revealed through . . .

In the beginning, envy is revealed through inappropriate zeal and rivalry, and later by fervour with spite and the blaming of the one who is envied.

+ St. Ambrose of Optina, quoted from [Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina](#)

St. Ambrose of Optina: Our invisible enemy plants a sinful thought . . .

“Our invisible enemy plants a sinful thought in the soul of a person, and then records it as if it were the person’s own thought, so that later he can accuse the person at the terrible judgement of God.”

+ St. Ambrose of Optina, quoted from [Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina](#)

We're on the Web!
[**holytrinitydanbury.org**](http://holytrinitydanbury.org)

Bulk Mailing

Bulk Mailing: We will need some help getting our bulk mailing put together for the week of Feb. 15th. If you would like to help, please see Mary Dugal.

| #Loveisrespect

Join us for a fun, informative and amazing with your daughter, niece, or other teen loved one. The [#loveisrespect](#) campaign is very near and dear to me and many women with teenage daughters/sisters/nieces, etc. Through this program we are able to educate teens on what healthy relationships are and are not and how to seek help if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation.

Loveisrespect.org has partnered up with the Mary Kay foundation. Together we are working hard to break the cycle and to end Domestic Violence and it starts with our teen girls.

Every guest will receive a free facial and glamour makeover, light refreshments and a presentation by a Mary Kay Foundation's Ambassador to explain the program, educating young women and breaking the cycle! 1 in 3 teens will experience dating abuse...let's rally to break that cycle by showing our teens that [#loveisrespect](#)

Friday, February 19, 2016

7:00-9:00 PM

Holy Trinity Hall, Danbury, CT

RSVP: Bethany at 203-482-6224 by 2/17/16