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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Holy
PASCHA, the
Resurrection of our Lord!
The Epistle is from Acts
1:1-8. The Gospel is from
John 1:1-17.

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, May 2, 12:05 AM –Paschal Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy followed by blessing of the Baskets and Agape Meal

**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

Sunday, May, 12 noon – Paschal Vespers followed by blessing of Baskets and continuation of the Paschal Agape meal
There is **NO FASTNG** this week!

Monday, May 3, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy Bright Monday with Procession around the church

Friday, May 7, 6 PM – Bright Friday Vespers

Saturday, May 8, 5 PM – Vespers for Thomas Sunday

Sunday, May 9, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for Thomas Sunday

Sunday, May 9, 11:30 AM – Mother's Day Brunch in lieu of Coffee Hour

This is the second of Three Announcements of the wedding of Marika Guzman and Quinn Vissak. If anyone knows of any reason why they should not be joined in Holy Matrimony please let Fr. Luke know.

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!

| Tag Sale

Tag Sale—We will be hosting a parish tag sale on Saturday, May 22nd. Spaces are available to parishioners and friends of parishioners for \$35. Please reserve a space with Lisa Farrah.

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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Trip—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.

Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Brunch—

Sunday, May 8th in lieu of coffee hour

Marika Gutzman-Quinn

Vissak Wedding – Saturday, May 15th at 10 AM

Save the Date! Parish Tag

Sale—May 22nd

Birthdays

May	
Luca Szymanowicz	5
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Gavin Davids	10
Peter & Sandi Astras	11
Kaitleen Villa	12
Jenny Fong	14
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jenny Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

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.

|Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch—Next Sunday, May 8th we will be honoring all our moms with a special coffee hour. Harry Fong and Paul Sulich are coordinating. We will need dads and children to help serve!

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



Help Re-Stock our Kitchen—We are in need of kitchen counter cleaner and napkins.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

I greet all you of on this Holy Pascha of our Lord; this Feast of Feasts, this Holy Day of Holy Days!

I want to thank everyone who helped to make this such a joyous and spiritually uplifting Lenten season and Pascha! There are so many to thank and but especially those who participated in the weekly services such as Presanctified Liturgy and made food for the Lenten meals afterwards. To Stephen Fong our choir director, our cantors, Elaine Toaso and Susan Sulich, who helped to lead the parish in our worship and all the choir members who put in countless hours of practice. Suad Behrend and Helen Galskoy who made the new white altar cloths. To Stella and Bill Woodfield who beautifully decorated the church. To all those who signed up for the Good Friday Tomb Watch, not a single hour was left open! Thank you also to all those who helped to clean the church and the grounds.

Thank you to Pani Bethany who has been my rock and support and to all my immediate family in whom I find much joy! But also, to all of you, my parish family, in whom I find such depth of soul and love for Christ! May the Light of Christ's Resurrection fill our lives so such an extent that It removes all darkness of doubt and fear in us!

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