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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Twenty-First
Sunday after Pentecost.
The Epistle is from
Galatians 2:16-20. The
Gospel is from Luke 10:25-
37. Apostle Philip and
Gregory Palamas.

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, November 14, 10

AM – Divine Liturgy and
collection for our
Seminarian, Nicholas Fong

Sunday, November 14, 1

PM – OYMT presentation at
Holy Trinity Greek
Orthodox church, Bridgeport

Monday, November 15,

**Beginning of the
Advent/Nativity Fast**

Monday, November 15, 7 PM

– Spirituality Class

Tuesday, November 16, 8:30

AM - Akathist

Tuesday, November 16,

9:15 AM - Perogie Session

Wednesday, November 17,

6 PM – Daily Vespers

Wednesday, November 17,

7 PM – Adult Catechism
Class

Thursday, November 18, 9

AM – New Testament Class

Thursday, November 18,

5:30 PM - Kielbasa Making

Friday, November 19, 9

AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, November 19, 11

AM – Set up for Bake
Sale

Friday, November 19, 6
PM – Daily Vespers

Saturday, November 20,
10 AM to 3 PM –
Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Saturday, November 20,
5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, November 21,
10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 21,
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.

Seminarian Collection Sunday Nov. 14th—On Sunday, Nov. 14th we will be taking a collection for our parish's seminarian Nicholas Fong. Please make checks out to Holy Trinity and help support Nick and his family in this Holy endeavor.

Archaeology Dig—Last Tuesday we completed the archaeology dig at the site of the old church at St. Platon's Cemetery. We found lots of glass, nails and some metal objects that may have been part of windows or possibly a wood stove. Thank you to Bob and Mary Jo Young and retired State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni and his crew for arranging and giving their time in this effort.

Parish Men's Group

Parish Men's Group – The Men will be making kielbasa on Thursday, November 18. We need to make about 90 pounds of kielbasa. All are welcome.

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.

St. Nicholas Brunch

St. Nicholas Brunch— On Sunday, Dec. 5th we will have our St. Nicholas Brunch in lieu of coffee hour. It will be a potluck supper— St. Nicholas is a fast free feast. See sign-up sheet in the hall. St. Nicholas will visit our parish with gifts for the children. We will also have our Secret Santa for all who would like to participate.

| Parking Lot Paving

Parking Lot Paving— As you can see our parking lot has been paved! Thank you to everyone who has donated toward this project and for your cooperation this week on paving days. We will be looking into getting new lines painted for parking spaces soon. As a reminder, we are still seeking donations to help cover the cost of the paving. These will be applied directly to the loan that we took out for this work.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have several 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 Religion of the Apostles*

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 **The Book of Esther.**

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 Order Your Christmas Cards from the Church Store—It's time to order Christmas cards and if you normally get yours from Ancient Faith you can order through our church store. You will have the same selection and pay the same price but the church will get the profit. See Lisa Farrah to order. Also, if there are any items you would like to see in our church store for the holidays, please let Lisa or Sarah Mannello know.

Secret Santa Drawing Nov. 21st—We will have our Secret Santa as part of our St. Nicholas Brunch on Sunday Dec. 5th. Here's how it works: on Sunday Nov. 21st we will have the name drawing. Put your name in and draw one name out. Get a small gift for the person you pick (\$15 limit). Wrap and bring to the St. Nicholas Brunch and present to your person.

OYMT Holiday Shopping Boutique - Sunday, Nov. 28th 2 pm to 6 pm. at Beth Rzyk's home, 5 Honey Hollow Court, Katonah, NY. After frenzied Black Friday come enjoy a luxury shopping experience and benefit OYMT. Enjoy festive refreshments and raffle prizes as you find beautiful gifts for everyone on your list from our wonderful vendors. See attached flyer. Vendors include Mary Kay, Touchstone Crystal Jewelry, New England Abbey Candles, Sarah's Stampin' Up Cards, Ana's Llamas Wraps and Sweaters, and Cabi Clothing. OYMT members will be selling shopping passes during coffee hour for \$5. All pass holders will also be entered in a door prize raffle—winner need not be present.

OYMT Update

OYMT Updates--OYMT has set the date for its summer youth mission trip. We will again be working with Appalachia Service Project and our trip will take place from July 9-17. We are seeking teens currently in grades 8-12 as well as adult leaders who wish to participate. Commitments will be needed in November and training for the mission trip will begin in January. If you have are interested in participating or have any questions, please see Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

| Time to Make the Perogies

Time to Make the Perogies—After the sales at the Perogie Dash Road Race we sold all of our perogies except a few dozen prune. Fall sessions have started up on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. following the weekly Akathist service which will now start at 8:30 a.m. New and veteran pinchers are welcome!

| Holiday Bake and Craft Sales

Holiday Bake and Craft Sales Coming Up—The Thanksgiving sale will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20th from 10 am to 3 pm and the Christmas sale will take place on Dec. 11th from 10 am to 3 pm. Thank you to everyone who is already helping with the baking, cooking and publicity for the sale. We will also need helpers to set up and work at the sale and in the kitchen on the days of the sale. We are currently taking reservations for crafters. If you or someone you know is a producer of fine, homemade artisan crafts please encourage them to join us. A limited number of tables are available at a cost of \$35.

Birthdays

November	
Paul Sulich, Jr.	7
Elaine Petrik-Sirak	7
Diana Kuo	7
Paul & Elaine Toaso - Anniversary	9
Kathryn Kerpchar	9
Nataly Guerrero	10
Lukas Todosiev	10
Sophia Baroodly	11
Andrew Timosca	11
Michael Dran	12
Tennessee Molineaux	13
Matthias Robert Paltauf	13
Daniel John Huott	13
Michelle Duclos	18
Andrei Zubek	21
Sandi Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

Upcoming Events

Seminarian Collection

Nicholas Fong—Sunday Nov. 14th

OYMT Presentation at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church—

Sunday, Nov. 14th 1:00 p.m.

Kielbasa Making—

Thursday, Nov. 18th—5:30 p.m.

Bake Sale Set Up—Friday,

Nov. 19th 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Bake and Craft Sale--Saturday, Nov.

20th 10 am to 3 pm

Parish Council Meeting –

November 21

Secret Santa Drawing—

Sunday Nov. 21st Following liturgy

OYMT Holiday Shopping

Boutique - Sunday, Nov. 28th 2 pm to 6 pm.

Commitments due for OYMT 2022 youth mission

trip - December 1st-

St. Nicholas Brunch--

Sunday, Dec. 5th in place of coffee hour.

Orthodox Youth Mission

Team Kick Off and Fundraising Meeting--

Sunday, December 5th 3-6 p.m.

Christmas Bake and Craft

Sale--Saturday, Dec. 11th 10 am to 3 pm.

Toddler Class

Toddler Class—We are continuing our toddler/parent classes at the church. We are planning to gather on Saturdays, Nov. 27th, December 4th and December 18th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon Please let Fr. Luke know if your family can attend on these dates.

| 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#: 212D. The full address is: Mrs. Marilyn Zaengle – Room #212D, Bethel Health Care Center, 13 Park Lawn Dr, Bethel, CT 06801.

| Kielbasa Making

Kielbasa Making—We will be making kielbasa on Thursday, Nov. 18th. Anyone interested in participating please see Fr. Luke.

Lenox Retreat—We had a very enjoyable retreat last weekend in Lenox. Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary gave a thought-provoking presentation and we have 31 attendees. Our old inn, Church Street Inn is back and newly refurbished and provided a great spot to come together once again. It was great to see so many veteran and new participants and we are already looking forward to next year's retreat. Save the date: Nov. 4-6, 2022.

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



Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—We are currently in need of decaf coffee and paper towels.

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, Dec.

10th If you are able to help for all or part of the afternoon, please let Susan Sulich know.

Community service hours available for high school students who need them! If you are interested in cooking something for Dorothy Day that can be made ahead and frozen, please let us know.

Parish Christmas Unction Service – December 8 at 6 PM

Perogie Dash Hospice Donation—This week we presented Regional Hospice of Western Connecticut with a check for \$2,000 for their Healing Hearts Program from the proceeds of the Perogie Dash held this past August. Thank you again to all who volunteered for the road race and all our runners and walkers!

Christians live between the two comings of Christ. They remember His first coming to be sacrificed. They anticipate His second coming to reign. This is vividly portrayed in traditional Orthodox church buildings where the "royal gates" of the icon screen in front of the altar table are flanked by the icons of the Theotokos and Child on the one side, and the Lord Jesus in glory on the other. To the uninitiated it may seem as though these are simply pictures of Mary and Jesus put on the same level. This is not so. The icons which frame the Orthodox altar are images of the two comings of Christ. Mary is not alone in her icon; she is holding the Christ Child, who is not shown as a baby, but as the Son of God incarnate "in the form of a slave... in the likeness of men" (Phil 2:7). This is the icon of Christ's first coming. And the icon on the right of the doors is not a picture of Jesus as He was on the earth. It is His image in glory as King and Lord, the icon of His second coming.

The two comings of Christ are held together in Christian thought, action, and prayer at all times. They cannot be separated. When they are, it is the end of Christian faith, life and worship. The first coming without the second is a meaningless tragedy. The second coming without the first is an absurd impossibility. Jesus is born to bring God's kingdom. He dies to prove His kingship. He rises to establish his reign. He comes again in glory to share it with His people. In the kingdom of God there are no subjects. All rule with the risen Messiah. He came, and is coming, for this purpose alone.

Fr. Thomas Hopko

