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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Galatians 6:11-18. The Gospel is from Luke 12:16-21. Saint Proclus.

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, November 20, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 20, 11:30 AM
– Church School

Sunday, November 20 –
Drawing for Secret Santa

Sunday, November 20, 11:30 AM to 1 PM
– Thanksgiving Craft & Bake Sale

Monday, November 21, 8 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

Monday, November 21, 7:30 PM
– Spirituality Class

Tuesday, November 22 –
Hours

Tuesday, November 22, 9 AM
– Prayer Group

Wednesday, November 23, 6 PM
– Akathist to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup discussion to follow

Saturday, November 26, 6 PM
– Family and Youth Game Night

Sunday, November 27, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 27, 11:30 AM
– Church School

Readers Schedule

11/20 – Luke Mihaylo
11/27 – Sandi Fong
12/4 – Bob Faubel

Coffee Hour

11/27 – Zubek
12/4 – St. Nicholas Brunch

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

We are in need of Paper Towels.

IOCC Sunday: A Day of Sharing! Nov. 20, 2016

IOCC Sunday: A Day of Sharing is designated each year by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America to highlight the humanitarian outreach of Orthodox Christians through their official agency, IOCC. The observance of IOCC Sunday is an opportunity for parishes to focus on the meaningful change that your support brings to families devastated by disaster.

Your gifts can do so much:

- \$45 will provide school vouchers for new school supplies to students in low-income families in Greece
- \$60 can provide 45 hot meals for refugees
- \$100 can provide a refurbished children's wheelchair
- \$250 will provide comforting blankets for 25 migrants and refugees in Greece

<https://www.iocc.org/ways-to-give>

Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish Family Day | Church School Starts

The **Akathist Service to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup** has proven to be a great help to all those who know someone or who themselves are struggling with alcoholism and addiction. We at Holy Trinity have quietly started serving the Akathist to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup. If you are interested in attending the service please see Fr. Luke. This service is open to all parishioners. Look here for our next service. Wednesday, November 23 at 6 PM

Our next **Family Night** will be Saturday Nov. 26th and then again on Saturday Dec. 3rd.

Church School meets on Sundays. Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy. Fr. Luke will be talking to the parents of the high school students to work on a schedule to meet outside of Sunday.

Woodpecker Food

Woodpecker Food: Our woodpeckers are running out of food. Donations of suet cakes (regular size) would be greatly appreciated

| Parish Christmas Card

Christmas card — It's time to get our annual parish Christmas card together. There will be a sheet going around at coffee hour. Please print your (or your family's) name as you would like it to appear on the Christmas card. Voluntary donations towards the printing and postage are greatly appreciated.

| Dorothy Day Collection

Dorothy Day Collection: We will be collecting men and women's socks, hats and gloves for Dorothy Day during Advent. These are items that are always in short supply during the winter months. A box will be placed in the vestibule of the church and we will bring all the items collected the soup kitchen when we serve in January.

Clothing Drive Update | Ladies Ornament Exchange

The final day to accept clothes for the Summer/Fall **Clothing Drive** is Sunday, November 20. Thank your Ann and the entire Huott Family for this great fundraiser!

Ladies Ornament Exchange: On Friday, December 16th starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be an Ornament Exchange at Susan Sulich's house (81 Rita Dr., New Fairfield, CT). Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. R.S.V.P. to Susan ([203-746-6008](tel:203-746-6008)/ssulich@yahoo.com) by 12/12.

St. Nicholas Brunch | Secret Santa

St. Nicholas Brunch—On **Secret Santa**—At our St. Sunday, Dec. 4th we will Nicholas Brunch we will have our St. Nicholas have a Secret Santa. Brunch. We will have a pot Everyone who wishes to luck coffee hour and enjoy participate will give their a visit from St. Nicholas. name to Stasia next Sunday, Please sign up to bring a Nov. 20th and will draw one main dish, side dish or name of a person to buy a dessert. gift for (\$15 maximum). Gifts will be exchanged and Secret Santas revealed at the St. Nicholas brunch on Sunday Dec. 4th.

Upcoming Events

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| Thanksgiving Craft & Bake Sale – Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 | OYMT Fundraiser Kick Off at Holy Trinity Danbury -- December 4 th 3:00 | Ladies Ornament Exchange – Friday, December 16 th , 6:30 p.m. |
| Secret Santa drawing of names – Sunday, November 20 th | Christmas Bake Sale – Saturday, December 10 th 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | “A Christmas Carol” – Saturday, December 17 th |
| IOCC Coffee Hour - Sunday, Nov. 20 th | Council Meeting – Sunday December 11 th following liturgy | |
| Family Outing - Saturday, November 26 th | Orthodox Youth Mission Team Mary Kay Fundraiser – Sunday December 11 th 4:00-8:00 p.m. | |
| St. Nicholas Brunch and Secret Santa - Sunday, December 4 th | | |

Christmas Craft and Bake Sales | A Christmas Carol

Our **Christmas Craft & Bake Sale** will be on Dec. 10. We have begun signing up crafters for our sales. If you would like to reserve a space or you know of any crafter of high-quality, handmade items who would like to participate in our sale, please let Susan Sulich know. Tables are \$35.

Thank you to everyone who helped bake, pinch, cook, set up, advertise and help at our Craft and Bake Sale. It is one of our major fundraisers and its success is due to so many parishioners offering their time and talents.

Church School Trip to See “A Christmas Carol”—On Saturday, December 17th we will be going to see “A Christmas Carol” starring our very own Ava Baroody as the Ghost of Christmas Past. Show time is 7 PM and the cost of tickets range from \$26 to \$18 for Adults to \$12 for kids under 12. Let Stasia or Fr. Luke know if you wish to attend and how many tickets you will need.

Birthdays

November	
Sandy Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

Knitting Group: Our knitting group will be meeting certain Sundays, immediately following coffee hour. 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.

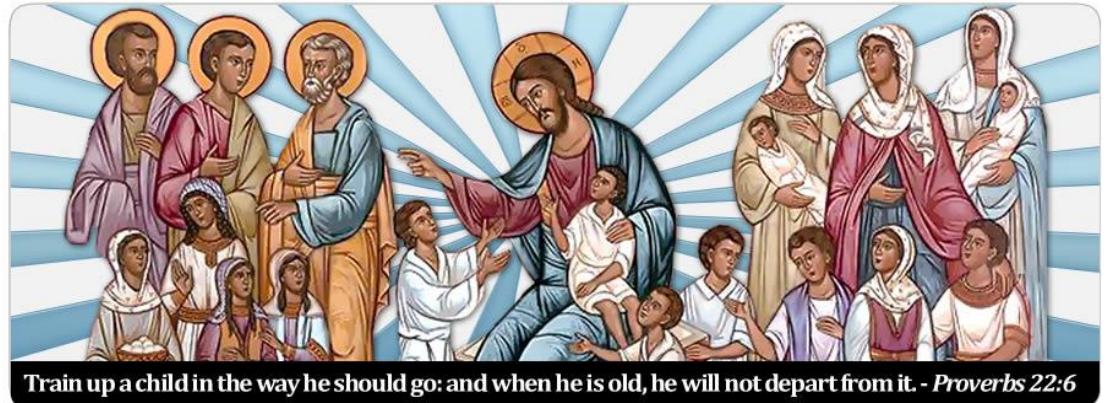
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Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

What would you do if somebody gave you a whole lot of something you like very much? A whole bag of chocolate candy, maybe. Would you say “Can I have some more?” or would you say, “Thank you!”? Most of us wouldn’t be so greedy to ask for more, would we?

Today we hear the parable in the Gospel about the greedy man who had everything. Instead of saying “Thank you” to God, to his workers, and to his family, he really thought, “How can I get more?” He wanted to pull down his storage bins and build bigger ones.

This week, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, when we thank God and each other for what we have. But really, that day should just be a reminder to say “thank you” more often. After all, God gives us so much all year long! How many times do we say “Can I have some more?” to our Lord, instead of just “Thank you!”

Right before the Gospel passage for today, we read, “Jesus said, ‘Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. A man’s life is not measured by the many things he owns.’” When we have greedy hearts, we just want more. When we have grateful hearts, we can just say “thank you!”

GREAT PLANS: THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

Do your parents have big plans for you? Sometimes mothers and fathers do have big plans for their kids...maybe even before they are grown up! A basketball star, or a professor, or even a priest. Parents might even push their kids to follow their own plans!

Tomorrow, we celebrate one of the 12 great feasts of our Orthodox Church. It’s the day when Mary entered the Holy Temple, to dedicate her life to God. Her parents, Saints Joachim and Anna, took their little girl there. They wanted her to be close to God—to love Him very much and to serve Him all her life. And Mary did, didn’t she? Years later, God chose Mary to hold His own Son and to be His mother. She grew up to be the closest person to God—and that was more than her parents could ever wish for!

Mothers and fathers might be wishing that you’ll grow up to be something special. But still, you have a choice. Let’s always remember that we have a choice—just as Mary had a choice—if we want to live close to God. Our parents might make plans, or they might want one thing. But God gives us the choice to be near Him or to turn away from Him. It’s up to you to make the right choice, just as Mary made the right choice too!

We celebrate the feastday of the Entrance tomorrow, November 21st.