

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday  
before Theophany. The  
Epistle 2 Timothy 4:5-8.  
The Gospel is from Mark  
1:1-8. Theopentus.

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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## Schedule of Services and Events for this week

**Sunday, January 5, 10  
AM – Divine Liturgy**

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

**Sunday, January 5, 4  
PM – Compline for  
Theophany and Great  
Blessing of Water**

**Monday, January 6, 9  
Am - Theophany  
Liturgy**

**Monday, January 6, 7  
PM – Spirituality Class**

**Tuesday, January 7, 9  
AM – Perogie Session**

**Wednesday, January 8, 7  
PM – Adult Catechism  
class**

**Thursday, January 9,  
8:30 AM – Akathist**

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

**Friday, January 10, 9 AM  
– Old Testament Class**

**Saturday, January 11, 6  
PM - News Years Dance**

**Sunday, January 12, 10  
AM – Liturgy**

**Sunday, January 12, 3  
PM – OYMT Meeting at  
St. Barbara's in Orange,  
CT**

## Readers Schedule

1/5 – Susan Paltauf  
1/12 – Paul Toaso  
1/19 – Bob Faubel  
1/26 – Suzanne Molineaux  
2/2 – Jonathan McCormack

## Coffee Hour

1/5 – Sulich  
1/12 – Molineaux  
1/19 – Mihaylo  
1/26 – Behrend  
2/2 – Guerrero

## 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.

## Council Positions Open | 2020 Parish Envelopes

### 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.

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. This amount was added to other money from other donations and our Chow Down fundraiser toward the mortgage principal. A **total payment of \$1,241** was made directly to the principal of the new rectory mortgage in 2019. According to the bank, 2 extra mortgage payments a year could result in a savings of \$31,700 and reduce the duration of the mortgage by 4 years, 8 months; extra payments of \$3,000 per year could potentially reduce the loan term by 10 years, 6 months. Let's keep it up!

## | 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 ([ssulich@yahoo.com](mailto:ssulich@yahoo.com)) know as soon as possible if you plan to attend and how many in your party. See attached flyer.

## 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.

## Clothing Drive

### 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.

## Perogie Session

**Perogie Session Tuesday**—we will be starting up our perogie sessions again this Tuesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Our very successful Thanksgiving and Christmas sales have shown that we need to make more perogies to sell for each sale as we sold out as nearly every variety! New and veteran pinchers welcome. As a reminder during the winter season, if school is closed due to bad weather, perogie session is cancelled as well. If parking lot looks slippery, come in through the front door of the church.

## Birthdays

January	
Eric Evans	13
Peggy Scalzo	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

## Upcoming Events

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

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

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

**Monthly Akathist to Mary for our Youth**—Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m.

**Monthly Bake Sale**—Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Game Dinner**—Saturday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

## House Blessings

Fr. Luke will be scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.

2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.

3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.

4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to

place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.

5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.

6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.

7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.

8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

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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.**



**Council Positions Open**—We have several council positions that need to be filled this year. They include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Member at Large. Below are job descriptions for the President and Member at Large Position. The parish council meets monthly to discuss the business of the parish. Please consider giving some of your time and talent to a council position. If you have questions about a position, talk to any board member.

**President**

- Set the agenda for monthly parish council meetings and annual and semi-annual meetings.
- Lead parish and parish council meetings and see that decisions made for the parish are carried out.
- Sign official documents of the parish and checks as needed.

**Member at Large**

- Assist the Council Officers as requested.
- Act as liaison between the Parish Members and the Council.
- Participate in monthly meetings to discuss parish business.

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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!