

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle Galatians 4:22-31. The Gospel is from Luke 8:16-21. Conception of the Mother of God by the Righteous Anna.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence, Metropolitan 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.

## Schedule of Services and Events for this week

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

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

**Monday, December 10, 7 PM** – Spirituality class

**Tuesday, December 11, 8:30 AM** – Hours

**Tuesday, December 11, 9 AM** – Perogie Session

**Wednesday, December 12, 9 AM** – Stuffed Cabbage

**Wednesday, December 12, 6 PM** – Daily Vespers

**Wednesday, December 12, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, December 13, 9:15 AM** – New Testament Class

**Thursday, December 14, 5 PM** – Kielbasa making

**Friday, December 14, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Friday, December 14, 11 AM** – Set up for Christmas Bake Sale

**Saturday, December 15, 10 AM – 3 PM** – Christmas Bake Sale

**Saturday, December 5, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, December 16, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, December 16, 11:30 PM** – OPEN House at rectory

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

12/9 – Bob Faubel  
12/16 – Sandi Fong  
12/23 – Susan Paltauf

## Coffee Hour

12/9 – St. Nicholas Brunch  
12/16 – New Rectory Open House and blessing  
12/23 - OPEN

## 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:

**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.**

## | Clothing Drive

**Clothing Drive –** A BIG – HUGE – THANK YOU to Ann Huott and the ENTIRE Huott Family for heading up and Clothing Drive. We collected over 200 bags of clothes. 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.

## St. Nicholas Brunch

**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

**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>.

## Ladies Christmas Party

**Ladies Christmas Party**—All the ladies of the parish are invited to a Christmas get together on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. at Susan Sulich's home, 81 Rita Dr., New Fairfield, CT 06812. R.S.V.P. to Susan.

## Birthdays

December	
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).

## Upcoming Events

**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.

**Ladies Christmas Party**—Friday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. at Susan Sulich's home.

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

**New Year's Dinner Dance**—Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

## 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 a session Tuesday, Dec. 11

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

Cookies—Thurs/Fri (Dec. 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.

**Breaking out of jail**

**Have you ever played police**, or capture the flag, or freeze tag? Do you remember the feeling when you get out of jail, or when you get unfrozen? You're free!

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul reminds us that we are free now too. We know that our Lord, Jesus Christ became a man, and He died and rose again. When He did that, He broke us out of jail. He made us free, because He made it so we could grow close to God in a new way.

Before Christ came, the people had the Old Testament writings to learn about God and how He wants us to act.

But when Christ came, God become one of us! He became human and knows what it is like to be one of us! God gave us a new covenant (a promise) so we can be closer to God. He saved us when He died on the Cross.

And do you know why the Father gave us His Son, Jesus Christ? Do you know why He broke us out of jail and made us free? Because He loves us, and He wants to save us and let us be in heaven with Him!

**GETTING ATTENTION: SAINT DANIEL THE STYLITE**

**Have you ever tried to get attention?** Maybe, when you were little? Well, getting attention usually isn't so great, you know. But this week we celebrate the nameday of a saint who got lots of attention. He used that attention to tell people about God. He used it to give advice to people who needed it.

Saint Daniel was called the PillarDweller, or the Stylite ("stylos" means pillar, in Greek). Many years ago, he built a pillar, or a pole, not too far from the great city of Constantinople. He lived up on top of that pillar for 33 years! And what did he do there? He prayed to God. He gave advice to people who wanted to learn how they could grow closer to God. All that time, he suffered with foot problems (he was standing all the time).

Saint Daniel got all kinds of attention. Two emperors even came to visit him! But he really wanted the attention not for himself, but for God. And that's the way we should live our lives. We might not live up on a pole, but we can always try to give good attention to God (not ourselves).

**We celebrate St. Daniel on Tuesday, December 11th (Dec. 24th, OC)**

We're on the Web!

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