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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

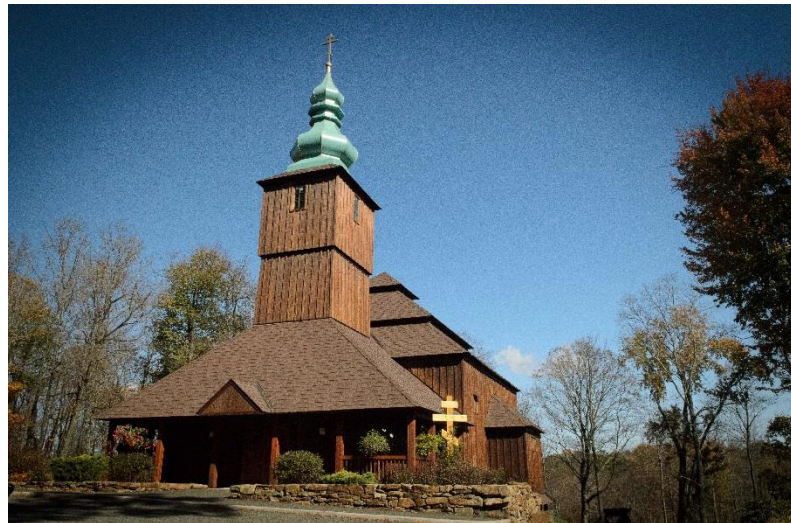
Today is Sunday of the Myrrh bearing Women. The Epistle is from Acts 6:1-7. The Gospel is from Mark 15:43-16:8.

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 16, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 16, 11:15 AM
– Panachida for Isabelle Farrington

Sunday, May 16, 2 PM -
reception at church hall in memory of William Lopez

Monday, May 17, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 18, 9 AM –
Akathist

Wednesday, May 19, 7 PM
– Adult Catechism class

Thursday, May 20, 9 AM –
New Testament Class

Friday, May 21, 9 AM – Old
Testament class

**Saturday, May 22, 9 AM –
3 PM** – Parish Tag Sale

Saturday, May 22, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, May 23, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 23, 12:30 PM
– Parish Council Meeting

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 First Epistle to the Corinthians*

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

OYMT Summer Mission

Weekends 2021—We are planning 2 OYMT home mission weekends for this summer that are open to all teens who will have finished 8th grade this year and up through high school/college. Here are the details:

- **Dates:** June 4-6 and July 16-18 (Start Friday evening, stay over at the church for training and work, finish with Liturgy on Sunday morning and coffee hour)
- **Where:** Holy Trinity, Danbury, CT

• **What:** Mission and Devotional training, Safety and Tool Training, Living in Community, Service Projects for Parish, Seniors and Community, Planning Future Mission Trips, Fun and Fellowship!

There are several new teens interested in joining our team and this will be a great opportunity for veteran teens to introduce youth mission work to them and for us all to prep for a trip next summer. We will also be reaching out to other Orthodox parishes in our area to get to know new people, socialize and introduce them to OYMT.

NEXT STEP: If you haven't already done so (leaders and teens) contact us by email or through a leader let us know that yes, you are interested and able to participate in one or both of the above weekends ASAP. We would like to hear of your commitment by May 17th in order to prep for the first weekend. We will then send you a medical form/permission slip and additional details about the weekends.

We look forward to coming together again and pursuing our goal of putting our Faith to work through missions! If you have any questions, talk to Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com) or Fr. Luke.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date! Parish Tag Sale—May 22nd

Parish Council Meeting—Sunday, May 23rd after coffee hour

Dorothy Day—Friday, June 7th 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Ascension—Thursday, June 10th

Pentecost/Father's Day—June 20th Mom's and Children hosting Coffee Hour

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.

|Graduate Sunday

Graduate Sunday—It's that time of year when we will be looking to honor our parish graduates. If anyone in your family is graduating, please let Susan Sulich know. Most helpful is to send name of graduate, what and where they are graduating from and any future plans to ssulich@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for the date of Graduate Sunday.

Birthdays

May	
Kaitleen Villa	12
Jennie Fong	14
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jennie Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevjanik	31
Ken Borsari	31

Mortgage Pay Down Month—

As determined at our Annual Parish Meeting, the parish will be making an extra payment to the mortgage principal quarterly. The next paydown will be at the end of May. If you wish to make a contribution specifically for paying down the mortgage please mark your donation accordingly. We will also be counting up the change in our mortgage jar.

Choir News—Have you ever thought about joining the choir? Now's the time! We are just starting up again with some new members. We are looking forward to going over music we know both plain chant and choral and also learning new music. We have rehearsals every Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the choir loft. If you are interested in being a part of the choir, talk to Stephen Fong in person or by email: shteevbo@aol.com.

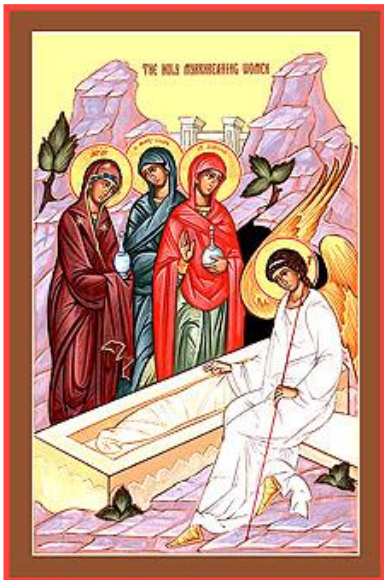
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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



Help Re-Stock our

Kitchen—We are in need of kitchen counter cleaner and napkins.



Sunday of the Holy Myrrh bearing Women with the Noble Joseph

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikodemos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikodemos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.
