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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

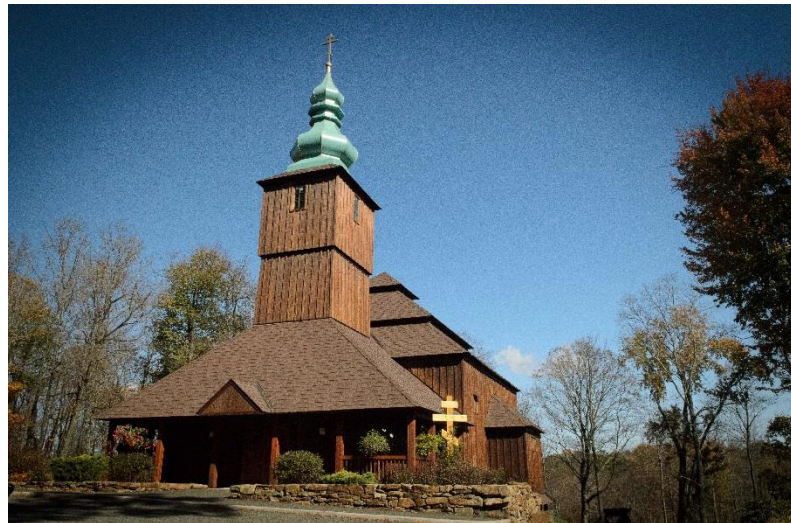
Today is the Sunday of the Last Judgement. The Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2. The Gospel is from Matthew 25:31-46. Hieromartyr Blaise.

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, February 11, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Welcome Fr. Sergei Bouteneff

Monday, February 12, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 13, 8:30 AM –
Third Hour

Wednesday, February 14, 7 PM –
Catechism Class

Thursday, February 15, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, February 15, 10 AM –
Funeral for Pani Carol Paproski's father, Lawrence Beck – New Britain, CT

Thursday, February 15, 7 PM –
Monthly St. Nectarios Anointing Service

Friday, February 16, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 17, 5 PM –
Anointing Service to St. Nectarios

Saturday, February 17, 5:30 PM –
Potluck Fund-raising Dinner for Jacob's Family

Sunday, February 18, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Sunday of Forgiveness – Rite of Forgiveness at the end of Liturgy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to Pani Carol Paproski on the recent falling asleep of her father, Lawrence Beck. Funeral is this Thursday.

Prayer Group is canceled so Fr. Luke can attend.

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Readers Schedule

2/11 – Harry Fong
2/18 – Paul Sulich

Coffee Hour

2/11 – OPEN
2/8 - Sulich

Help restock our Kitchen:

We kitchen and Large black garbage bags.

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.

New Rectory

Great progress is being made in the building of the **new rectory**. We have passed the permitting stage and the old rental property will be demolished within the next couple of weeks. The new rectory is already in production with Westchester Modular and could be set on the property as early as the end of December. Only \$50,000 remains to be raised to complete the rectory. If donations come in to cover the final amount we will not need to use the line of credit to finish the project. Stay tuned for updates and if you haven't already done so, subscribe to our website: www.holytrinitydanbury.org to see construction photos and updates.

Church School

Church School – Church School is set for Saturday, February 24 from 10 am to 12 pm

OYMT 2018

OYMT 2018—Next Sunday, Jan. 21st we will be the first mandatory training session for the Orthodox Youth Mission Team 2018. The meeting will take place here at Holy Trinity from 3-5 p.m. (adult leaders will meet from 5-6). We have a large team this year and look forward to welcoming many new members.

Envelopes

Envelopes—If you use envelopes for your pledge/collection please pick them up in the church hall. All those who had envelopes last year should have a box with your name on it. If anyone else would like envelopes we have extras. Just let Luke or Roz Mihaylo know what number is on your box.

Prayer Group

Prayer Group--Our prayer group class meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. This week we will be starting a new book: Churchianity vs. Christianity by Met. Anthony Bloom. All our welcome!

Perogie Sessions Starting

Perogie Sessions Starting Back Up— We will begin our perogies sessions a week from Tuesday on Jan. 16th at 9:00 a.m. (immediately following the Hours Service). New pinchers always welcome, no prior experience necessary!!

Trip to Slovakia

Trip to Slovakia —Has been postponed to 2019.

Support OYMT

Help Support the Orthodox Youth Mission Team—OYMT has made soup mix and hot cocoa jars that are beautifully packaged and ready for holiday gift giving. Jars are for sale in the hall. The cost is \$8. Please help our youth fund their ASP trip this summer. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Fund-raising Dinner

Fund-raising Dinner - On Saturday, Feb. 17th we will have a fundraising event for Jacob's family. We will start with an Anointing Service to St. Nectarios at 5 PM followed by a potluck dinner in the church hall. A free will offering will be taken at the dinner to help the family. If you would like to make a dish for the dinner or help with set up, serving or clean-up please contact Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com).

Birthdays

February	
Emily Varney	13
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf	14
Anniversary	
Kristina Bunda	20
Nicholas Paproski	22

Upcoming Events

OYMT Meeting at St. John's in Bridgeport – Sunday, February 11

Sunday of Forgiveness - Sunday, February 18

Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, February 25

St. Nectarios Anointing Service – Thursday, February 15

Rectory House set – Monday, February 19

Church School –Saturday, February 24

Fund-raising Dinner – Saturday, February 17

House Blessings

Fr. Luke will be scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

- 1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.
- 2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook

during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.

5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.

6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.

7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.

8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

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



Donations—Going forward we would like to institute a new 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!

The Holy Spirit gives life!

By [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)

Have you ever taken a train, or have you watched a train chugging down the tracks? A train has to stay on the tracks to get to where the people want to go.

Next week, we will start a journey too. Where do we want to go? We want to get to our Lord's Resurrection on Pascha (Easter). We start Lent so that we can stay on track, so we can get to Pascha, and so we can grow closer and closer to God. We will pray more, go to church more, help each other more, and read our Bibles more, but hurt people less, and eat fancy foods less. We do these things so that we can stay on track. If we go off track, maybe we won't get to where we want to go!

We know we want to stay on track and grow closer to God, but did you know we want to help other people to stay on track too? In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells the new Christians to help other Christians stay on track too. Christians should help others grow close to God too. We have to always think about other people. We have to make sure we are setting a good example for others. We have to remember that other people might be watching us to see what we do and what we don't do during Lent. So, let's all try to stay on track this Lent, and we can help our friends stay on track too!

VALENTINE'S DAY IN JULY? ST. VALENTINE OF ROME

This week, you'll probably have lots of heart-shaped candy, flowers, and balloons, but did you know Valentine's Day is a feastday in our Orthodox Church? You and your school class will have your parties on February 14th, but our church celebrates this great saint on July 6th!

Who is St. Valentine, and why do we think of hearts and flowers and cards and love when we hear his name? Well, St. Valentine lived hundreds of years ago, in the 3rd century, in the city of Rome. We don't know a lot about him, but here is one story about the saint.

Valentine lived during a time when many people lived as secret Christians. They had to hide their faith because if they didn't, they would be hurt or killed by the emperor. One emperor, Emperor Claudius, made a rule that said that soldiers could not be married. He wanted the soldiers to be loyal to him, not to their wives and children.

St. Valentine, who was a priest, did not think that was fair. He secretly performed marriages for young Christians who wanted to get married. When Emperor Claudius found out about all this, he was furious! Before long, this evil emperor sentenced Valentine to die. St. Valentine was a great Christian, who knew what true love really is. He was happy that he would finally be with Christ in Heaven.

We celebrate St. Valentine in July, but we can remember him this week too!

We're on the Web!

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