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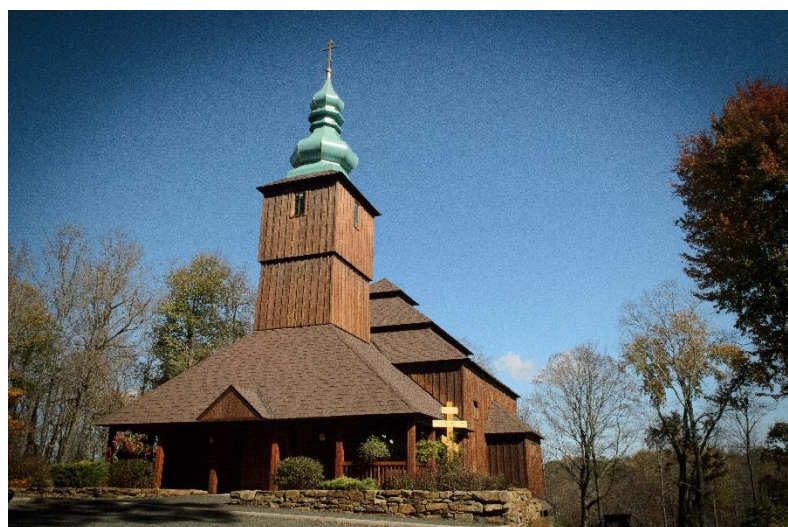
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the 34th Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle Colossians 3:12-16. The Gospel is from Matthew 25:14-30. Cyrus & John Wonderworkers.

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 31,
10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 31,
11:15 AM – Installation of New Parish Council Officers

Monday, February 1,
7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 2,
8 AM – Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple – Blessing of Candles

Tuesday, February 2,
9 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 3,
7 PM – Adult Catechism Class
Thursday, February 4,
9 AM – New Testament Class

Thursday, February 4,
4 PM – 6 PM – Monthly Food sale

Friday, February 5,
9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, February 5,
6 PM – Daily Vespers

Saturday, February 6,
5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 7,
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.

Game Dinner Supplies—we are looking for parishioners to donate some of the supplies such as 2-liter bottles of soda, water, disposable table cloths, etc. that we need for the Game Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall if you are able to contribute any items.

Directory Update—we are in the process of doing our semi-annual directory update. If your contact information (phone number, email address, mailing address) have changed and you did not make changes on the directory at the Annual meeting, please email them to Ana Melnic at ani.melnic@gmail.com.

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.

| 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: This Tuesday, we will have liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord at 8 AM. Perogie session will start after liturgy. As a reminder, if the weather is bad, we follow the Danbury school schedule—if delayed, we delay; if cancelled we cancel. New pinchers always welcome!

| Church School

Middle/High School Church School—Fr. Luke had a successful session with our older youth this past Friday. We will be looking to continue this time for our middle and high school students. Fr. Luke has asked all youth in this age group to let him know of any movies, series or books that they are interested in so they can be shared and discussed in class.

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).

Parish Council

Parish Council—today at the end of liturgy we will install our new parish council for 2021. Officers are as follows:

President—Susan Sulich & Carolyn Kaiser
Vice President—Harry Fong
Treasurer—Monika Mihaly
Assistant Treasurer—Vida Bundra
Secretary—Lisa Farrah
Members at Large—Sarah Mannello
Paul
Toaso
Ana Melnic

Please feel free to talk to any council member about any concerns or questions you

have regarding the business of the parish at any time. Also, if you were not at our Annual Meeting, please be aware that we are still looking for a Treasurer. Monika has served passed her term and has agreed to continue in the position until our Semi-Annual Meeting in July. If by that meeting no one with the time and talent for this position comes forward, we will be looking to hire a bookkeeper to handle this job. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please talk to Monika or Susan Sulich. Monika and Orestes are willing to train any willing candidates.

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. 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.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Bake Sale—Thursday, Feb. 4th 4-6 p.m.

Dorothy Day—Fri. Feb. 5th 1 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting—Sunday, Feb. 21st, following coffee hour

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

Forgiveness Sunday - Sunday, March 14

Easter Bake Sale—Saturday, March 27th 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Game Dinner Feb. 27th

Game Dinner Feb. 27th—Plans are underway for our annual game set for Sat. Feb. 27th. Modified due to COVID, we will have two seatings: 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. with a limit of 30 people per seating. If you and your family want to attend, please sign up for a table of 2, 4, 6, or 8 today at coffee hour. This week the flyer for the dinner will be sent out and opened to others so we want to make sure parishioners have first choice. Also, we will need extra help with serving this year, as well as people to cook game or ethnic dishes, clean up and contribute raffles items/baskets. Please sign up at coffee hour for whatever way you can help. This is our parish's major fundraiser for the winter. Thank you!

| 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.

Birthdays

February	
Leon Guerrero	1
Jerry Kachevsky	5
Rick Reynolds	8
Charles & Virginia Hull - Anniversary	8
Pani Carol Beck Paproski	8
Emily Varney	13
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf - Anniversary	14
Rick & Lisa Farah - Anniversary	14
Kristina Bundra	20
Zachary Wolfe	23
Nicu Melnic	26

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 24th how regularly payments to principal can reduce the length of our loan and save the church over \$8,000.

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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. 4th 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.
