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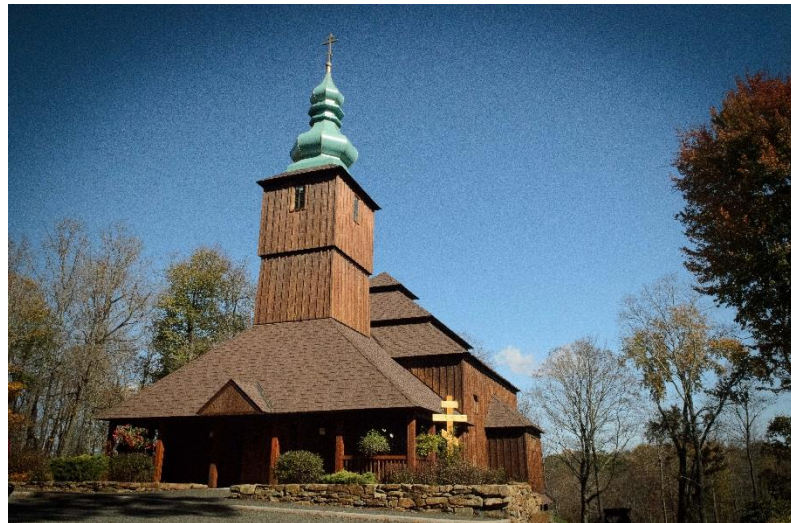
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday
before Christmas. The
Epistle Hebrews 11:9-10,
17-23, 32-40. The Gospel
is from Matthew 1:1-25.
Great Martyr Anastasia.

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.

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Sunday, December 22,
10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 23,
7 PM – Christmas
Akathist

Tuesday, December 24,
9 AM – Royal Hours

Tuesday, December 24,
5 PM – Parish Holy
Supper

Tuesday, December 24,
7 PM – Christmas Eve
Compline Service

Wednesday, December
25, 10 AM – Nativity
Liturgy

Thursday, December 26,
9 AM – Liturgy Synaxis

Saturday, December 28, 1
PM – Vespers

Sunday, December 29, 10
AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 29,
12:30 PM – Parish
Council Meeting

Readers Schedule

12/22 – Christopher Mihaly
12/25 – Harry Fong
12/29 – Susan Paltauf

Coffee Hour

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

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

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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.

| 2020 Parish Envelopes

The new parish envelopes are in. Please see Susan Sulich in the church hall during coffee to get your envelopes for 2020.

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. 11th 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 3rd 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 | Mary Kay for OYMT

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 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.

Upcoming Events

Dorothy Day—Fri. Jan. 3rd
1:00-5:00 p.m.

New Year's Dance—Sat.
Jan. 11th 6:00 p.m.

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

Monthly St. Nectarios Service – Thursday, Jan.
16th 7 p.m.

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 or 724-662-4840.

For more information and to register those interested should visit:

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

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. 15th. 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**

**God loves us more than a
father, mother, friend,** or any
else could love, and even more
than we are able to love
ourselves.

Since it is likely that, being
men, they would sin every
day, St. Paul consoles his
hearers by saying 'renew
yourselves' from day to day.
This is what we do with houses:
we keep constantly repairing
them as they wear old. You
should do the same thing to
yourself. Have you sinned
today? Have you made your
soul old? Do not despair, do
not despond, but renew your
soul by repentance, and tears,
and Confession, and by doing
good things. And never cease
doing this.



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.

