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<http://www.ancientfaith.com/>

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. The Epistle 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. The Gospel is from Luke 15:11-32. Nicholas of Japan.

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, February 16, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 17, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 18, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, February 18, 9 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 19, 7 PM – Adult Catechism class

Thursday, February 20, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Thursday, February 20, 9:15 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, February 21, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, February 21, 6 PM – Parish Movie Night at Jon and Chrissanth Gross' home. 8 Little Mountain Rd., North Salem, NY

Saturday, February 22, 9 AM – Liturgy for the Departed – Soul Saturday.

Saturday, February 22, 6 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 23, 10 AM – Liturgy

Readers Schedule

2/16 – Paul Sulich
2/23 – Susan Paltauf
3/1 – Harry Fong

Coffee Hour

2/16 – OPEN
2/23 – Sulich
3/1 – OPEN

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

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.

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen will be Friday, March 6th. Help for any part of the afternoon is greatly appreciated. Let Susan Sulich know if you are able to come and serve.

Parish Council 2020

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.

| Materials for Church School Art Projects

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!

| Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity

Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity—As requested, we will be having an in-house retreat on Saturday, March 14th 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—
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—
Our perogie sessions are on Tuesdays 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	
Kristina Bundra	20
Zachary Wolfe	23
Nicu Melnic	26
March	
Ana Urgiles Melnic	7
Mia Paltauf	9
Mary Gander	10
Aidan McVeigh	12
Vida Bundra	24
Marika Gutzman (Names day)	25
Orestes Mihaly	26
Michael Browne	30

Upcoming Events

Parish Movie Night—Friday, Feb. 21st

Monthly Bake Sale – Thursday, March 5th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, March 15th following coffee hour

Forgiveness Sunday – Sunday, March 1st

Dorothy Day – Friday, March 6th 1:00-5:00 p.m.

OYMT Training – Sunday, March 15th 3-5 p.m. at Holy Trinity

Stuffed Cabbage Making – Wednesday, March 4th 9:00 a.m.

Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity— Saturday, March 14th

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."



Parish Movie Night—Our first parish movie night take place Friday, Feb. 21st 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.

Camp Nazareth

Summer Job and Internship Opportunities

- Counselor
- Science and Nature Camp Counselor
- High/Low Ropes Course Facilitator
- Maintenance Worker/Groundskeeper
- Kitchen Worker
- Lifeguard

To Apply:

See the Camp website – campnazareth.org – for applications

OR

Call 724-662-4840 or email campnazareth@acrod.org for more information.

Applications are due February 15, 2020

DIOCESE TO BEGIN NEW FAMILY MINISTRY

Praying together and reading Scripture together are pillars of a Christ-centered Orthodox Christian family. While families may desire to have these activities in their home, they may not be sure how to start. SPF50 intends to help our families bridge that gap.

SPF stands for "Scripture, Prayer, Family" and is designed to equip families to read the Scriptures and pray together at home. With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory, the SPF50 team has produced the first installment of this ministry program which will be available beginning **Sunday, February 23, 2020**. Each issue will be available both in hard-copy and digital form. A section of the Diocesan website dedicated to SPF50 will also contain supplemental resources to help families get started and maintain participation.

Quality time with our Lord is hard to come by. Quality time with your family is hard to come by. SPF50 intends to help families have both. *Be on the lookout for more info in the next 2 weeks!*

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