

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Cross. The Epistle Hebrews 4:14-5:6. The Gospel is from Mark 8:34-9:1. George of Mt. Maleon.

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 a 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, April 4, 10 AM** - Divine Liturgy

**Monday, April 5, 7 PM** - Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, April 6, 9 AM** - Akathist

**Wednesday, April 7, 6 PM** - Presanctified Liturgy

**Wednesday, April 7, 7 PM** - Lenten Meal/Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, April 8, 9 AM** - New Testament Class

**Friday, April 9, 9 AM** - Old Testament Class

**Friday, April 9, 6 PM** - Paraklis to the Mother

**Saturday, April 10, 10 AM - 12 noon** - Church School

**Saturday, April 10, 5 PM** - Vespers

**Saturday, April 10, 6 PM** - Parish Movie Night - The Passion

**Sunday, April 11, 10 AM** - Divine Liturgy

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.

**Lazarus Saturday**—Plan to join your parish family on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for liturgy for Lazarus Saturday at 9:00 a.m. followed by a family breakfast and activities. We will prepare palms and pussy willows for blessing on Palm Sunday, make palm crosses, luminaries for Holy Saturday and Easter Eggs. We will also need help cleaning up the grounds around the church in preparation for Pascha.

## 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 this Saturday

Our next full class for all children and teens will be on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> 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. **If your children will be attending in person on Saturday, please let Fr. Luke or Ana Melnic know so that we can have enough art supplies available for those participating.**

## | Toddler Toys

**Wanted: Toddler Toys**-- If your family has some young children’s items that you would not use, and glad to lose, our church school will gladly take off your hands for our youngest class.

The items we are looking for are:

- Sensory table or bins
- Child size table and chairs
- Play vehicles that children can ride or push
- Toddler and young children’s toys

Thank you very much!

## 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 *Ezra*.

All classes will take place in the church hall. We will also make them available via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. (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, Saturday, April 17 10 a.m. is our first class.** 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!

**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 2<sup>nd</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.

## Upcoming Events

**Church School**—Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church **Save the Date! Parish Tag Sale**—May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Movie Night**—Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

**Lenten Cook Off**—Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for Coffee Hour

**Young Children Church School** – Saturday, April 17 10 AM

**Lazarus Saturday**—Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Liturgy 9 a.m. followed by Family Breakfast and Activities

**Making Time for Silence: Presentation by Steve Christoforou of Be the Bee**—

## 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 this Saturday

**Movie Night**—We are planning a family movie night for Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

## | Cards for Marilyn

**Cards for Marilyn**—Marilyn Zaengle is still at Bethel Healthcare. She is very appreciative of all the cards that she received from parishioners. She has a new room number#: 122D. The full address is: Mrs. Marilyn Zaengle – Room #122D, Bethel Health Care Center, 13 Park Lawn Dr, Bethel, CT 06801.

## Birthdays

April	
Adam Rosenfield	5
Markus Paltauf	8
Freddy Villa	9
Sadie Xenia Mihaly	9
Brianna Scalzo	10
Katarina Mihaly	11
Christopher Mihaly	11
Melissa (Sulich) McVeigh	11
Grace Radcliff	14
Adriano Morfa	14
Carmen Villa	15
Ignatius Michael Thompson	15
Ava Baroody	16
Melanie Sulich	17
Rosalyn Mihaylo	18
Nectaros Moses Mihaly	20
Viorel Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Elena Gordon	27
Logan Thompson	29

**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.

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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.

**Lenten Cook-Off**—On Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Lenten Cook-Off for coffee hour. Please bring a favorite Lenten main dish, side dish or dessert to share along with a copy of the recipe. Prize will be awarded for the most popular dish!

**Parishioner Easter Orders -**

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. We will accommodate orders for Pascha breads and other Easter foods for our parishioners in time for Pascha on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We do, however, need to know what people want so please plan to order in advance. Thank you!

What: Youth Retreat for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Where: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church or Zoom  
Who: Steve Christoforou of "Be the Bee" from Y<sup>2</sup>AM

**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 Y<sup>2</sup>AM

Join us in person or virtually for a GOYA Retreat.  
Limited seating available in Parish Hall.  
Please register at:  
<https://forms.gle/gVfw2suHGBlPxyqo7>