

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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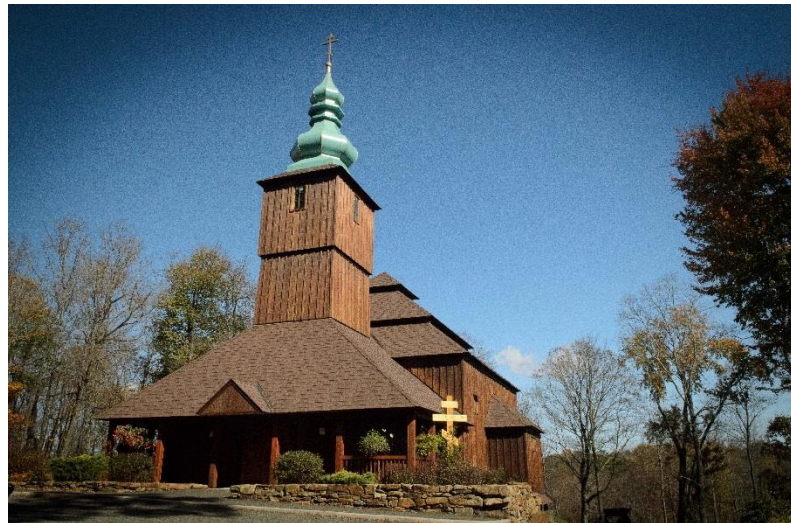
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from Ephesians 2:4-10. The Gospel is from Luke 13:10-17. Martyr Stephen the New.

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 28, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, November 28, 2 pm to 6 PM** – OYMT Holiday Shopping Boutique

**Tuesday, November 30, 9:15 AM** - Perogie Session

**Thursday, December 2, 9 AM** – New Testament Class

**Friday, December 3, 9 AM** – Old Testament Class

**Friday, December 3, 6 PM** – Daily Vespers

**Saturday, December 4, 10 AM to 12 noon** – Toddler Class

**Saturday, December 4, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, December 5, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site [www.holytrinitydanbury.org](http://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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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).

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**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 Nov. 21st**—We will reveal our identity to our Secret Santa as part of our St. Nicholas Brunch on Sunday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>November</b>	
Robert Young	27
Nicholas Gross	30
<b>December</b>	
Luke Faubel	4
Dominic Scalzo	6
Sarah Mannello	7
Michael Kerpchar	8
Trianna Gutzman	10
Frank Scalzo	13
Willi Jacob Gartner	16
Chrissanth Gross	22
Alex Sirak	22
John Cole Mihaly	27
Ralph & Donna Loomis - Anniversary	28
Elaine Toaso	30
Michael Scalzo	31

## Upcoming Events

### OYMT Holiday Shopping

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

### Christmas Unction

**Service**—Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Commitments due for OYMT 2022 youth mission trip** - December 1<sup>st</sup>

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

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

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

**St. Nicholas Brunch**--Sunday, Dec. 5th in place of coffee hour.

**Parish Council Meeting**— Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> following coffee hour

### Orthodox Youth Mission

**Team Kick Off and Fundraising Meeting**-- Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 3-6 p.m.

**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. 27<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> 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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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



**St. John Maximovitch: God's grace always assists those who struggle, but this does not mean that a struggler is always . . .**

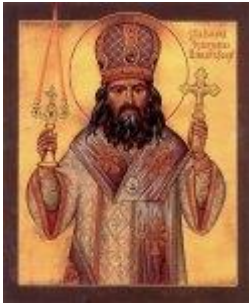
God's grace always assists those who struggle, but this does not mean that a struggler is always in the position of a victor. Sometimes in the arena the wild animals did not touch the righteous ones, but by no means were they all preserved untouched.

What is important is not victory or the position of a victor, but rather the labor of striving towards God and devotion to Him.

Though a man may be found in a weak state, that does not at all mean that he has been abandoned by God. On the cross, the Lord Jesus Christ was in trouble, as the world sees things. But when the sinful world considered Him to be completely destroyed, in fact He was victorious over death and hades. The Lord did not promise us positions as victors as a reward for righteousness, but told us, "In the world you will have tribulation — but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

The power of God is effective when a person asks for the help from God, acknowledging his own weakness and sinfulness. This is why humility and the striving towards God are the fundamental virtues of a Christian.

+ St. John Maximovitch



**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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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!