

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday after Christmas. The Epistle Galatians 1:11-19. The Gospel is from Matthew 2:13-23. 14,000 Holy Innocents.

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

**Sunday, December 29,**  
**10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Monday, December 30,**  
**7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, December 31,**  
**5 PM** – Vespers for St. Basil

**Wednesday, January 1,**  
**9 AM** – Liturgy for St. Basil

**Thursday, January 2,**  
**8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Thursday, January 2,**  
**9:15 AM** – New Testament Class

**Friday, January 3, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Friday, January 3, 1 PM to 5 PM** – Dorothy Day

**Saturday, January 4, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, January 5, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water

**Sunday, January 5, 12:30 PM** – Parish Council Meeting

**Sunday, January 5, 4 PM** – Vespers for Theophany

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## Readers Schedule

12/29 – Susan Paltauf

## Coffee Hour

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/htocdanbury/?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

### 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.

## | 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**—We cashed in the change in the extra mortgage principle jar this week and the total was \$95.76. Small change adds up. Stay tuned for a report on the total amount collected toward our extra principle payment for 2019. In the meantime, keep depositing your spare change in the jar in the hall and help us pay down the rectory mortgage.

## | New Year's Dance

**New Year's Dinner Dance**—Our New Year's Dinner Dance is set for Saturday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will start with a Cocktail Hour from 6-7 p.m. and then catered dinner and dancing to our favorite DJ Bill Lopez starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and each ticket will be entered in a door prize raffle. BYOB. You can reserve individual seats or a table of 8 or 10. Please let Pani Bethany (203-482-6224) or Susan Sulich ([ssulichy@yahoo.com](mailto:ssulichy@yahoo.com)) know as soon as possible if you plan to attend and how many in your party. See attached flyer.

## | 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 | Clothing Drive

### 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.

### Successful Clothing Drive—

The latest clothing drive brought in \$440.80. Many thanks to Ann Huott and family for coordinating this effort! So far, the total monies donated from clothing drive from 2014 thru 2019 = \$2,934.50! The new drive is underway so keep those clothes, towels, shoes, etc. coming. For a complete list of what can be donated see the sheet by the candle stand. All items should be packaged in plastic garbage bags.

### Birthdays

December	
Elaine Toaso	30
Michael Scalzo	31
January	
Andres Villa	1
Adam Varney	2
Pablo Gabriel Villa	3
Eric Evans	13
Peggy Scalzo	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

## Upcoming Events

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

**Annual Meeting**—Sunday,  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> following liturgy

**Parish Council Meeting** –  
Sunday, January 5 12:30 PM

**Game Dinner**—Saturday, Feb.  
15th

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

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

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

## Last Call for OYMT Team Members

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**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.**



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/apply>

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**Camp Nazareth Family Camp 2020**  
**Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7**

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its eighth annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families "camping" together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

This year's theme – *"God as Head of Family and Household"*. Keeping God at the center of Daily Family Life seems to get more and more difficult these days. Come and learn ways to keep God as the Head of Your Family and Household.

**Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7, 2020.**

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Our Diocese is pleased to announce its third annual **Senior Retreat** which will take place at **Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center in Mercer, PA from May 12-14, 2020.** The Retreat will feature keynote addresses by **Very Rev. Jonathan Tobias**. His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory is inviting all our Diocesan Seniors, ages 55 and over, to join him for 2 days of fellowship, prayer, and rejuvenation. The Theme of the Retreat – "Coping with Change: Reflections on Hebrews 13:8 – "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" will help our Seniors navigate the many challenges they face all while remaining focused on and committed to our Lord. It will include worship, fellowship, learning, fun, time for reflection and relaxation, and time spent with our Diocesan Hierarchy!

Online Registration is currently open!! Visit [acrod.org](http://acrod.org) for more information and to register for the Retreat. Participants will also be able to register by mail. Again, visit [acrod.org](http://acrod.org) for more information. You may also call (724-662-4840) or email the Camp at [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto:campnazareth@acrod.org) for more information.

Don't miss out on our third annual Senior Retreat!