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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. The Gospel is from Luke 15:11-32. Nicholas of Pskov.

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

Monday, February 29, 6 PM – Prayer Group	Friday, March 4, 1 PM – 5 PM – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen	Sunday, March 6, 11:30 AM – Church School – Children
Monday, February 29, 7 PM – Spirituality Class	Saturday, March 5, 9 AM – Soul Saturday Liturgy	
Tuesday, March 1, 8:30 AM – First Hour	Saturday, March 5, 4 PM – Vespers	
Tuesday, March 1, 9 AM – Cookies	Saturday, March 5, 6 PM – Wild Game Dinner	
Wednesday, March 2, 7 PM – Catechism Class	Sunday, March 6, 9 AM – Church School – Youth/Teens	
Thursday, March 3, 8:30 AM – Akathist	Sunday, March 6, 10 AM – Liturgy	
Friday, March 4 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class	Sunday, March 6, 11:30 AM – Panachida for John Sulich	

Readers Schedule

2/21 – Luke Mihaylo
2/28 – Susan Paltauf
3/6 – Harry Fong
3/13 – Sandi Fong

Coffee Hour

2/21 – Faubel
2/28 – Behrend
3/6 - Fong
3/13 - Faubel

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:
Dishwashing Soap.

Lunch meat available:
ham, provolone cheese in
the kitchen. \$4.00 per
pound.

Cooking and Baking Sessions:

We will be making Russian Tea Cookies this Tuesday, March 1st at 9:00 a.m. and Stuffed Cabbage on Tuesday March 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Send a card: Martin Howley is in a rest home in Litchfield and would so appreciate hearing from his parish family. Marty's address is Fernwood Rest Home, 400 Torrington Rd., Litchfield, CT 06759. You can also call him at 860-567-9558.

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 house blessings We are using the text: *The Living God* by Oliver Clement.

Our annual Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner is next Saturday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to prepare a dish. We are still in need of people to make sides: rice, salad, etc. Set up will take place on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

We are also in need of people to volunteer to clean up. Please fill in food and where you can help on the sign up in the hall.

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.

Penny Social

Our 2nd annual Penny Social is scheduled for Sunday April 3, 2016. Thank you for your donations, we have many items and will continue to accept donations through March 13th. As a reminder, we will accept any item with a tag or in its original packaging and are also looking for gently used collector's items including china, glassware, jewelry and home décor.

We are still in need of some items for the larger raffle prizes. We would be appreciative of higher value items and gift cards. If any parishioner has a business or frequents one and can donate

a gift card for merchandise or service that would be great. We will need help with setup the week of March 21st, dates TBD. We are looking for bakers to make desserts that we can sell at the event and will also need volunteers the day of the Penny Social to help sell tickets, runners to deliver the prizes and kitchen help.

If you can volunteer some of your time in any of these areas, please contact Kristen Szymanowicz at kszymano@gmail.com or 203.529.3144. Thank you!

| Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

This Friday: We will be serving at Dorothy Day from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. this Friday, March 4th. Helpers welcome for any part of the afternoon. Let Susan Sulich know if you can come and serve.

Upcoming Events

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen – Friday, March 4

Wild Game Dinner – Saturday, March 5

Roll Baking – Saturday, March 12th

Forgiveness Sunday - March 13

Knitting Group - Sunday March 13th

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

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Meeting – Sunday March 20th 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Adult Leaders 2:15. Danbury

Church Council Meeting – Tuesday March 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Deanery Women's Lenten Retreat – Friday March 25th—Saturday March 26th Camp Hi Rock, Mt. Washington, MA

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Safety and Tool Training – Saturday April 2nd 12:00-4:00 p.m. Bridgeport

Penny Social – Sunday April 3rd Following Divine Liturgy

Trip to Taylor, PA to visit the Myrrh Streaming Icon – Saturday, April 9th

Second Easter Bake Sale – Saturday, April 16

Iconography presentation by Deacon Evan Freeman – Sunday, April 17

Birthdays

March	
Tom Krafick	4
Mia Paltauf	9
Aidan McVeigh	12
Vida Bundra	24
Marika Gutzman (Names day)	25
Orestes Mihaly	26
Julia Kozlov	28
Michael Browne	30

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.

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. Final day to make reservations and for payment is Sunday, March 13th.

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



[St. Peter of Damascus: ... if you are not what you should be, you should not despair. . . .](#)

“Even if you are not what you should be, you should not despair. It is bad enough that you have sinned; why in addition do you wrong God by regarding him in your ignorance as powerless? Is he, who for your sake created the great universe that you behold, incapable of saving your soul? And [...]”

[St. John Climacus: Let your prayer be completely simple. . . .](#)

“Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.” — St. John Climacus, Ladder of Divine Ascent, Step 28.5

[Canon of St. Andrew: I have sinned, O Savior, yet I know that Thou art the Lover of men. . . .](#)

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I have sinned, O Savior, yet I know that Thou art the Lover of men. Thou strikest compassionately and pitiest warmly. Thou seest me weeping and runnest towards me as the Father recalling the Prodigal. [Luke 15:20] + The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, Tue 1.6 Text of the Canon

[St. Isaac the Syrian: Do not fall into despair because of stumbling. . . .](#)

“Do not fall into despair because of stumbling. I do not mean that you should not feel contrition for them, but that you should not think them incurable. For it is more expedient to be bruised than dead. There is, indeed, a Healer for the man who has stumbled, even He Who on the Cross asked that mercy be shown to His crucifiers, He Who pardoned His murders while He hung on the Cross. ‘All manner of sin,’ He said, ‘and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men,’ that is, through repentance.”

+ St. Isaac the Syrian, [The Ascetical Homilies of St. Isaac the Syrian](#), Homily 64, “On Prayer, Prostrations, Tears, Reading, Silence, and Hymnody”

Fr. Rosco Habitat for Humanity Project Fundraiser

We're on the Web!
holytrinitydanbury.org

Filip Bundra has finally announced that the fund raiser for the Habitat for Humanity Project in memory of Fr. Michael Rosco will be a laser tag session at Laser Quest in Newington for 1 PM Sunday, March 13th. Cost is under \$20.

For more information please contact Filip Bundra at 203.300.4150

Proceeds will go to help support the project in memory of Fr. Michael Rosco.