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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

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

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

Sunday, February 11, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Fr. Sergei Bouteneff

Monday, February 5, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 6, 8:30 AM
– Third Hour

Tuesday, February 6, 9 AM –
Perogie Sessions

Wednesday, February 7, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, February 8, 8:30 AM
– Akathist

Thursday, February 8, 9:30 AM
– Prayer Group

Readers Schedule

2/4 – Luke Mihaylo
2/11 – Harry Fong
2/18 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

2/4 – Natalia
2/11 – OPEN
2/8 - Sulich

Help restock our Kitchen:

We kitchen and Large black garbage bags.

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—Thank you to everyone who helped out his year with our Wild Game Dinner. It was a great success with a variety of food from all over the country. Thank you to almighty God who graced us with His bounty, the hunters, the land owners who allows us to hunt on their land, those w who cooked and prepared the food, those who set up, served and cleaned up. And to all those who came out to enjoy an evening of good food and friends!

Church School

Church School – Church School is set for Saturday, February 24 from 10 am to 12 pm

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 —Has been postponed to 2019.

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!

Fund-raising Dinner

Fund-raising Dinner - On Saturday, Feb. 17th we will have a fundraising event for Jacob's family. We will start with an Anointing Service to St. Nectarios at 5 PM followed by a potluck dinner in the church hall. A free will offering will be taken at the dinner to help the family. If you would like to make a dish for the dinner or help with set up, serving or clean-up please contact Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com).

Birthdays

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday of Forgiveness - Sunday, February 18

St. Nectarios Anointing Service – Thursday, February 15

Church School –Saturday, February 24

OYMT Meeting at St. John's in Bridgeport – Sunday, February 11

Fund-raising Dinner – Saturday, February 17

Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, February 25

Rectory House set – Monday, February 19

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](#)

Have you ever been so excited to get somewhere that you ran on your way? Imagine taking a walk to the playground and then taking off running when you saw the park. Sometimes it's just too hard to wait!

Today we hear the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son. We hear how the young man asks his father for his money. We hear how he wastes all that money. We hear how he feels awful about it, and we hear how he comes back to ask for his father's forgiveness. Then we hear how happy his father is to see his son again!

Do you know just how excited his father is? The Bible says, "But while he was still far away, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and hugged him and kissed him." Do you see how excited and happy his father was to see his son? He ran to meet him! He just couldn't wait.

Now we know this story is really a story about how God loves us, His children, too! When we make mistakes, we can always turn back to our Lord. We can always change the way we're acting or break the bad habits we have. We can turn back to the Lord, and we can ask for our Father's forgiveness. Then, He will be like the father in the Prodigal Son story today. He will meet us and welcome us back. God will have that same joy too!

What would you do if you had an hour free to do whatever you wanted? How about a weekend, or even a whole summer break? How would you spend your time? Reading books? Napping? Playing video games? Sometimes we might want to spend our time in a good way, but when it comes down to it, we waste our time on silly things.

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. You remember that Gospel reading, don't you? The young man wasted all his money on things he shouldn't have. He might have wanted to spend his money on good things, but when he had the money in his hands, he wasted it all, every single bit of it! He didn't have any money left for something he really needed—like food.

You'd probably never do what that young man did, but sometimes we do waste things, don't we? We might waste food, clothes, or money, but the biggest thing we waste is TIME! God wants us to spend our free time in a good way, but lots of times we waste it. We might spend too long watching TV, or playing video games, or other things. (Your parents might waste time too, but just on other things!) Then, we don't have any time left to use on something we really need— like praying to God and trying to grow closer to Him.

Let's try to use our free time on things that God likes—like reading the Bible, praying to our Lord, helping and visiting others, and more!