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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Publican Pharisee. The Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel is from Luke 18:10-14. Timothy of Symbola.

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 21, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 21, 11:30 AM– Panachida for Richard Rehak, cousin to Diana Borsari

Sunday, February 21, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

NO Fasting this week

Monday, February 22, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 23, 9 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 24, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Wednesday, February 24, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, February 25, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, February 26, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, February 26, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Saturday, February 27, 2 PM – Vespers

Saturday, February 27, 4 pm to 5 pm – Wild Game Dinner take-out

Saturday, February 27, 6 PM – Wild Game Dinner

Sunday, February 28, 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 tablecloths, 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. Please bring the items you have purchased to church by next Sunday, the 21st. Thank you!

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 will meet with the kids this 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).

DIOCESAN "HOMEROOM" MINISTRY

Calling all youth ages 5-18...If you signed up for the new Diocesan "Homeroom" Ministry, don't forget to PARTICIPATE online each week by posting comments, pictures and videos. Parents, if you signed your child up for the "Homerooms", help them to participate. We have 65 youth from 27 parishes across the Diocese signed up for the "Homerooms", but not all are participating yet. If you need any help logging on, downloading the app, or posting, or have any questions, please email fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com. Thank you!!

Church Store—We are currently in the process of re-stocking our church store and would like to hear from parishioners about what they would like to see us carry. Are you looking for cards, books, CD's gifts for children or adults, crosses, jewelry? We'd like to be able to fill some of those needs. If there are specific saints that you would like icons of or any other items or categories you would like to see in the church store please let Chrissanth, Sarah or Lisa know.

New Altar Cloths for Pascha—Suad Behrend is leading an effort to sew to new white altar cloths for us to have for Pascha. She plans to cut the necessary pieces and give to sewers to work on at home. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Suad at suadbehrend@yahoo.com.

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, April 2nd 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

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.

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen – Friday, April 2

Diocesan Lenten Retreat – Saturday, April 3

Game Dinner Feb. 27th

Take Out Available for Game Dinner—Our evening seating for the Game Dinner next Saturday, Feb. 27th is sold out! Instead of an afternoon seating we have decided to offer takeout instead in response to several requests. We will offer the following:

- Full dinner including a variety of venison dishes, perogies, garlic chicken, side dishes and dessert
- Cost: \$25 per dinner
- Pick up between 4-5 p.m. (Please be prompt.)
- PRE-ORDERS ONLY!

- Please bring exact amount in cash or a check made out to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

PLEASE NOTE: We are only able to offer a limited number of takeout meals. Meals will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Reserve meals via email (padreluke@aol.com). You can order up until Friday 2/26, 5 p.m. or until we are sold out.

| 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	
Zachary Wolfe	23
Nicu Melnic	26
March	
Larisa Yarush	6
Ana Urgiles Melnic	7
Amy Davids	8
Mia Paltauf	9
Mary Gander	10
Aidan McVeigh	12
Anthony Villa	16
Ella Silvera	16
Vida Bundra	24
Peter Astras	24
Marika Gutzman (Names day)	25
Leon & Lady Guerrero – Anniversary	25
Orestes Mihaly	26
Michael Browne	30

Pay Down Our Mortgages— The contents of our change jar and a private donation go to Pay Down our Mortgage. The change jar is in the hall so please remember to drop in your loose change when possible.

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



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.

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion*

Commemorated on [February 21](#)

[Troparion & Kontakion](#)

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.

Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee’s religious piety, nor the Publican’s repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ’s teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

