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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is Ephesians 2:4-10. The Gospel is from Luke 13:10-17. Great Martyr James of Persia.

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

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, November 27, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy	Saturday, December 3, 6 PM – Vespers
Sunday, November 27, 11:30 AM – Church School	Sunday, December 4, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, November 29, 9 AM – Perogie Sessions	Sunday, December 4, 11:30 AM – Church School
Wednesday, November 30, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class	Sunday, December 4, 12 noon – St. Nicholas Brunch
Thursday, December 1, 8:30 AM – Akathist	Sunday, December 4, 3 PM – OYMT Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 9 AM – Rolling Stuffed Cabbage	
Friday, December 2, 9:30 AM – Old Testament Class	

Readers Schedule

11/27 – Sandi Fong
12/4 – Bob Faubel
12/11 – Susan Paltauf
12/18 – Nick Fong
12/25 – Paul Toaso

Coffee Hour

11/27 – Zubek
12/4 – St. Nicholas Brunch
12/11 – OPEN
12/18 – OPEN
12/25 – Christmas Day

Help Re-stock Our Kitchen:

We are in need of Paper Towels.

Alcoholism and Addiction | Parish Family Day | Church School Starts

The **Akathist Service to the Icon of the Inexhaustible Cup** has proven to be a great help to all those who know someone or who themselves are struggling with alcoholism and addiction. We at Holy Trinity have quietly started serving the Akathist to the Icon of the Mother of God of the Inexhaustible Cup. If you are interested in attending the service please see Fr. Luke. This service is open to all parishioners. Look here for our next service. Wednesday, November 23 at 6 PM

Our next **Family Night** will be Saturday Nov. 26th and then again on Saturday Dec. 3rd.

Church School meets on Sundays. Elementary school students will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy. Fr. Luke will be talking to the parents of the high school students to work on a schedule to meet outside of Sunday.

Woodpecker Food

Woodpecker Food: Our woodpeckers are running out of food. Donations of suet cakes (regular size) would be greatly appreciated

| Parish Christmas Card

Christmas card — It's time to get our annual parish Christmas card together. There will be a sheet going around at coffee hour. Please print your (or your family's) name as you would like it to appear on the Christmas card. Voluntary donations towards the printing and postage are greatly appreciated.

| Dorothy Day Collection

Dorothy Day Collection: We will be collecting men and women's socks, hats and gloves for Dorothy Day during Advent. These are items that are always in short supply during the winter months. A box will be placed in the vestibule of the church and we will bring all the items collected the soup kitchen when we serve in January.

Clothing Drive Update | Ladies Ornament Exchange | CrossRoads Scholarship

The final day to accept clothes for the Summer/Fall **Clothing Drive** is Sunday, November 20. Thank your Ann and the entire Huott Family for this great fundraiser!

Ladies Ornament Exchange: On Friday, December 16th starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be an Ornament Exchange at Susan Sulich's house (81 Rita Dr., New Fairfield, CT). Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. R.S.V.P. to Susan ([203-746-6008](tel:203-746-6008)/ssulich@yahoo.com) by 12/12.

The Diocese and a donor are providing scholarships for tuition and travel for two diocesan 11th and 12th grade students to attend the CrossRoad Summer Institute held at Holy Cross/Hellenic College in Brookline, MA. **CONTACT:** Fr. Miles at 814-467-7444 or Frmiles@gmail.com by December 22nd, 2016 to apply, or for more information regarding this opportunity.

St. Nicholas Brunch | Secret Santa

St. Nicholas Brunch—On Sunday, Dec. 4th we will have our St. Nicholas Brunch. We will have a pot luck coffee hour and enjoy a visit from St. Nicholas. Please sign up to bring a main dish, side dish or dessert.

Secret Santa—At our St. Nicholas Brunch we will have a Secret Santa. Everyone who wishes to participate will give their name to Stasia next Sunday, Nov. 20th and will draw one name of a person to buy a gift for (\$15 maximum). Gifts will be exchanged and Secret Santas revealed at the St. Nicholas brunch on Sunday Dec. 4th.

| Shop for a Cause

Shop for a Cause—on Sunday December 11th there will be a Mary Kay Holiday Event at Holy Trinity from 4:00-8:00 p.m. There will be gifts for everyone on your list as well as the latest holiday make up looks and skin care products. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Orthodox Youth Mission Team summer trip to Alaska with OCMC this summer.

Upcoming Events

St. Nicholas Brunch and Secret Santa - Sunday, December 4th

OYMT Fundraiser Kick Off at Holy Trinity Danbury -- December 4th 3:00

St. Nicholas Day – Divine Liturgy 9 AM

Christmas Bake Sale – Saturday, December 10th 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Council Meeting – Sunday December 11th following liturgy

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Mary Kay Fundraiser – Sunday December 11th 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Ladies Ornament Exchange – Friday, December 16th, 6:30 p.m.

“A Christmas Carol” – Saturday, December 17th

Christmas Eve – Compline Service – Saturday, December 24 - 7 PM

Christ mas Day - Divine Liturgy 10 AM

Titans Hockey Family Night Out – December 28

Dorothy Day—Friday, January 6, 2017 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 29, 2017

Birthdays

November	
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30
December	
Luke Faubel	4
Michael Kerpchar	8
Trianna Gutzman	10
Chrissanth Gross	22
Marty Howley	26
Elaine Toaso	30

Knitting Group: Our knitting group will be meeting certain Sundays, immediately following coffee hour. All ages and experience levels welcome. If you would like to learn to knit, see Suad for a list of supplies to bring and if you have any questions.

Christmas Craft and Bake Sales | A Christmas Carol

Christmas Bake and Craft Sale—on Saturday, Dec. 10th we will have our Christmas Bake and Craft Sale from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Helpers will be needed for set up on Friday, Dec. 9th and to work the kitchen and help fill orders on Saturday the 10th.

Church School Trip to See “A Christmas Carol”—On Saturday, December 17th we will be going to see “A Christmas Carol” starring our very own Ava Baroody as the Ghost of Christmas Past. Show time is 7 PM and the cost of tickets range from \$26 to \$18 for Adults to \$12 for kids under 12. Let Stasia or Fr. Luke know if you wish to attend and how many tickets you will need.

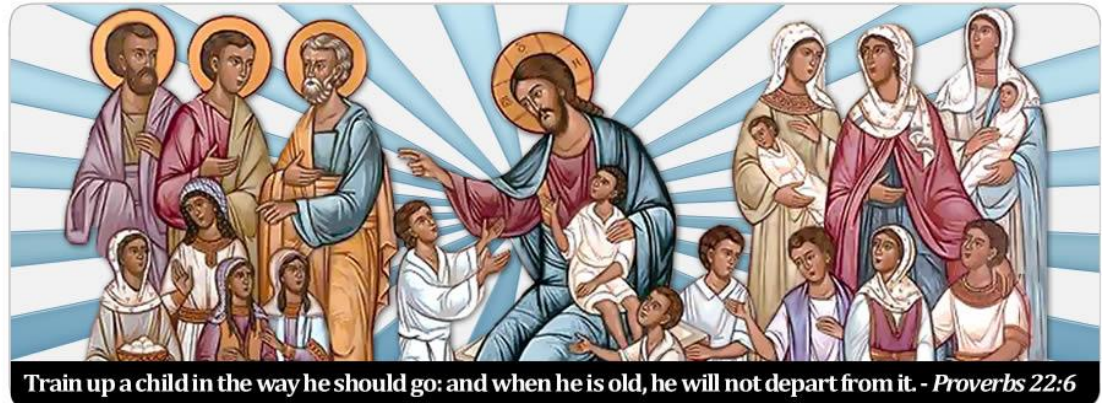
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Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6

Have you been shopping lately? Lots and lots of people go Christmas shopping the day after Thanksgiving. They want to find the best gifts, and to get a head start for Christmas.

Today at church, we hear about the very, very best gift we could ever get. In the epistle reading, we hear how God wants us to be with Him. He knows we sometimes do the wrong thing, and He forgives us for that. He gives us more than we can ever ask for, when He gives us life with Him forever. The epistle says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” When we love God very much, He gives us this spot in heaven. It’s a gift! It’s not because of something we did.

THE “MINOR” PROPHETS: NAHUM, HABBAKUK, AND ZEPHANIAH

You’ve heard of the prophets, haven’t you? You know Moses and Elijah, maybe even Daniel and Isaiah? The prophets are the ones who spoke the word of God. God told them what to say to the people, and these prophets said it. We can find the words of the prophets in the Old Testament, the part of the Bible that tells about the world before Jesus became man.

Well, some of the prophets are called “major” prophets because they have long books in the Bible. Some of them are called “minor” prophets, because they have short books in the Bible.

We have a wonderful saint in our Orthodox Church, Saint John Maximovitch. He lived in the 1900s, right here in the United States! For part of his life, Saint John was kind of a principal of a school. Once, he was walking down the hallway of the school and he overheard a teacher telling the students about the “minor prophets.” Saint John was usually very gentle, but he stormed into the classroom. “There are NO minor prophets!” he said.

Well, the word “minor” just meant that their books of the Bible were shorter than the others. But Saint John was right! There are no minor prophets. God gave each of them a voice to speak for Him! And that’s a big deal, of course! During the first three days of December, we remember three of these prophets, Nahum, Habbakuk, and Zephaniah.

We celebrate these three saints on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 1, 2, and 3.