

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-fifth  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle Ephesians  
5:9-19. The Gospel is  
from Luke 13:10-17.  
Clement of Ohrid.

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  
hierarchy.

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 25,**  
**9 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, November 25,**  
**11:30 AM – Secret Santa**  
**Drawing**

**Tuesday, November 27,**  
**9 AM – Perogie Session**

**Wednesday, November**  
**28, 7 PM – Adult**  
**Catechism Class**

**Thursday, November**  
**29, 8:30 AM – Akathist**

**Thursday, November**  
**29, 9:15 AM – New**  
**Testament Class**

**Friday, November 30, 9**  
**AM – Old Testament**  
**Class**

**Sunday, December 2, 10**  
**AM - Divine Liturgy**

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

11/25 – Paul Toaso  
12/2 – Nicholas Fong  
12/9 – Bob Faubel

## Coffee Hour

11/25 – OPEN  
12/2 – Faubel/Helu  
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/htocdanbury/?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.

## 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 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.

## | Secret Santa

**Secret Santa**—Next Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have the drawing of names for our Secret Santa gifts. If you wish to participate, put your name in and draw a name out. 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.

### Birthdays

November	
Andrei Zubek	21
Sandy Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

## Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 3 Tuesdays (Nov. 27, 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—TBD

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 and please plan to give some time to make our Christmas sale equally successful! 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.

**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.

**Joined together in Christ**

**Have you ever watched your priest or deacon use his censer?** Do you watch where he censens? He censens the altar, and he blesses the holy things. He censens the icons, and we remember the saints in the pictures. He censens the people, and we remember that we want to be like the saints too.

When the priest or deacon censens the whole church, we remember that we are all one body, one church. We have differences, but we are all one church.

We hear the same thing in the epistle reading today. Our Lord, Jesus Christ came to bring us together, to bring us to Him in heaven! Saint Paul writes in his epistles, "You are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God." In Jesus, we are all "joined together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord." The church is one body together.

The saints who have already died are together with us as a church. We are all one body together. We are all joined together and we grow into a holy temple in the Lord.

So, the next time you see your priest or deacon censening, watch! You'll remember that he is censening one church body. You'll remember that we are all joined together to grow into a holy temple in the Lord.

**THE ENTRANCE INTO THE TEMPLE: THE THEOTOKOS GIVES HER LIFE TO GOD**

**Have you ever been to a baptism (that you can remember)?** Or maybe you've seen a little baby being brought to the church for the first time when he was only 40 days old? You might remember how special these services are. A little child begins his life in our holy Church!

This week, we celebrate one of the 12 great feasts of our Orthodox Church. On this day, we remember when Mary, the Theotokos, entered the temple. She lived there until she was engaged to Joseph. And not too long after that, baby Jesus was born to her!

On this day too, we remember how Mary began her life, close to God. And she lived her whole life close to God. Even now, she is close to God in heaven.

When you were brought to the church to be baptized, your parents wanted you to be close to God. They prayed for you to be close to God not just on that day, but for all your life! Of course, you don't have to live on the church grounds to dedicate your life to God. You can try to make good choices that God is happy with too. Let's use the Theotokos as our example, and always stay close to God and His holy Church!

**We celebrate this great feastday on Tuesday, Nov. 21st (Dec. 4th, OC).**