

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle Ephesians 6:10-17. The Gospel is from Luke 18:18-27. Prophet Habbakuk.

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, December 2, 10 AM** - Divine Liturgy

**Monday, December 3, 7 PM** - Spirituality class

**Tuesday, December 4, 8:30 AM** - Hours

**Tuesday, December 4, 9 AM** - Perogie Session

**Wednesday, December 5, 6 PM** - Vespers for St. Nicholas

**Wednesday, December 5, 7 PM** - Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, December 6, 8 AM** - Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas

**Thursday, December 6, 9:15 AM** - New Testament Class

**Friday, December 7, 9 AM** - Old Testament Class

**Friday, December 7, 1 pm to 5 pm** - Dorothy Day

**Friday, December 7, 7 PM** - The Kardiotissa Weeping Icon from Taylor to be at St. John's on Mill Hill Ave

**Saturday, December 8, 8 AM** - Roll Baking Session

**Saturday, December 8, 10 AM to 12 noon** - Church School

**Sunday, December 9, 10 AM** - Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, December 9, 11:30 AM** - St. Nicholas Brunch. Reveal your identity to your Secret Santa.

Your Advent Spiritual Reading is: **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. We are asking a \$15.00 donation to help cover the expense of the book.

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## Readers Schedule

12/2 – Nicholas Fong  
12/9 – Bob Faubel  
12/16 – Sandi Fong

## Coffee Hour

12/2 – Faubel/Helu  
12/9 – St. Nicholas Brunch  
12/16 – New Rectory Open House and blessing

## 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](http://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/htodanbury/?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.

## New Address for:

Ken and Diana Borsari  
13 Hilltop Road  
Katonah, NY 10536

## Church School

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

**Sat. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**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. 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are available to help serve on either or both dates.

## | Clothing Drive

**Clothing Drive** - the current clothing drive has ended. Please hold all donations for our next drive. Many thanks to Ann Huott and her family for continuing to run this very profitable fundraiser for our parish!

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## 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: *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* by Dr. Philip Mamalakis

**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 Joshua.

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## New Rectory Open House

**New Rectory Open House**—on Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> in lieu of coffee hour, everyone is invited up to the new rectory for an open house to see the fruits of the labors of the entire parish to achieve this huge accomplishment.

## | OYMT

**OYMT Holiday Pie Sale**—the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will be selling unbaked apple pies just in time for all your holiday celebrations. Pies are \$12 and come with baking instructions. If you would like to pre-order or buy a pie, see one of the OYMT team members: Grace Radcliff, Nataly and Adrien Guerrero, AJ Villa, Jacob, Anthony and Martin Villa and Luke Faubel. There is still time to join OYMT for 2019. If interested, please see Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich.

## | Secret Santa

**Secret Santa**—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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. The last day to sign up is Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

**OYMT Fundraising Kickoff—**  
Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-6 p.m. at St. John's 364 Mill Hill Ave. Bridgeport.

**Dorothy Day—**Friday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1-5 p.m.

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

**St. Nicholas Brunch –**  
Sunday, December 9

**Christmas Bake and Craft Sale—**Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

**New Rectory Open House—**  
Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**OYMT Mary Kay Holiday Fundraiser Open House—**  
Sunday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 5-8 p.m.

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service—**Thursday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Dorothy Day—**Friday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1-5 p.m.

Birthdays	
December	
Luke Faubel	4
Sarah Mannello	7
Michael Kerpchar	8
Trianna Gutzman	10
Chrissanth Gross	22
Alex Sirak	22
Marty Howley	26
Elaine Toaso	30

**New Year's Dinner Dance—**Save the Date! On Saturday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual New Year's Dinner Dance. Put the date on your calendar and invite friends and family to come celebrate the New Year at this festive party with your parish family! More details to come.

**Mary Kay Fundraiser for OYMT—**  
Pani Bethany will again be offering a holiday Mary Kay fundraiser to benefit the Orthodox Youth Mission Team. There will be a holiday open house at the rectory with beautiful gifts for everyone on your list on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> between 5-8 p.m. to kick off the fundraiser. 35% of all proceeds will go to OYMT. The fundraiser will run through the holidays. Contact Pani Bethany for a shopping appointment if you are unable to attend the open house or place your order online at [www.marykay.com/bmihaly](http://www.marykay.com/bmihaly).

**Church School and Roll Baking—**  
next Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> we will have our next church school session from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We will also have roll baking that day to replenish our supplies for the Christmas Bake Sale. Please let Roz Mihaylo know if your child can attend church and consider giving a few hours to help with the rolls while church school is in session. We will also need people in the afternoon to help with rolling and packaging.

## 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](mailto: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

Due to the great success of our Thanksgiving Bake Sale we have some cooking and baking to do in order to meet our needs for the Christmas sale on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows:

Perogies—there will be sessions the next 2 Tuesdays (Dec. 4 and Dec. 11)

Rolls—Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

Stuffed Cabbage—  
Wednesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m.)

Cookies—Thurs/Fri (Dec. 6, 13, 14)

Kielbasa—Thursday 12/13 at 5 PM

Set Up—Friday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.

The contribution of your time and talent is greatly appreciated to make our Christmas sale as successful as our Thanksgiving one!

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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! Help will be needed with set up on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and day of the sale filling orders, in the kitchen and on the floor. Don't miss out on getting your perogies, rolls, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and Russian tea cookies for the holidays. Fill out an order form in the hall to ensure you get what you want as we ran out of several items at the Thanksgiving sale and we don't want anyone to be disappointed!

**Music of the Christmas Season—Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**, 46 Seymour St., Yonkers, NY will offer a free concert of Christmas music on Wednesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. There will be a reception and Christmas Bazaar following the concert.

Christmas Concert at **St. Barbara Orthodox Church** (480 Racebrook Rd., Orange, CT) Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Free Admission and Reception following the concert.

**The shield of faith**

**Have you read stories about battles** long ago? Do you know what a soldier would carry into battle? Special armor, a helmet, a belt, and more. All these things protect a soldier when he has to fight.

The epistle reading today tells us about all these things, but we hear about them in a different way. The epistle tells us to "put on the full armor of God" so that we can protect ourselves against all the bad things in the world. \

Saint Paul also tells us to "take up the shield of faith." Do you know what a shield does? It blocks everything—the arrows, the bullets, the spears—so a soldier doesn't get hurt! Sometimes we have to protect ourselves from bad things too.

When we have a strong faith in God, it's like we have a shield! Our strong shield of faith protects us from temptations—wrong things we might want to do. Our strong field of faith keeps all that bad stuff away from us—like when we want to be mean to somebody, or laugh at something that isn't good, or cheat, or be disrespectful, or watch a movie that isn't right for us, or more. When we have a strong faith in God, all those things bounce right off! Our faith protects us from these temptations. So let's try to have a strong shield!

**SAINT PORPHYRIOS: "CHRIST IS OUR FRIEND!"**

**Have you ever been scared** of somebody who turned out to be not so scary? A teacher? A priest? Even somebody who became your friend?

Today we celebrate a saint who died just 27 years ago. He was declared a saint just 5 years ago! Saint Porphyrios was a very humble man. He was very poor as a child, and only finished 2nd grade. But still, Saint Porphyrios was a very wise man because he had the wisdom of God!

Saint Porphyrios was a joyful man, even though he was in pain a lot. He knew that God wants us to be joyful too. God doesn't want us to be scared of Him. Once, Saint Porphyrios said, "This is the way we should see Christ. He is our friend, our brother. He is whatever is good and beautiful. He is everything. Yet, He is still a friend and He shouts it out, 'You're my friends, don't you understand that?...I am not threatening you. I love you. I want you to enjoy life together with me.'"

For 33 years, Saint Porphyrios worked as a priest in the little chapel at a hospital in Athens, Greece. He comforted many, many sick people there. He spoke to their families. He helped people who were even dying. And everywhere, Saint Porphyrios always gave them that good news from Christ: "I love you. I want you to enjoy life together with me."

**We celebrate St. Porphyrios Sunday, December 2nd (Dec. 15th, OC)**

We're on the Web!

[holytrinitydanbury.org](http://holytrinitydanbury.org)