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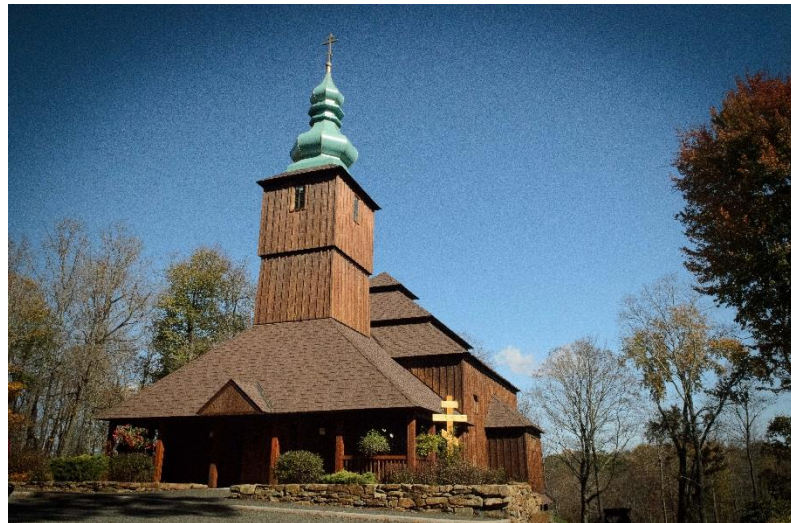
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-fifth  
Sunday after Pentecost.  
The Epistle Colossians  
3:4-11. The Gospel is from  
Luke 14:16-24. Confessor  
Stephen.

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.  
He is more than happy to  
meet with you and talk.

## Schedule of Services and Events for this week

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**Sunday, December 15, 10  
AM – Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 15,  
11:30 AM – Panachida today  
for John Derevjaniak and his  
sister, Martha (Derevjaniak  
Kindya) Rusinak.**

**Sunday, December 15, 2  
PM – Baptism of Lukas  
Todosiev**

**Monday, December 16, 7  
PM – Spirituality Class**

**Tuesday, December 17, 8:30  
AM - Hours**

**Wednesday, December  
18, 7 PM - Adult  
Catechism**

**Thursday, December 19,  
8:30 AM – Akathist**

**Thursday, December 19,  
9:15 AM - New Testament  
Class**

**Thursday, December 19,  
7 PM – St. Nectarios  
Service**

**Friday, December 20, 9  
AM – Old Testament Class**

**Saturday, December 21, 5  
PM – Vespers**

**Sunday, December 22, 10  
AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 22,  
12:30 PM – Parish  
Council Meeting**

## Readers Schedule

12/15 – Suzanne Molineaux  
12/22 – Christopher Mihaly  
12/25 – Harry Fong

## Coffee Hour

12/15 – OPEN  
12/22 – OPEN  
12/29 – OPEN

## Re-Stock Our Kitchen:

### Paper towels, gallon freezer bags, napkins.

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/holytrinitydanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

## Glove collection for Dorothy Day

– When we served on Friday we noted that Dorothy Day was very low on warm winter gloves. If you would like please bring in men's or women's gloves over the next few weeks. Please deposit in box in vestibule we will deliver to Dorothy Day. Thank You!

## Council Positions Open | Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

### Council Positions Open

—we have several council members whose terms are up in January. We will be looking for a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. Please consider giving your time and talent to one of the positions. Talk to Susan Sulich, Harry Fong or Monika Mihaly to learn more about what's entailed.

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale. We were sold out of items before we even opened! There were so many people who helped prepare these last weeks and months for yesterday's sale. From Baking rolls and cookies, making perogies, cooking in the kitchen, helping to fill orders, the parish bookstore, setting up and cleaning up, the list is really too long mention everyone for fear of leaving someone out.

But realize that all of you helped to make this sale a success not only in helping to raise money but in fun and fellowship with each other. May God continue to bless us and our parish!

## 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: *Suffering and the Nature of Healing* by Daniel B. Hinshaw, M.D.

**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 *The Creed*. This discussion of the Nicene Creed—the foundation of our Faith—

begins with a review of Christianity, the Church and Tradition. It offers a definition and an explanation of the Creed.

**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 *1 Samuel*.

## CHANGE our Bottom Line

**CHANGE our Bottom Line**—Please consider donating your spare change toward lowering our mortgage debt. A container is located in the church hall to collect the change and it will be cashed in to contribute to extra mortgage payments.

## New Year's Dance

**New Year's Dance**—Save the Date! We will be having our New Year's Dinner Dance on Sat. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> featuring our favorite DJ, Bill Lopez. Stay tuned for more details!

## Dorothy Day

**Dorothy Day**—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Please let Susan Sulich know if you can help for any part of the afternoon.

## Parish Lending Library

**Parish Lending Library**  
— You may have noticed that in the vestibule of the church we have set up a lending library in the first section of the bookcase. There are books there on a variety of topics of interest from the Church Fathers to parenting to the Liturgy and more. There are also a few titles in Spanish. Feel free to check out one or more titles. Just fill out the lending library book with title, name and date.

## Mary Kay for OYMT

**Mary Kay Open House—** if you missed the Open House last week and would still like to purchase gifts or products to benefit OYMT, please see Pani Bethany. She is generously donating 30% of sales to the youth mission team.

## Perogie Session This Week

**Perogie Session This Week—**Due to a large deficit in perogies at Saturday's sale we will be doing a session this week. We took orders for 24 dozen potato/cheese perogies. Tentatively planned for Tuesday if weather cooperates. All who can participate, let's discuss during coffee hour.

## Birthdays

December	
Chrissanth Gross	22
Alex Sirak	22
Elaine Toaso	30

We wish to inform you that our Diocese will once again offer scholarships for High School Juniors and Seniors to take part in the Pan-Orthodox Cross Road Program that takes place each summer in Boston and Chicago. CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Participants from all over the country come together to experience daily worship, take theology classes from some of the best professors in the country, visit local parishes, serve their neighbor, tour the city, and even spend a day at the beach. Historically, CrossRoad has been hosted solely on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross. This summer, there will be a third session offered on the campus of North Park University in Chicago, IL.

The sessions are as follows:

Session 1: June 13-June 23 (Boston-Hellenic College/Holy Cross)  
Session 2: June 30-July 10 (Boston-Hellenic College/Holy Cross)  
Session 3: July 20-July 30 (Chicago - North Park University)

Scholarships covering the registration and tuition fee will be available to our Diocesan students who apply and are accepted to any one of the three sessions.

Diocesan Students interested in attending are asked to apply to the program before the February 1, 2020 Deadline. Upon acceptance, students are kindly asked to contact Fr. Stephen Loposky, Diocesan Director of Youth at [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto:campnazareth@acrod.org) or 724-662-4840.

For more information and to register those interested should visit:

<https://www.crossroadinstitute.org/ap>

## Upcoming Events

**Lukas Todosiev's Baptism**  
— Sunday, December 15 at 2 PM

**OYMT Training Session—**  
Sun. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
St. Barbara, Orange, CT

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service—**Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service**  
— Thursday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

**Akathist to Mary for Our Children** — Thursday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 a.m.

**Dorothy Day—**Fri. Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Dance—**Sat. Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

## OYMT Holiday Pie Sale | Last Call for OYMT Team Members

### OYMT Holiday Pie Sale—

They're back! Just in time for all your holiday entertaining, OYMT's homemade apple pies will be for sale starting next Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Pie proceeds will help send our youth to Appalachia this summer for mission work. Cost: \$14 per pie. Save a space on your holiday dessert table for pies that do well and taste great!

### Last Call for OYMT Team

**Members—**This afternoon from 3-6 p.m. the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will be meeting here to make apple pies for our holiday fundraiser. If you are interested on being on the team this year and have not already done so, or have questions, please talk to Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke. Our training sessions will begin in January.



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



**Quotes by St. John  
Chrysostom**

**A mother experiences more than one death**, even though she herself will only die once. She fears for her husband; she fears for her children; again she fears for the women and children who belong to her children. ... For each of these-whether for loss of possessions, bodily illness, or undesired misfortune-she mourns and grieves no less than those who suffer.

**You cannot pray at home, like you can at church**, where there is a great multitude; where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the unions of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of priests.

**You can set up an altar to God in your minds** by means of prayer. And so it is fitting to pray at your trade, on a journey, standing at a counter or sitting at your handcraft.



With this time of year being so very hectic, it is my hope that by providing for you the schedule of services for the upcoming Christmas Season that you use this schedule to be sure that you make a serious effort to properly celebrate the Birth of our Savior by attending services. Your attendance at services and that of your children and family is the most proper way to celebrate the Nativity of Christ.

Tuesday, December 24, 9 AM – Royal Hours

Tuesday, December 24, 5PM – Holy Supper (covered dish) - Strict Fast

Tuesday, December 24, 7 PM – Christmas Eve Services and the singing of Christmas Carols

Wednesday, December 25, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Thursday, December 26, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of the Mother of God

Please use this sacred time to participate in the sacrament of Holy Confession. I am available for confession before and after every service and also by appointment.

