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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

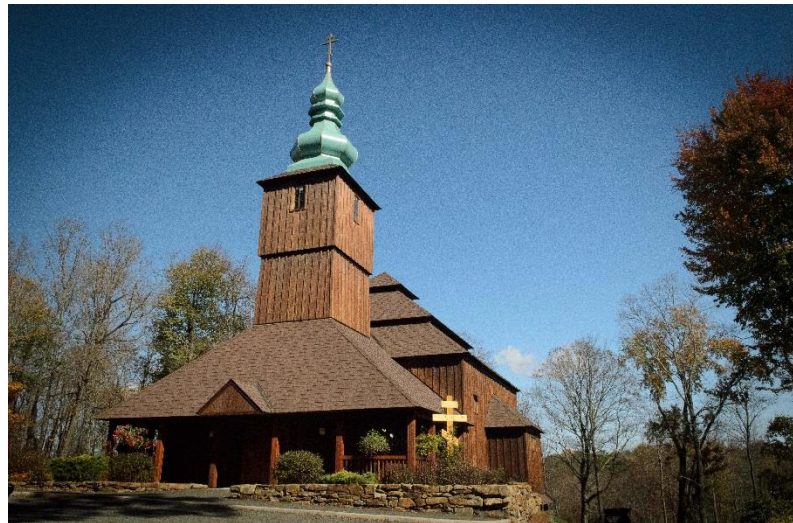
Today is the Sunday of the Paralytic. The Epistle Acts 9:32-42. The Gospel is from John 5:1-15. 9 Martyrs of Cyzicus.

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, April 29, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 30, 7 PM -
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 1, 9 AM – Hours

Wednesday, May 2, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, May 3, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, May 3, 9 AM –
Prayer Group

Thursday, May 3, 4 pm to 6 pm
– Monthly Food sale

Friday, May 4, 8 AM – Old
Testament Class

Friday, May 4, 1 PM - 5 PM –
Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Saturday, May 5, 7 PM –
Music on the Mount Concert

Sunday, May 6, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Readers Schedule

4/29 – Christopher Mihaly
5/6 – Susan Paltauf
5/13 – Suzanne Molineaux
5/20 – Harr Fong
5/27 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

4/29 – OPEN
5/6 – Nicu/Anna
5/13 - Mother's Day see Harry
5/20 – OPEN
5/27 - OPEN

Help Re-Stock 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/htcdanbury/?ref=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.

Food Safety Courses—We will be looking to update our food safety certifications to meet new Health Department regulations. If you are interested in taking a half day food handler safety class please let Susan Sulich know.

New Rectory

The **new rectory** is progressing rapidly. The foundation has been poured and the house set is scheduled for Monday, February 18th. Check out photos and updates on our website: www.holytrinitydanbury.org. Subscribe if you haven't already so you won't miss posts. At this point we need approximately \$75,000 above what we have raised so far to finish the project. We do have a line of credit available to bridge the gap but any additional donations that come in will reduce (or eliminate) the amount we need to borrow.

| YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT | Mother's Day/Father's Day

YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT - Our Keynote

Speakers will be His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa of the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese and Steven Christoforou, Director, Dept of Youth & Young Adult Ministries (Y2AM), Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. **When:** 7:00 pm, **Fri, May 4** - 12:00 noon, **Sun, May 6.** **Where:** **Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center.** The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation! To register please contact Fr. Stephen Loposky (724.662.4840 // fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com).

Registration Fee: \$75.

Note: Financial-need

Scholarships are available

Mother's Day/Father's Day—

Harry Fong is looking for volunteers to help put on a spectacular brunch for our Moms on Mother's Day (May 13th). Please let him know if you can help. Moms and children will be called upon to put on an equally spectacular event for the Dads of our parish on Father's Day (June 17th). If you would like to head up this coffee hour please let Susan Sulich know.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have a number of adult education classes going on currently:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Currently reading and discussing: *Spiritual Counsels (select passages from My Life in Christ)* by Fr. John or Kronstadt

Catechism Class – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

For those studying to come into the Church and those in the Church who want to deepen their understanding and participation in the Faith. We are learning Divine Liturgy using Nicholas Cabasilas's book: *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy*

Prayer Group – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Currently reading:

Churchianity vs. Christianity by Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We are about to begin Numbers.

Music on the Mount

Music on the Mount - On Saturday May 5th we will have our next Music on the Mount Concert and Art Show. Members of the Chamber Choir of St. Tikhon's Monastery under Artistic Director, Benedict Sheehan, will offer *The Journey to Pascha: Orthodox Hymns of Repentance, Renewal, and Resurrection*. Following the concert there will be wine and cheese reception with the choir members as well as an art show displaying 2D and 3D works of art from parishioners of Holy Trinity. Tickets are \$35 (includes reception). Please see Harry Fong to reserve your tickets.

Music on the Mount Helpers Needed—We could use a few people to help with the concert next Saturday, May 5th, specifically to help with parking and also handing out programs and greeting guests. Please let Harry Fong or Susan Sulich know if you are able to give a few hours to this event. Thank you!

| Monthly Food Sale

Monthly Food Sale—This Thursday, May 3rd we will have our Monthly Food Sale from 4-6 p.m. Spread the word to friends and neighbors who might like to purchase some perogies, stuffed cabbage, rolls or kielbasa.

Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets

Camp Nazareth Raffle Tickets – You know it's Spring when you see the raffle tickets for the Annual Camp Nazareth Raffle come in the mail! Tickets are available during coffee hour. Tickets are \$20.00 each. If you are paying by check please make the check out to "Camp Nazareth Raffle."

OYMT Stock Sales

OYMT Stock Sales —Starting this Sunday members of the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will be selling mock shares of "stock" for people who wish to invest in the ASP mission trip the teens will take this summer to Tennessee. Shares cost \$10 each. We have 12 teens and adults participating from our parish this year—our biggest group ever! The support of the parish has been a large part of the success and growth of the youth mission team. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Food Sale – Thursday, May 3 from 4 PM to 6 PM

Young Adult Retreat at Camp Nazareth – Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6

Dorothy Day – May 4th

Music on the Mount Concert with St. Tikhon's—Saturday, May 5th

Perogie Crew Luncheon—Tuesday, May 8th at Noon

Mother's Day Brunch—Sunday, May 13th Coffee Hour

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, May 17th 7:00 p.m.

Church School—Saturday, May 19th 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Cemetery Clean Up—Saturday, May 19th 12:30 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

Monthly Food Sale—Thursday, June 7th 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Father's Day Brunch—Sunday June 17th Coffee Hour

Pentecost Parish BBQ/Fundraiser Summer Youth Activities—Sunday, May 27th following liturgy

Donations

Donations—As a reminder we have a 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!

Church School

We have schedule **church school** for Friday, April 27 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM and Saturday, May 19 from 10 AM to 12 noon. Please contact Roz Mihaylo for more information and also to let her know if you child is of age for First Holy Confession Classes

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—We will be preparing and serving the meal at Dorothy Day Hospitality House this Friday, May 4th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Helpers are always needed and community service hours are available for students. Please let Susan Sulich know if you can work part of all of the afternoon.

Birthdays

April	
Sarah Bracey	30
May	
Luca Szymanowicz	5
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Kaitleen Villa	12
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Jason Varney	27
Paul & Susan Sulich – Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

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



I am with you always By **Presvytera Alexandra Houck** in **The Children's Word**

Have you ever been all alone? Maybe you were playing with toys or watching a movie by yourself. But did you know that you are never really all alone? Did you know that God is with you, always?

After Jesus rose from the dead, He told His disciples to go and teach the whole world what they had learned about God. That was a big job! But Jesus also told them something else. "I am with you always, forever," He said. Jesus is with us today too!

Today, is the Sunday of the Paralytic. We remember the story of a man Jesus healed. This man was paralyzed and hadn't walked for 38 years. Jesus listened to him, and stood up and walked. But in the epistle reading today, we hear about another paralyzed man. This story happened after Jesus had died and risen from the dead. This happened after He had left for Heaven. Jesus's disciple, Peter, healed this paralyzed man.

So we see that Jesus really is "with us always." We know that He did all kinds of miracles when He lived on earth. But after He left for Heaven, He is still with us. We are never really all alone, because our Lord, Jesus Christ is with us. He told us He would be with us always!

SAINT JASON: THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME

What was the top baby name last year? Do you know? For boys, it was Jackson. For girls, it was Sophia. Forty years ago, Jason was the second most popular name in the country. Chances were, if you were born then, a couple of kids in your class were named Jason! But so many names have wonderful stories behind them, and sometimes kids don't even know the story behind their names!

We can read about Saint Jason's story in the Bible. Saint Jason was a man who followed St. Paul. He learned about Jesus Christ from him. Once, when St. Paul came to the city of Thessaloniki, Greece, St. Jason invited Paul to stay with him.

While they were there, a big fight started in the city. Some people started to be jealous of St. Paul because he was converting so many people. So many people wanted to be Christians! These people got angry and came to St. Jason's house. After all, it was partly St. Jason's fault—he was taking care of St. Paul. They tore up St. Jason's house, and they dragged him to the rulers of the city.

Through all this, St. Jason never gave up. He stuck by his teacher, St. Paul. And more importantly, he stuck by the one true God. His strong faith made others want to believe, too!

We celebrate Saint Jason today, Sunday, April 29th (May 12th, OC).