

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

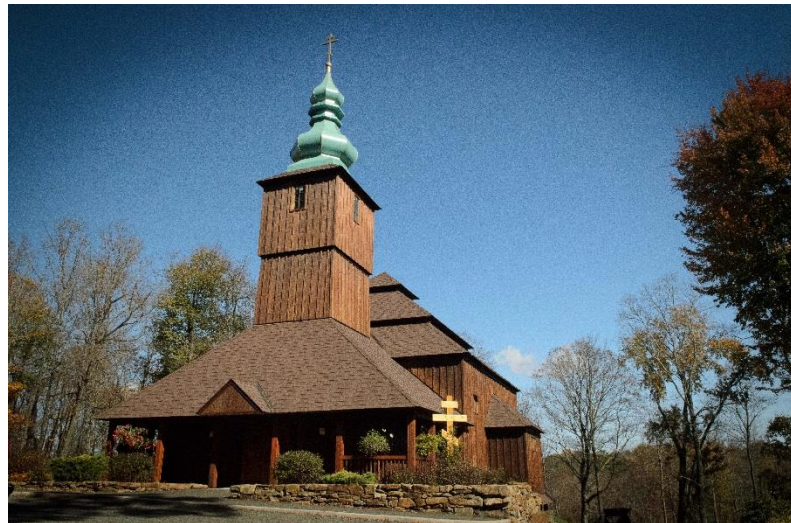
Today is the Sunday after Theophany. The Epistle Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:12-17. Martyr Tatiana.

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, January 12, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

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

**Monday, January 13, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, January 14, 8:30 AM** - Hours  
**Tuesday, January 14, 9 AM** – Perogie Session

**Wednesday, January 15, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism class

**Thursday, January 16, 8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Thursday, January 16, 9:15 AM** – New Testament Class

**Friday, January 17, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, January 18, 5 PM** - Vespers

**Sunday, January 19, 10 AM** – Liturgy

## Readers Schedule

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

## Coffee Hour

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

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—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.

## Annual Meeting

**Annual Meeting**—Our Annual Parish Meeting is set for Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> right after liturgy. Please make every effort to attend. We will be discussing business of the parish including filling council positions, annual budget and more—your input is very important!

## 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, *Spread the Word – Reclaiming the Apostolic Tradition of Evangelism*

**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!

## Church School

**Church School**—Our next session will be on Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-7:30. Please save the date.

## Wild Game Dinner

**Our Parish Wild Game Dinner** is set for Saturday, February 15. Doors open at 6 PM. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Kids between 13 and 18 are \$20.00. BYOB. Please make reservations as seating is limited. There will be raffles.

## 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	
Mary Dugal	10
Eric Evans	13
Peggy Scalzo	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

## Upcoming Events

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

**Church School**—Friday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Parish Council Meeting**—Sunday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> following coffee hour

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

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

**OYMT Training Session**—Sunday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m. Danbury

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

**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

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!!

## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

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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.

**Treasurer**

#### Tasks on a weekly basis (approximately 2 hours):

- Get mail from church and review for payment either through electronic payment or by mail.
- Process all payments required for that week which can be via automatic transaction electronically or via USPS.
- Ensure there is enough money in accounts to make payments and if not transfer between accounts using online banking.
- Record all deposits by and track income and how it is dispersed to budget accounts
- Record donations by parish members for end of year tax letters
- Keep up filing of Bills etc. in file cabinet in church basement

#### Tasks on a Monthly basis (approximately 2 hours):

- Reconcile bank statements
- Reconcile credit card statements
- Prepare monthly bank balance report and budget vs. actual report for council meetings

#### Tasks for Semiannual meeting:

- Summarize and report financial status of all accounts to parishioners at semiannual meeting.

#### Tasks Beginning of each year:

- Create updated budget for new fiscal year
- Summarize and report financial status of all accounts to parishioners at annual meeting
- Calculate and distribute donation letters to parishioners for taxes

#### Tasks on a as needed basis

- Keep record and budget of any "special" or capital expenditure project as directed by the parish council.
- Archive all records so available for audit.

#### Skills:

Must have a computer and ability to do online banking

Must be able to use Excel or suitable program for reporting financial numbers and keeping track of donations

Must be able to use financial software to keep track of all accounts and distributions of income and expenses.