

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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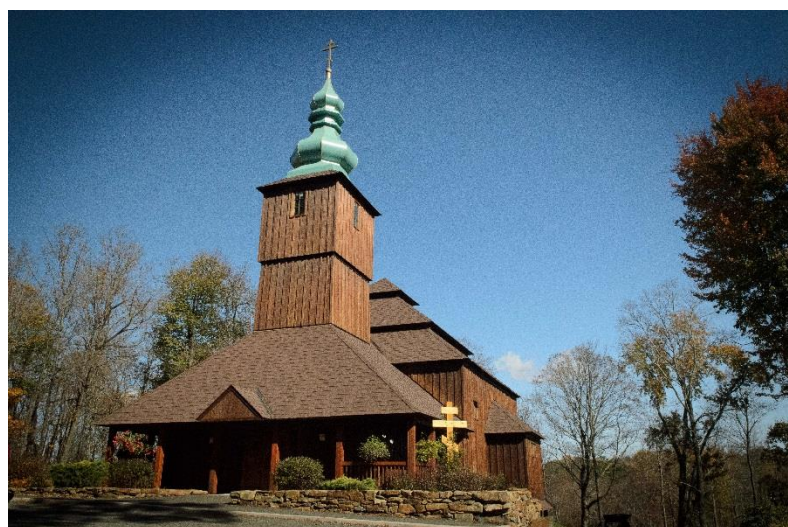
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple. The Epistle Hebrews 7:7-17. The Gospel is from Luke 2:22-40. Zacchaeus Sunday.

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, February 2, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Monday, February 3, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, February 4, 8:30 AM** – Hours

**Tuesday, February 4, 9 AM** – Perogie Session

**Wednesday, February 5, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism class

**Thursday, February 6, 8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Thursday, February 6, 9:15 AM** – New Testament Class

**Thursday, February 6, 4 PM to 6 PM** – Monthly Bake Sale

**Friday, February 7, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Saturday, February 8, 1:30 PM to 5 PM** – Pretzel and Pysanky Classes

**Saturday, February 8, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Saturday, February 8, 6 PM** – Family Game Night/Youth Bonfire

**Sunday, February 9, 10 AM** – Liturgy

**Sunday, February 9, 11:30 AM** – Installation of New Parish Council officers

## Readers Schedule

2/2 – Jonathan McCormack  
2/9 – Paul Toaso  
2/16 – Paul Sulich  
2/23 – Susan Paltauf

## Coffee Hour

2/2 - Guerrero

## Restock Our Kitchen: Paper towels, 13-gallon kitchen garbage bags, 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/htcdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

## Game Dinner Help Needed—

Our game dinner is fast approaching and we will need help setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up. We also need donations of raffle prizes. Please let us know how you can help. Sign-up sheets available at coffee hour.

**Movie Night**—Save the date, Friday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having a parish movie night. Stay tuned for location and time!

## Parish Family Day | Parish Council 2020 | Materials for Church School Art Projects

### Family Day Feb.

**8<sup>th</sup>**—A fun filled day is planned for Sat. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 1 p.m., come and learn how to make pretzels with Chrissanth and decorate eggs in the Ukrainian Pysanky style. We'll have Vespers at 5 p.m. followed by a bonfire and games. Come for all or part of the day!

**Parish Council 2020**—Thank you to everyone who stayed for the Annual Meeting last Sunday. It was very productive and great to hear new ideas and constructive feedback on what's going on in our parish. Here is the new list of Parish Council Members:

President: Susan Sulich Vice President: Nicholas Fong Treasurer: Monika Mihaly Assistant Treasurer: Vida Bundra

Secretary: Lisa Farrah Members at Large: Nicu Melnic; Sarah Mannello; Paul Toaso

Please feel free to bring up any suggestions or concerns to any member of the parish council.

### Wanted: Materials for Church School Art Projects—

Elena Gordon is looking to use different types of media and incorporate elements of creative engineering in her art projects with the church school children. She is also interested in exploring traditional woodworking and arts and crafts in the church school curriculum. She would gratefully welcome donations of materials such as scraps and pieces of wood, metal, wire and possibly old toy building sets made of materials that could be reused in church school construction projects. She will have a cardboard box in the church school closet to collect any donated materials.

## 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!

## | 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.

## | Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity

**Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity**—As requested, we will be having an in-house retreat on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> here at our parish starting at 9:30 a.m. Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary will lead the retreat on Stewardship and Personal Evangelism. See attached flyer for more details.

## 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

| February                           |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Leon Guerrero                      | 1  |
| Jerry Kachevsky                    | 5  |
| Rick Reynolds                      | 8  |
| Pani Carol Beck Paproski           | 8  |
| Emily Varney                       | 13 |
| Andrell (AJ) Villa                 | 13 |
| Rob & Andrea Paltauf - Anniversary | 14 |
| Kristina Bundra                    | 20 |
| Nicu Melnic                        | 26 |

## Upcoming Events

**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.

**Family Game Night and Youth Bonfire** – Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 6 PM

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

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

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

**Monthly St. Nectarios Service**— Thursday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

**Parish Movie Night**—Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>

**Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity**— Saturday, March 14<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!!

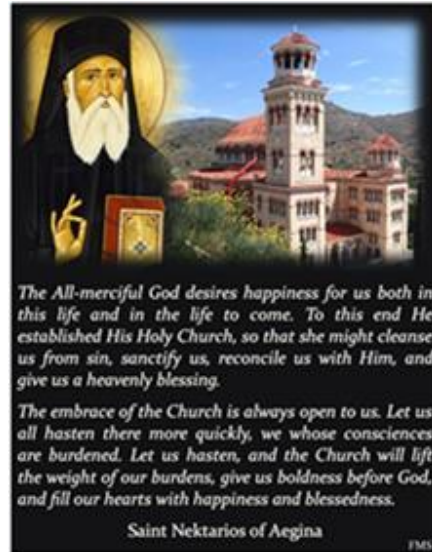


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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



**Parish Movie Night**—Our first parish movie night take place Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at the home of Chrissanth and Jon Gross (8 Little Mountain Rd., North Salem, NY) starting at 6 p.m. We will be watching *Princess Bride*. Come and enjoy this fun evening and discussion afterwards. You are asked simply to look for anything in the movie, where you see or discover Jesus Christ. It could be a scene, a character or plot. We're also looking for suggestions for future movie nights.



**[St. Nektarios: Christians, have we understood the great responsibility that we have taken . . .](#)**

"Christians, have we understood the great responsibility that we have taken on before God through baptism? Have we come to know that we must conduct ourselves as children of God, that we must align our will with the will of God, that we must remain free from sin, that we must love God with all our hearts and always patiently await union with Him? Have we thought about the fact that our heart should be so filled with love that it should overflow to our neighbor? Do we have the feeling that we must become holy and perfect, children of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven? We must struggle for this, so that we may not be shown unworthy and rejected. Let none of us lose our boldness, nor neglect our duties, nor be afraid of the difficulties of spiritual struggle. For we have God as a helper, who strengthens us in the difficult path of virtue."

+ St. Nektarius of Aegina, *The Path to Happiness*, 2

