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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday of the Paralytic. The Epistle is from Acts 9:32-42. The Gospel is from John 5:1-15. Venerable Michael.

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 23, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 23, 11:15 AM – Panachida for Olga, Chrissanth's mother.

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

Monday, May 24, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 25, 9 AM – Akathist

Wednesday, May 26, 9 AM
_ Liturgy Feast of Mid-Pentecost

Thursday, May 27, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, May 28, 9 AM – Old Testament class

Saturday, May 29, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, May 30, 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.



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!

| Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale: Our next monthly bake sale will be Thursday June 3rd from 4-6 p.m. Spread the word to your family and friends!

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- and July 16-1
- **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.

Birthdays

May	
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jennie Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Joe Derevanik	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.

Upcoming Events

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

Ascension—Thursday, June 10th

Monthly Bake Sale— Thursday, June 3rd 4-6 p.m.

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

OYMT Home Mission Weekend—Friday June 4- Saturday June 5.

Dorothy Day—Friday, June 4th 1:30-5:00 p.m.

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.

Sunday of the Paralytic

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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.



On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him.

Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."

Reading

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool. It had round about it five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various maladies, awaiting the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralytic of today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Wilt thou be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the expounders of the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.
