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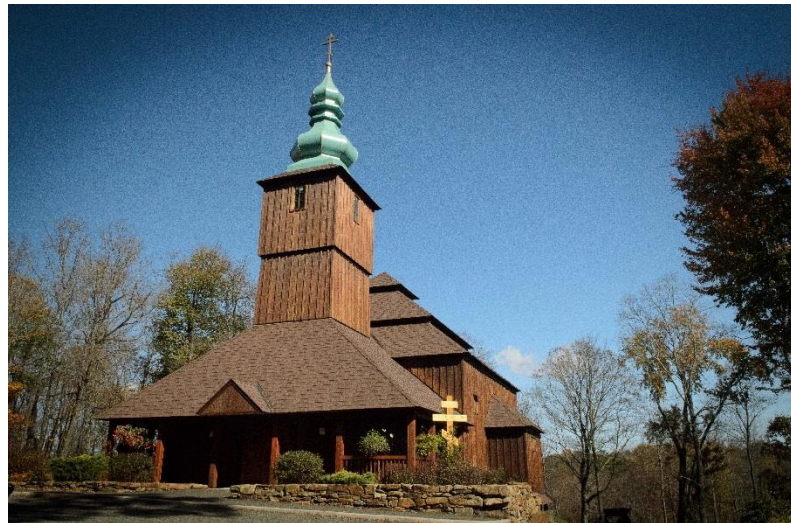
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6. The Gospel is from Luke 12:16-21. Martyrs Plato, Romanus and Barulas.

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 18, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 18, 11:30 AM to 1 PM – Holiday Craft & Bake Sale

Sunday, November 18, 1 PM – Parish Council meeting

Sunday, November 18, 1:30 PM – Panachida for Galina Shalnova, Maria Bouffard's mother

Monday, November 19, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, November 20, 8:30 AM – Hours

Wednesday, November 21, 8 AM – Divine Liturgy
Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God

Wednesday, November 21, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Sunday, November 25, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Your Advent Spiritual Reading will be given out at the end of church. We are asking a \$15.00 donation to help cover the expense of the book.

Parenting Toward the Kingdom: Orthodox Christian Principles of Child-Rearing is a book

by Dr. Philip Mamalakis who is a professor at Holy Cross Seminary. This book will help you make the connections between the spiritual life as we understand it in the Orthodox Church and the ongoing challenges of raising children. It takes the best child development research and connects it with the timeless truths of our Christian faith to offer you real strategies for navigating the challenges of daily life.

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Readers Schedule

11/25 – Paul Toaso
12/2 – Nicholas Fong
12/9 – Bob Faubel

Coffee Hour

11/25 – OPEN
12/2 – Faubel/Helu
12/9 – St. Nicholas Brunch

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen—

decaf coffee, sturdy 10-inch paper plates, bowls

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/?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.

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.

Clothing Drive will be ending in about 4 weeks.

Church School

Church School: Our schedule of classes will be as follows:

Sat. Dec. 8th

Dec. 27, 28 or 29 – Christmas Vacation Outing to Ridgefield Rec Center: Exhibition of student work, reception, basketball/swimming

Friday Night classes are 5:30-7:30 and Saturday classes are 10 am -12 noon.

| Dorothy Day Schedule

Dorothy Day Schedule—since we switched our dates with another church for the Lenox Weekend, we will be serving at Dorothy Day on Friday, Dec. 7th from 1-5 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 4th from 1-5 p.m. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are available to help serve on either or both dates.

| Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale

Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale—continues today Sunday, Nov. 18, we will be holding our Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale. The sale hours will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will need people to help in the kitchen, filling bake sale orders and on the floor. Please try to give a few hours if you are able. Come and shop and invite your friends and neighbors!

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 starting a new Book. It is *Introducing the Orthodox Church* by Fr. Anthony Coniaris

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently were are reading and studying *The Acts of the Apostles*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun Deuteronomy.

Akathist - Nurturer of Children | OYMT

Akathist to the Mother of God for our Youth—we will be serving this Akathist for our children on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Sign Up for Orthodox Youth Mission Team 2019—We are in the process of putting together our team for next year. We will once again have an all Orthodox center in Appalachia and participate in the Appalachian Service Project. The trip will take place July 6-14, 2019. Training will begin in January. Youth who are currently in 8th grade through 12th grade, young adults ages 18-24 and adults are all welcome to join the team. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please see Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

| Secret Santa

Secret Santa—Next Sunday, Nov. 25th, we will have the drawing of names for our Secret Santa gifts. If you wish to participate, put your name in and draw a name out. Purchase a small gift (\$15-\$20) for the person whose name you draw. Bring your wrapped gift to the St. Nicholas Brunch on Sunday December 9th and give to your person.

WEEPING ICON FROM TAYLOR | St. Nicholas Brunch

| Parish Christmas Card

WEEPING ICON FROM TAYLOR:

The Weeping Icon of the Mother of God from our parish in Taylor, PA will be at **St. John's parish in Bridgeport, Mill Hill Avenue on December 7.** Please mark your calendars now so that you may be there for this service.

St. Nicholas Brunch—

On Sunday, Dec. 9th, we will have our annual St. Nicholas brunch in place of our regular coffee hour. The brunch is pot luck. A sign up sheet will be available starting next Sunday the 25th. This is a fast free day! We will also exchange Secret Santa gifts, and St. Nicholas will be paying a visit to the children of our parish!

Parish Christmas Card—

It's time to put together our parish Christmas card. If you would like to have your or your family's names included on the card, see Lorraine Fedyna during coffee hour and list your name as you would like it to appear on the card. If you would like to make a donation (suggested amount, \$20) to offset printing and postage that is greatly appreciated.

Birthdays

November	
Sophia Baroody	11
Michael Dran	12
Matthias Robert Paltauf	13
Daniel John Huott	13
Andrei Zubek	21
Sandy Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

Upcoming Events

Drawing for Secret Santa – Sunday, November 25

St. Nicholas Brunch – Sunday, December 9

OYMT Fundraising Kickoff— Sunday, Dec. 2nd 3-6 p.m. at Holy Trinity

Christmas Bake and Craft Sale—Saturday, Dec. 15th

Dorothy Day—Friday, Dec. 7th 1-5 p.m.

Monthly St. Nectarios Service—Thursday, Dec. 20th at 7 p.m.

Weeping Icon from Taylor to visit St. John Mill Hill Avenue – Friday, December 7

Dorothy Day—Friday, Jan. 4th 1-5 p.m.

New Parish Directory | Cooking and Baking Sessions

New Parish Directory—At long last, we have an updated parish directory available. Hard copies will be available in the church hall. If you want a digital copy, please email Susan Sulich at ssulich@yahoo.com. Many thanks to Pani Bethany, Paul Sulich and Ana Melnic for all the help getting the new directory together.

Cooking and Baking Sessions for December Bake Sale—our Thanksgiving Bake Sale has been very successful and it looks like we will need to replenish our supplies for the Christmas one set for December 15th. Save the 3 Tuesdays after Thanksgiving for perogie and stuffed cabbage making. Stay tuned for additional dates for cooking and baking.

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



Christmas Bake Sale—Our Christmas Bake Sale will take place in just a few short weeks on Saturday, December 15th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We've had a very successful Thanksgiving sale and it would not have been possible without all the help and effort put in by so many parishioners. Thanks to all who have helped in any way and please plan to give some time to make our Christmas sale equally successful! Help will be needed with set up on Dec. 14th and day of the sale filling orders, in the kitchen and on the floor.

Our Assignment

Have you ever worked on something that you thought was really good, but then it turned out it wasn't? Maybe you turned in something at school that you were proud of, but you still got a bad grade?

Sometimes we might think we're doing really well, but maybe we aren't! Sometimes we forget to really read the assignment, or sometimes we get confused about it!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about a rich man who had everything. He had lots of food, lots of money, lots of space to keep his stuff. He thought everything was going well. Everything was going his way!

But then that night, God told the man he was not doing the right thing! He had been taking care of himself and not caring for other people. This man thought he was doing everything right, but he was doing everything wrong!

Let's always think about what God wants from us! Let's think carefully about the assignment He has given us, like we do with our school assignments too. And what's that assignment? God asks us to love God and love our neighbor. When we do that assignment, we will always be right with God!

ST. PHILARET OF MOSCOW: "HE SPEAKS LIKE AN ANGEL"

Do you listen to your priest when he gives a sermon? You might hear him talk about the Gospel reading for the day, or give some advice about how we can live as good Christians.

This week we celebrate a saint who was really one of the best preachers. When Philaret was a young man, the bishop said about him, "I give sermons like a man, but he speaks like an angel!" Isn't that a great compliment!

Later on, Saint Philaret became the bishop (the metropolitan) of Moscow, Russia. He was so smart, but he talked to people so that they could understand. When he was bishop, he made the schools better so that the young men could learn how to be better priests.

Saint Philaret was a man in charge, but he was also a holy man too. He knew how important it is to pray and to try to grow closer and closer to God. In fact, he wrote a very special prayer you can learn to say every morning. With this prayer, we ask for what God wants, not what we might want. That's because God knows us and loves us more than we even know and love ourselves!

Ask your parents if they can help you find this prayer, and maybe you can try to learn it.

We celebrate St. Philaret this Monday, November 19th (Dec. 2nd, OC)