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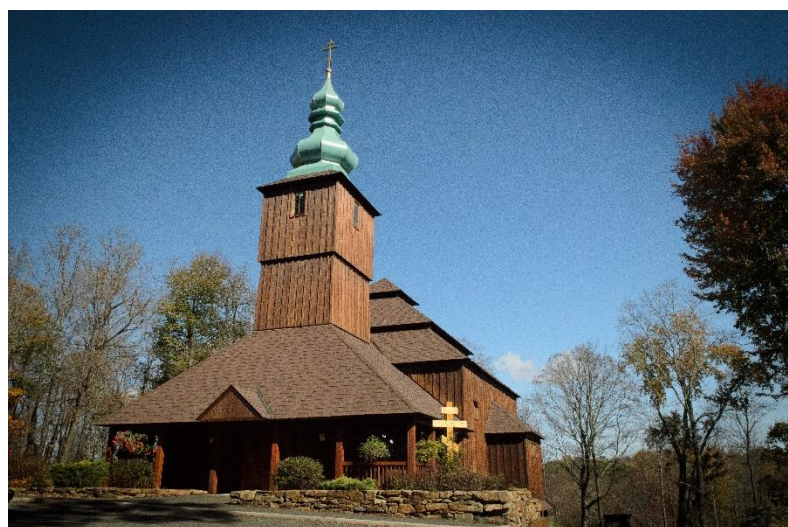
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

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

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 10, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 15, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, January 16, 5 PM –
Vespers

Saturday, January 16, 6 PM –
Parish Movie night

Sunday, January 17, 10 AM -
Divine Liturgy

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/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

January Church School Dates—We are planning two sessions of church school for this month. The first date is Sat. Jan. 23rd and that will be for all students at the church hall from 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. Fr. Luke will teach and Miss Elena will have an art project for everyone. On Friday evening, Jan. 29th, Fr. Luke would like to meet with just Middle and High School students at the hall from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Both sessions will be available on Zoom if your children cannot attend in person. Again, we're asking families to let Fr. Luke know if there are times that work better for you and your children.

Parish Men's Group

Parish Men's Group – The Men of the Parish will be reading the Book Orthodoxy and the Religions of the Future by Fr. Seraphim Rose.

More information to come. If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information on the Parish Men's Group, please contact Fr. Luke

| Parish Movie Night

Parish Movie Night—Next Saturday, Jan. 16 we will have our parish movie night starting after Vespers at 6 p.m. We are planning to watch “Paul, the Apostle.” We are also interested in building a list of movies parishioners would like to see and discuss.

| Church School 2021

Church School 2021—Fr. Luke and Miss Elena are looking forward to starting church school again in the new year. We are asking parents to please contact Fr. Luke with days and times that will work best for your family (or if there are days or times that absolutely don't work for you). We will be putting out the new schedule shortly. Classes will be available in person and on Zoom.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have a number of adult education classes going on currently that are currently online:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. This week we will be starting a new book: *Confession and Repentance by Saint Nectarios*

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'll be starting a new book soon, *Acquiring the Mind of Christ*.

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently we are

reading and studying *St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun *1 Chronicles*.

Classes will resume in the church hall this week. We will also continue to make them available via Zoom (live, same credentials).

Open Parish Council Positions

Open Parish Council Positions—We will have several parish council positions open as of our Annual Meeting in January. We will be looking for a new President, Vice President and Treasurer. Both the President and Treasurer are past their term limits. Please consider giving some time to help manage the business of the parish. Below are “job descriptions” for these three positions. Also, feel free to talk to current officers (Susan Sulich-Pres., Nick Fong VP, Monika Mihaly, Treasurer) if you have questions or want to learn more about what's involved.

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.
- Represent the parish at outside events if needed.

Vice President

- Assist with the duties of the President.
- Assume the responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President.

Treasurer

- Keep an accurate account of all moneys of the parish.

- Keep the checkbook of the parish.
- Receive, review and pay all bills of the parish.
- Present monthly financial statement at parish council meetings and annual and semi-annual statements at parish meetings.
- Help formulate and maintain an annual budget for the parish.

Member at Large—the duties of a member at large are to assist council officers and act as a liaison between parishioners and the council as well as attend monthly council meetings to give input and ideas and vote on parish matters.

COVID-19 Reminders

State of CT is religious, spiritual, or worship gatherings, if held indoors, are limited to no more than 50 percent of the building's capacity or a maximum of 100 people, whichever is lower, and such services, if held outdoors, are limited to the number of people that can be accommodated safely, provided that all persons present wear masks, unless speaking from designated safe locations, and that a distance of 6 feet is maintained between all persons or groups not from the same household.

- If you feel sick or a running a fever, please stay home until you feel better

- No one is being pressured to come to the church if you are in a high-risk population or simply don't feel comfortable.
- Connecticut since June 17 allows for private meetings of up to 25 people. We will hold all our adult classes now at the parish with social distancing along with having classes on Zoom.
- Everyone is asked to wear a mask during services and to sing quietly
- Please use hand sanitizer

Upcoming Events

Parish Movie Night—Sat. Jan. 16th 6 p.m.

Game Dinner—Saturday, Feb. 27th (stay tuned for Covid-safe details!)

Parish Council Meeting—Sun. Jan. 17th following Liturgy

Annual Meeting—Sun. Jan. 24th following Liturgy

Dorothy Day—Fri. Feb. 5th 1 p.m.

Birthdays

January	
James Kavallines	10
Mary Dugal	10
Cooper Beau Mihaly	11
Eric Evans	13
Jesse Carrier & Mara Miller - Anniversary	13
Jack Carrier	15
Violet Palmer-Kavallines	16
Peggy Scalzo	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Aidan Davids	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

Annual Meeting Jan. 24th

Annual Meeting Jan. 24th—Please plan to attend our annual parish meeting set for Sunday, Jan. 24th following liturgy. It has been an interesting year to say the least and we have much to share with everyone. We also need everyone's input and ideas on how to best attend to the business of the parish and outreach to our family and the greater community. Also, there are several board positions open. If you have time and interest, please speak to a current council member for more information.

Clothing Drive

Clothing Drive— We just received our latest check for \$357.50 for the clothing drive! We are continuing to accept more donations. Many thanks to Ann Huott and her family for their ongoing work on this project which has brought in over \$3,000 for our parish! For the last pick up they had 200 bags. Please bring in clothes, shoes, linens and other soft items in plastic garbage bags to the church. If you are uncertain what items are eligible, see the list at the candlestand or contact Ann.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, Feb. 5th from 2:00-4:30 p.m. As a reminder, we are packaging and handing out bag lunches to the hungry in the community and also preparing lunches and breakfasts that are brought to area hotels where shelter guests are currently being housed and senior housing. If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Farrah or Susan Sulich.

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Wanted: New Home for Christmas Poinsettias—The beautiful poinsettias that Bill and Stella placed in the church will soon have to go. If anyone likes to tend them over the “off-season,” please feel free to take them home. Most of them are still looking quite lovely!

His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory, strongly feels that our priests should NOT ENTER parishioners’ homes for the traditional Blessing. However, he is allowing our priests to make a local decision for an alternate procedure to chant the Theophany Home Blessing prayer from the porch of a home, blessing with water without entering. This is to be a local decision. Otherwise, parishioners should be advised that the Home Blessings will not be held this year but will resume in the traditional manner next year.

Metropolitan Gregory is also advising our clergy to bless sufficient water to allow faithful to take water from the Church to their homes for their use throughout this year.

- If you would like your house blessed, please contact Fr. Luke for arrangements and times.

No one is obligated to have their homes blessed, but it is a great opportunity for the church to come into your home, for me to visit with you and your family. It would be a shame to lose this tradition as it is a great opportunity for priest and parishioners to bond and connect in your homes.

Also note, that you can have your home blessed at any time of the year as can water, if needed. It is traditional to do both around Theophany.