

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. The Epistle Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2. The Gospel is from John 1:43-51. Cyril of Catania.

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, March 21, 10 AM
- Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 21, 11:15 AM
- Panachida for Arthur Dugal

Sunday, March 21, 11:30 AM
- Procession with Icons

Monday, March 22, 9 AM
- Lenten Hour

Monday, March 22, 7 PM
- Spirituality Class

Tuesday, March 23, 9 AM
- Perogie Session

Wednesday, March 24, 9 AM
- Lenten Hours

Wednesday, March 24, 6 PM
- Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, March 24, 7 PM
- Lenten Meal/Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, March 25, 9 AM
- Vesperal Liturgy for the Annunciation

Thursday, March 25, 5 PM
- Kielbasa Making

Friday, March 26, 9 AM
- Old Testament Class

Friday, March 26, 11:30 AM
- Bake Sale set up

Saturday, March 27, 10 AM - 3 PM
- Easter Bake Sale

Saturday, March 27, 5 PM
- Vespers

Sunday, March 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.

Updated Directory—Our directory has been updated after our Annual Meeting. We will print some hard copies to have at church. If you would like a digital copy emailed to you, please email Susan Sulich at ssulich@yahoo.com. Many thanks to Ana Melnic for updating the directory for us!

Kielbasa Making—We are hoping to get together on Thursday, March 25th to make kielbasa and Italian sausage for our upcoming Bake Sale on March 27th. If this date is not good, please let Fr. Luke know.

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

We are continuing to meet with our youth and offering a few different opportunities for church school. Our next full class for all children and teens will be on Saturday, April 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon with Fr. Luke and Miss Elena. Fr. Luke will also be meeting with the middle and high school teens on Friday March 19th and Friday April 16th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Classes will take place in person and on Zoom. Miss Elena is also working on something for our very youngest pre-school parishioners. Stay tuned for details!

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: *The Burning Bush*

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, **Orthodox Worship: A Living Continuity with the Synagogue, the Temple, and the Early Church.**

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).

Young Children Church School--We are looking to set up an opportunity for our youngest parish members to get together for fun and socialization. Our church school teacher, Elena Gordon, has experience and wonderful ideas for a class for very young children that will appeal to all the senses, introduce them to some basic Bible stories and allow them to interact with each other in an age appropriate setting. **Right now, we are considering a Saturday morning around 10 a.m. We would like to know if this works for your family or if not.** We would like to know if that works for your family or, if not please suggest a time that would be better. There is also a

possibility for the parents to meet with Fr. Luke while their children are having fun in class. We look forward to sharing this time of fun and fellowship with you and your child! Please let Fr. Luke know if you are interested in participating.

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.

COVID-19 Reminders

CT COVID Reminders: As of 3/19/21 the CT COVID Guidelines have been updated. The [CT.gov](https://www.ct.gov) COVID Portal states: "All capacity limits have been eliminated for houses of worship. Masks continue to be required in all public settings where social distancing is not possible."

- 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.
- [CT.gov](https://www.ct.gov) COVID guidelines updated 3/19/21 state: "Social and recreational gatherings at private residence – 25 individuals indoors/100 outdoors; Social and recreational gatherings at commercial venues – 100 indoors/200 outdoors..
- 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.

Birthdays

March	
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.

Help Needed for Easter Bake Sale— Next Saturday, March 27th we will have our Easter Bake Sale. We will need help preparing on Friday, after Old Testament class and then on the day of the sale. Please consider giving some time if you are able to this fundraiser for the parish. As a reminder, parishioners are asked to place orders as well so we are sure to have enough of all our foods for our Pascha on May 2nd.

Upcoming Events

Feast of the Annunciation— Thursday, March 25th

Church School—Saturday, April 10th 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Kielbasa Making—Thursday, March 25th 6:00 p.m.

Movie Night—Saturday, April 10th 6:00 p.m.

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

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.

| Movie Night

Movie Night—We are planning a family movie night for Saturday, April 10th at 6 p.m. following Vespers. You are invited to bring food for your family or to share. Movie title to be announced. Suggestions are welcome!

| Easter Bake Sale

Easter Bake Sale—We are asking that parishioners who wish to order items from our bake sale to please fill out an order form so that we make sure we have enough food made. Order forms are available in the hall. The two Easters are very far apart this year. Our bake sale will take place on Saturday, March 27th but we will accommodate orders for Pascha breads and other Easter foods for our parishioners in time for Pascha on May 2nd. We do, however, need to know what people want so please plan to order in advance. Thank you!

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



Help Re-Stock our Kitchen-

--We are in need of black garbage bags, bowls and gallon size freezer bags.

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.

What: Youth Retreat for 7th to 12th Graders

Where: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church or Zoom

Who: Steve Christoforou of “Be the Bee” from Y²AM

MAKING TIME FOR SILENCE

HOST: ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH (DANBURY, CT)

LOCATION: VIRTUAL (ZOOM LINK AVAILABLE TO REGISTRANTS)

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

TIME: 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

SPEAKER: STEVEN CHRISTOFOROU, DIRECTOR OF Y²AM

Join us in person or virtually for a GOYA Retreat.
Limited seating available in Parish Hall.
Please register at:
<https://forms.gle/gVfw2suHGBLPxyqo7>