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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt. The Epistle Hebrews 9:11-14. The Gospel is from Mark 10:32-45. John of Decapolis.

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, April 18, 10 AM
- Divine Liturgy
And Panachida for Tony, Suad's brother who recently passed away this week. Also, Gary and Maxym.

Sunday, April 18, 11:30 AM – Lenten Cook -off for Coffee Hour

Sunday, April 18, 12 noon – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, April 19, 7 PM
– Spirituality Class

Tuesday, April 20, 9 AM - Akathist

Wednesday, April 21, 6 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday, April 21, 7 PM – Lenten Meal/Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, April 22, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, April 23, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, April 24, 9 AM - Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 24, 10 AM – Breakfast and making Palm Crosses, luminaries and Easter Eggs for Pascha

Saturday, April 24, 5 PM – Vespers for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 25, 10 AM – Palms Sunday Liturgy and blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows

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.

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.

| 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!

Lazarus Saturday—Plan to join your parish family on Saturday, April 24th 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. We are looking for people to bring things for the breakfast. There is a sign-up sheet in the hall.

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).

Church Store—We are currently in the process of restocking 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.

First Toddler Class—On Saturday we had our first toddler class with Miss Elena and it went very well! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who brought our youngest parish members together for fun and socialization. Our church school teacher, Elena Gordon, has experience and wonderful ideas 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. There is also a possibility for the parents to meet with Fr.

Luke and get to know each other while their children are having fun in class. We look forward to sharing this time of fun and fellowship with you and your child and hoping to offer this class on a monthly basis. Stay tuned for the date of the next class.

OYMT Summer 2021 ASP Trip

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We have been approached by some of our teens about the possibility of going on an ASP trip this year now that many people are getting vaccinated and COVID restrictions are lifting. ASP does have space for us if we want to do a trip. They have put many COVID protocols in place, such as:

- Requiring vaccines for volunteer adults over 65 and those at high risk as well as the families we will serve
- Requiring a negative COVID test 4 days prior

to trip for those not vaccinated

- Allowing extra rooms in their centers for social distancing
- Focusing on outdoor projects as much as possible

In addition, our own team would develop safety procedures as well. The two weeks we are considering are July 3rd or July 10th. If you are interested in having your teens participate, please let Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke know asap. We will have a meeting with all parents and

teens to go over all the details of training, travel and the trip before asking for commitments. Any questions, please contact Susan at ssulich@yahoo.com.

There will be a zoom meeting this Thursday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. for all parents and teens who are interested in going on an ASP trip this summer. Use our regular meeting ID (691 544 2566) and our password (242787) for the call. Please come with any questions you have. If you are unable to be on the call you must let us know that you are interested by Thursday.

Birthdays

April	
Ava Baroody	16
Melanie Sulich	17
Rosalyn Mihaylo	18
Nectarios Moses Mihaly	20
Viorel Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Elena Gordon	27
Logan Thompson	29

Upcoming Events

Lenten Cook Off Next

Sunday—Sunday, April 18th for Coffee Hour

Save the Date! Parish Tag

Sale—May 22nd

Lazarus Saturday

—Saturday, April 24th Liturgy 9 a.m. followed by Family Breakfast and Activities

Marika Gutzman-Quinn

Vissak Wedding – Saturday, May 15th at 10 AM

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.

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.

|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.

| Pascha Breads

Pascha Breads—We will be making Pascha breads over the next two weeks for our parishioners for Easter. If you want a Pascha bread, please let Pani Bethany or Susan know.

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Help Re-Stock our Kitchen-

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

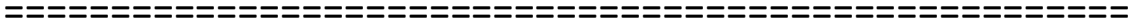
Parishioner Easter Orders -

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 2nd. We do, however, need to know what people want so please plan to order in advance. Thank you!

St. Nikolai: Repentance is the abandoning of all false paths . . .

Repentance is the abandoning of all false paths that have been trodden by men’s feet, and men’s thoughts and desires, and a return to the new path: Christ’s path. But how can a sinful man repent unless he, in his heart, meets with the Lord and knows his own shame? Before little Zacchaeus saw the Lord with his eyes, he met Him in his heart and was ashamed of all his ways.

+ St. Nikolai Velimirovic, “The Thirty-Second Sunday After Pentecost: The Gospel on Repentant Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10,” [Homilies Volume II: Sundays after Pentecost](#)



From Unseen Warfare: You must never be afraid . . . that the enemy is too strong against you, that his attacks are never ending . . .

You must never be afraid, if you are troubled by a flood of thoughts, that the enemy is too strong against you, that his attacks are never ending, that the war will last for your lifetime, and that you cannot avoid incessant downfalls of all kinds. Know that our enemies, with all their wiles, are in the hands of our divine Commander, our Lord Jesus Christ, for Whose honour and glory you are waging war. Since He himself leads you into battle, He will certainly not suffer your enemies to use violence against you and overcome you, if you do not yourself cross over to their side with your will. He will Himself fight for you and will deliver your enemies into your hands, when He wills and as He wills, as it is written: ‘The Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee’ (Deut. xxii, 14).

+ From [Unseen Warfare](#), St. Theophan the Recluse and St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain

