

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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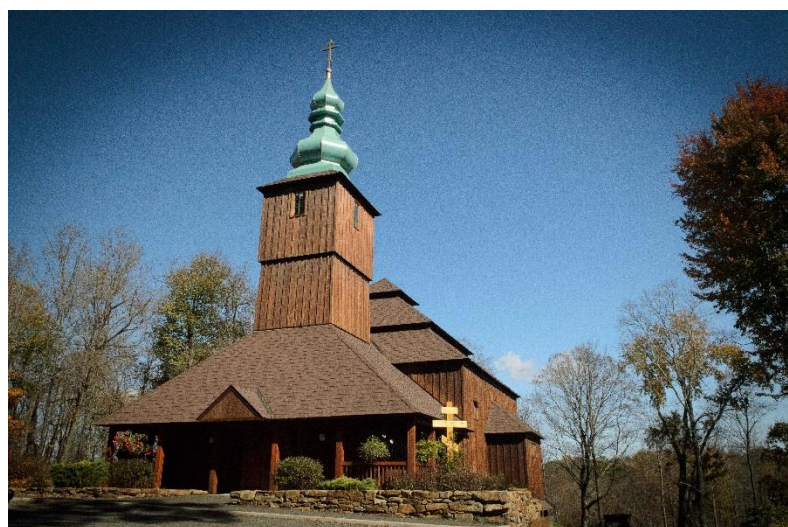
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel is from Luke 18:35-43. Xenia of St. Petersburg, Xenia of Rome.

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 24,**  
**10 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, January 24,**  
**11:30 AM – Annual Parish Meeting**

**Monday, January 25,**  
**7 PM – Spirituality Class**

**Tuesday, January 26,**  
**9 AM – Perogie Session**

**Wednesday, January 27,**  
**7 PM – Adult Catechism Class**

**Thursday, January 28,**  
**9 AM – New Testament Class**

**Friday, January 29,**  
**9 AM – Old Testament Class**

**Friday, January 29,**  
**4 PM to 5 PM – Church School – Middle/High School**

**Friday, January 29,**  
**6 PM – Daily Vespers**

**Saturday, January 30,**  
**9 AM – Liturgy Three Hierarchs**

**Saturday, January 30,**  
**3 PM – Men's Group Meeting**

**Saturday, January 30,**  
**5 PM – Vespers**

**Sunday, January 31,**  
**10 AM - Divine Liturgy**

## 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.

## Church School

### Are You Coming to Church School this Week?

Fr. Luke will have a special church school session this Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> for middle and high school students from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the church hall. The class will also be available on Zoom. We hope all our students in this age group will be able to attend. As a reminder, if there is a time that works better for your family, please let us know.

## Perogies Sessions

**Perogies Sessions**—It's time to make the perogies again for our upcoming monthly and Easter bake sales. We will be starting sessions this Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and will continue (weather-permitting) until we make our quotas. Note: there will be no session on Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> as that is the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple and there will be liturgy that day. New pinchers always welcome!

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

## January Church School

**Date**— On Friday evening, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Luke would like to meet with just Middle and High School students at the hall from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The session 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.

## 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 *2 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

## | Dorothy Day

**Dorothy Day**—Our next date to serve to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Birthdays

January	
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

## Pay Down Our

**Mortgages**—This week we made a payment to the principal of the rectory mortgage of almost \$3,000. That money represents the amount that was saved from reducing the mortgage rate this year (which was decided would go back to the paying down the principle), the contents of our change jar and a private donation. The change jar is in the hall so please remember to drop in your loose change when possible. Sarah Mannello will explain at our annual meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> how regularly payments to principal can reduce the length of our loan and save the church over \$8,000.

## Upcoming Events

**Annual Meeting**—Sun. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> following Liturgy

**Forgiveness Sunday** - Sunday, March 14

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

**Dorothy Day**—Fri. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.

**Game Dinner**—Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> (stay tuned for Covid-safe details!)

## Game Dinner Feb. 27th

**Game Dinner Feb. 27th**—Help Needed—Our annual game dinner is our most popular and most profitable winter fundraiser. The parish council has given much thought on how to conduct this event in a COVID safe manner. We are making substantial changes in how the event will operate that will necessitate additional help. The Game Dinner is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and will likely have an afternoon and evening seating. We will need help in the kitchen, cooks, servers, and raffle ticket sellers. We are also looking for donations

of raffle baskets or items that can be used in baskets for prizes. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall and help where you are able. Many thanks in advance!

## | 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.

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**Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen:**

We are in need of paper towels, sturdy plates, bottled water and kitchen size garbage bags. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

**Envelopes**—Envelopes for weekly donations are in. If you would like to use envelopes to make your weekly offerings please see Susan Sulich at coffee hour. As a reminder, one-time or recurring donations can also be made online via our PayPal found on our website—use the “Donate” button or through your own bank.

**Monthly Food Sale**—Our first monthly food sale of the year will take place on Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. If you are interested in helping out, please see Susan Sulich.

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.

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