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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of
Publican and Pharisee.

The Epistle 2 Timothy
3:10-15. The Gospel is
from Luke 18:10-14.

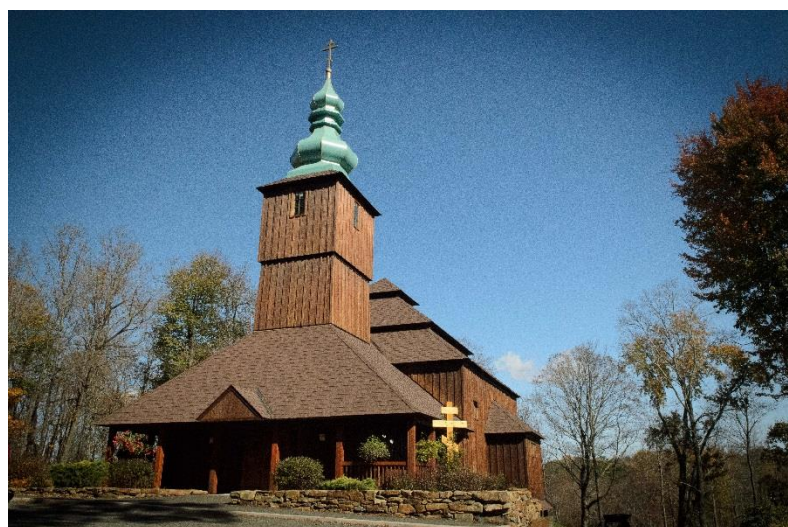
Ephraim the Syrian.

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
hierarchy.

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

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Sunday, January 28, 10 AM -
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 28, 11:30 AM
– Swearing in of New Parish
Council

There is **NO Fasting** this week.

Tuesday, January 30, 9 AM –
Perogie Sessions

Wednesday, January 31,
7 PM – Catechism Class

Thursday, February 1, 8:30 AM
– Third Hour

Thursday, February 1, 9:30 AM
– Prayer Group

Thursday, February 1, 4 pm to
6 pm – Food Sale

Friday, February 2, 8:30 AM –
Liturgy for the Feast of the
Entrance of Christ in to the
Temple and Blessing of Candles

Friday, February 2, 9:30 AM –
Old Testament Class

Friday, February 2, 11:30 AM
– Set up for Wild Game and
Ethnic Dinner

Saturday, February 3, 4 PM –
Vespers

Saturday, February 3, 6 PM –
Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner –
Doors OPEN

Sunday, February 4, 10 AM -
Divine Liturgy – **Scout Sunday**
– All Scouts are asked to wear
the uniforms

Readers Schedule

1/28 – Suzanne Molineaux
2/4 – Christopher Mihaly
2/11 – Harry Fong
2/18 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

1/28 – OPEN
2/4 - Natalia

Help restock our Kitchen: decaf coffee.

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site www.holytrinitydanbury.org

And to those with a Facebook accounts please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here <https://www.facebook.com/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Coffee Hour - We need people to sign up for coffee hour. As a reminder, coffee hour need not be elaborate. Bagels or rolls and butter are fine or anything simple. Consider signing up with someone else to make it easier.

New Rectory

Great progress is being made in the building of the **new rectory**. We have passed the permitting stage and the old rental property will be demolished within the next couple of weeks. The new rectory is already in production with Westchester Modular and could be set on the property as early as the end of December. Only \$50,000 remains to be raised to complete the rectory. If donations come in to cover the final amount we will not need to use the line of credit to finish the project. Stay tuned for updates and if you haven't already done so, subscribe to our website: www.holytrinitydanbury.org to see construction photos and updates.

Game Dinner

Game Dinner—Our annual game dinner is set for Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Reservations have already started coming in. Please sign up to let us know what dish you plan to make. Help will be needed in the kitchen, serving and helping with raffles. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for children 13-18. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

OYMT 2018

OYMT 2018—Next Sunday, Jan. 21st we will be the first mandatory training session for the Orthodox Youth Mission Team 2018. The meeting will take place here at Holy Trinity from 3-5 p.m. (adult leaders will meet from 5-6). We have a large team this year and look forward to welcoming many new members.

Envelopes

Envelopes—If you use envelopes for your pledge/collection please pick them up in the church hall. All those who had envelopes last year should have a box with your name on it. If anyone else would like envelopes we have extras. Just let Luke or Roz Mihaylo know what number is on your box.

Prayer Group

Prayer Group--Our prayer group class meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. This week we will be starting a new book: Churchianity vs. Christianity by Met. Anthony Bloom. All our welcome!

Perogie Sessions Starting

Perogie Sessions Starting Back Up— We will begin our perogies sessions a week from Tuesday on Jan. 16th at 9:00 a.m. (immediately following the Hours Service). New pinchers always welcome, no prior experience necessary!!

Trip to Slovakia

Trip to Slovakia —We are working to put together a parish trip to Slovakia for August 2018. We have been in contact with Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky who did an excellent job planning and making arrangements for our trip to Greece and Macedonia. Please let Fr. Luke know as soon as possible if you plan to go on the trip.

Support OYMT

Help Support the Orthodox Youth Mission Team—OYMT

has made soup mix and hot cocoa jars that are beautifully packaged and ready for holiday gift giving. Jars are for sale in the hall. The cost is \$8. Please help our youth fund their ASP trip this summer. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Upcoming Events

Swearing in of new parish council at the end of liturgy-- Sunday, January 28th
Game Dinner—Saturday, Feb. 3rd

Council Meeting—Sunday, January 28th immediately following coffee hour

Birthdays

January	
Connie Somoskovec	30
February	
Leon Guerrero	1
Jerry Kachevsky	5
Pani Carol Beck Paproski	8
Emily Varney	13
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf	14
Anniversary	
Kristina Bundra	20
Nicholas Paproski	22

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!!

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



Donations—Going forward we would like to institute a new policy regarding donations of items to the church. While we are very grateful that parishioners want to offer the church items that might be useful, we have a limited amount of space. As we try to reorganize the hall and maximize the storage space that we have available we ask you to go through our new Donations Coordinator, Elaine Toaso, if you wish to donate something to the church. Please speak to Elaine (elaine.toaso@gmail.com) before bringing any items in and she will be able to tell you (or find out from the parish council) if the items can be utilized. Thank you!

The Holy Spirit gives life!

By [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)

Imagine your parents telling you to clean up your room. What would you do? Would you put everything back into its right spot? Would you hang up your clothes and put your toys away? Or...would you think about hiding the mess? You could stuff your things in the closet so your room would look good on the outside...and maybe your parents wouldn't even notice!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about two men who were doing a different kind of cleaning—cleaning the heart and soul! These two men went to go pray. One of them tried to show off, telling God all the great things he had done. The other one asked God, "Be merciful to me, a sinner!"

Now, which one of these two men do you think was really trying to clean his heart? Which one really wanted to be right with God? The second one, right? This one was honest with God. The first man wasn't really cleaning his heart. He just wanted to look good on the outside...and maybe he thought other people (or even God!) wouldn't notice.

Let's remember: God always notices how we pray. When we pray like the humble man in the story, then we're really cleaning our hearts...not just hiding it in the closet!

WAITING, WAITING, WAITING: The Presentation of our Lord into the Temple

Sometimes it's hard to wait, isn't it? Waiting for your birthday, waiting for a friend to come over, waiting for school to get out, waiting for dinner to be ready.

We're always waiting for something. But imagine waiting for something bigger. Imagine waiting for heaven to open. Imagine waiting for Christ to be born. Imagine waiting for somebody to save the world!

This Friday, we celebrate one of the 12 Great Feasts of our Orthodox Church. We will celebrate the Presentation of our Lord into the Temple. When baby Jesus was still a baby, only 40 days old, His parents took Him to the Temple for the first time. The elder there was named Simeon, and he was very old. He was waiting. Waiting for the Savior. All his life he had been waiting.

When he saw baby Jesus and when he held Him in his arms, he said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace for my eyes have seen your salvation." After all these years of waiting, Simeon knew that he could die in peace. He had finally seen the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ! Let's thank God again that He sent His Son to us!