

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday after Nativity. The Epistle Galatians 1:11-19. The Gospel is from Matthew 2:13-23. Stephen the Martyr.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, December 27, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 2, 5 PM -
Vespers

Sunday, December 27, 11:30 AM – 40 Day Panachida for Orestes Mihaly

Sunday, January 3, 10 AM -
Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 28, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Wednesday, December 30, 7 PM
– Adult Catechism

Thursday, December 31, 9 AM
– New Testament class

Friday, January 1, 10 AM –
Akathist to St. Basil

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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.

Christmas Decorations— Once again our “Christmas elves,” Stella and Bill Woodfield have been hard at work decorating our church for Christmas. Many thanks for all their hard work for making the church look so beautiful and festive in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord!

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

Save the Date for Movie Night—We are planning a movie night on Sat. Jan. 16th in the Church Hall following Vespers at 6 p.m. We are planning to watch "Paul, the Apostle."

| OYMT Holiday Help

Many thanks to all those who contributed for holiday gifts for the residents at Bethel Health Care. 40 gifts of Hope were delivered on Dec. 23rd. They included holiday mugs, lotion, coloring sheets of the Nativity Icon and a personalized message.

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.

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots—Many thanks to all those who donated a gift for Toys for Tots. And thank you to Paul Toaso for coordinating and delivering the toys.

| Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

Christmas Craft and Bake Sale—We had a great Christmas sale last week. There are some perogies, rolls and kielbasa still available, however. If you wish to purchase, see Lisa Farrah or Susan Sulich at coffee hour.

| 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

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

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

Annual Meeting—Sun. Jan. 24th following Liturgy

Dorothy Day—Fri. Feb. 5th 1 p.m.

Cards for Marilyn

Cards for Marilyn—Marilyn Zaengle is currently in Bethel Health Care and is only allowed one visitation by Bill per week. If you would like to reach out to her by sending a card, you can mail them to: Ms. Marilyn Zaengle – Room 212D, Bethel Health Care, 13 Parklawn Dr. Bethel, CT 06801. Thank you for all who have mailed cards so far—they are really a bright spot in her week.

| 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.

| New Liturgy Books

New Liturgy Books—Today we will bless new liturgy books that were graciously donated by Sarah Mannello. Thank you, Sarah, for this generous gift!

Birthdays

December	
Elaine Toaso	30
Michael Scalzo	31
January	
Andres Villa	1
Adam Varney	2
Pablo Gabriel Villa	3
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

COVID-19 Reminders

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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 are 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