

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22. The Gospel is from Luke 10:25-37. Great Martyr Menas.

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 11, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Friday, November 16, 9 AM – Cookie Packaging**

**Saturday, November 17, 10 AM to 3 PM - Holiday Fine Arts and Craft and Bake Sale**

**Saturday, November 17, 5 PM - Vespers**

**Sunday, November 18, 10 AM – Liturgy**

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

**Sunday, November 18, 1 PM – Parish Council Meeting**

Fr. Luke is away this week for an OCMC Board Meeting. Any emergencies please call the rectory.

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

11/11 – Harry Fong  
11/18 – Paul Toaso  
11/25 – Suzanne Molineaux  
12/2 – Nicholas Fong  
12/9 – Bob Faubel

## Coffee Hour

11/11 – OPEN  
11/18 – OPEN  
11/25 – OPEN  
12/2 – OPEN  
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](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.

**Clothing Drive** will be ending in about 4 weeks.

## 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.

## | Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale

**Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale**—next Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18, we will be holding our Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale. The sale hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 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 on Saturday 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WEEPING ICON FROM TAYLOR | Cooking and Baking Sessions for Thanksgiving Sale

### 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.

### Cooking and Baking Sessions for Thanksgiving Sale

We are entering the last month of preparations for our Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale on Nov. 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. Below is the schedule for the remaining cooking and baking sessions:

Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Set Up after Coffee Hour

Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. Cookie Packaging

### Bake Sale Saturday, November 17 10 AM to 3 PM.

**WE** need **YOUR** help setting up, filling orders, working kitchen, carrying orders to cars, cleaning up.

## Upcoming Events

**Thanksgiving Craft and Bake Sale**—Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.

**Drawing for Secret Santa** – Sunday, November 25

**OYMT Fundraising Kickoff**—Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-6 p.m. at Holy Trinity

**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>

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

## Calling All Crafters | New Parish Directory

### Calling All Crafters—

Our Thanksgiving Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18. If you know a crafter of fine homemade items we have a few tables left at our sale. Tables are \$35 for the two days. Please see Susan Sulich if you would like a spot.

### 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.

### Birthdays

| November                          |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Stephen Fong                      | 5  |
| Lady Guerrero                     | 5  |
| Paul Sulich, Jr.                  | 7  |
| Paul & Elaine Toaso - Anniversary | 9  |
| Kathryn Kerpchar                  | 9  |
| 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 |

St. Nectarios service will not take place this Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

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

**St. John's Orthodox Church  
on 364 Mill Hill Avenue in**

**Bridgeport, CT** is having their  
Christmas Fair on Saturday,  
November 17 10 AM to 4 PM.

**"Go and do likewise!"**

**Have you ever talked about a big plan you had?** Maybe you talked about a trip you'd like to go on, or a fort you'd like to make, or a book you'd like to write. After you talked about it, did you ever have a hard time doing it?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of the Good Samaritan. You probably heard this great story when you were very little. The reading starts, "A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. Teacher, he said, what must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus asked the man what he read in the Scripture, and the man answered him. That man liked to talk about it.

Then Christ told the story of the Good Samaritan. You remember about the man who was beaten and robbed, and you remember about the Samaritan who took care of him, and who made sure the poor man grew strong and healthy again. You remember how the Samaritan did everything to help him. Then Christ told the lawyer (the one who was trying to test Him). "Go and do likewise." He told him to act like the Samaritan helper.

Lots of times, it's easy to talk about our plans. We can even talk about how we can be good and loving Christians! But always remember, talking about it is the easy part. Christ said, "Go and do" what the Samaritan did. That's the hard part. But it's the part that really matters!

**SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS: THE MERCIFUL**

When we read today's Gospel reading, you might think about how you want to "go and do" what the Samaritan did.

Tomorrow, we celebrate a saint who really did "go and do likewise." He followed Christ's command, and he helped his neighbor.

Saint Martin of Tours (France) didn't really want to be a soldier, but his father was in the army, so he had to too. He just wanted to live a quiet life, following Christ. Saint Martin's life wasn't so quiet, but he did follow Christ!

Once, he was on a trip with some other army officers. He saw a poor man, shivering in the cold, and so he gave him his warm cloak. That night he had a dream. Christ was in the dream, and he was wearing the cloak! Saint Martin knew he had done the right thing, so he was baptized as a Christian.

Saint Martin worked in the army, until he felt he could not do it any more. After that, the Church in France needed a bishop, and they chose Martin to be it! Saint Martin wanted to live his quiet life, following Christ, but he didn't get to. He kept following Christ, of course, but he helped lead the Christians in France. St. Martin is called "the merciful" because he always showed mercy to the poor.

We celebrate St. Martin this Monday, November 12th (Nov. 25th, OC)

**We're on the Web!**

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