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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost and the Feast of the Entrance of the Mother God into the Temple. The Epistle is from Hebrews 9:1-7. The Gospel is from Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28.

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 21, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 21, 11:15 AM – Panachida for John Mannello, and for Galina

Sunday, November 21, 11:30 Am – Pull names for Secret Santa

Sunday, November 21, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, November 22, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, November 23, 8:30 AM - Akathist

Tuesday, November 23, 9:15 AM - Perogie Session

Wednesday, November 24, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Thursday, November 25 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 26, 9:30 AM – Liturgy in memory of Orestes Mihaly III

Friday, November 26, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Saturday, November 27, 10 AM to 12 noon – Toddler Class

Saturday, November 27, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, November 28, 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/htoccdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

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, **Gregory of Nyssa: Catechetical Discourse.**

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.

| Perogie Update

Perogie Update—Due to the brisk sales at our Thanksgiving Bake Sale we will have a perogie session this coming Tuesday and the following two Tuesdays leading up to our Christmas Bake and Craft Sale. Thank you to all our faithful pinchers!

| Christmas Bake and Craft Sales

Christmas Bake and Craft Sales Coming Up—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	
Michelle Duclos	18
Andrei Zubek	21
Sandi Fong	23
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30

Upcoming Events

Parish Council Meeting – November 21

Secret Santa Drawing— Sunday Nov. 21st Following liturgy

Memorial Liturgy for Orestes Mihaly III—Friday, Nov. 26th 9:30 a.m.

Toddler class – Saturday, November 27, 10 AM to 12 noon

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

Commitments due for

OYMT 2022 youth mission trip - December 1st

Toddler class – Saturday, December 4, 10 AM to 12 noon

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 Unction Service—Wednesday, Dec.

8th at 6 p.m.

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen – Friday, December 10, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Christmas Bake and Craft Sale--Saturday, Dec. 11th 10 am to 3 pm.

Toddler Class – Saturday, December 18, 10 AM to 12 noon

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.

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Help Restock Our Kitchen—We are currently in need of sturdy paper plates, 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—Last 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!

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

Protevangelion Story

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

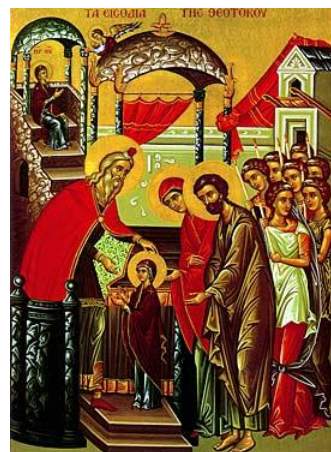
When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.



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