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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

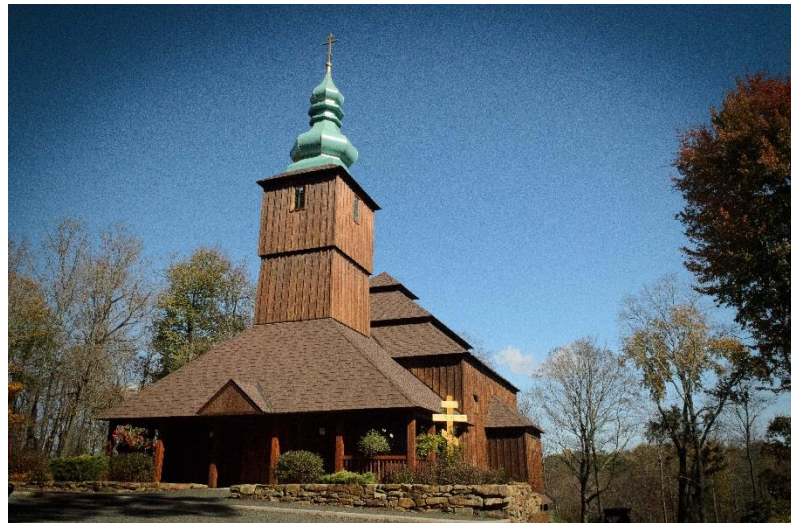
Today is Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. The Epistle is from Ephesians 2:14-22. The Gospel is from Luke 17:12-19. Sabbas the Sanctified.

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, December 5, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy	Tuesday, December 7, 8:30 AM – Akathist	AM – Set up for Bake Sale
Sunday, December 5, 11:30 AM – St. Nicholas Brunch	Tuesday, December 7, 9:15 AM - Perogie Session	Friday, December 10, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen
Sunday, December 5, 2 PM – Vesper for St. Nicholas	Wednesday, December 8, 6 PM – Unction Service	Friday, December 10, 6 PM – Daily Vespers
Sunday, December 5, 3 pm to 5 PM – OYMT Meeting	Thursday, December 9, 9 AM – New Testament Class	Saturday, December 11, 10 AM to 3 PM – Christmas Bake Sale
Monday, December 6, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas	Thursday, December 9, 5 PM – Kielbasa Making Session	Saturday, December 11, 5 PM – Vespers
Monday, December 6, 7 pm - Spirituality Class	Friday, December 10, 9 AM – Old Testament Class	Sunday, December 12, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy
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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.

Help St. Nicholas— Parents: St. Nicholas will be asking our youth today to help spread joy this holiday season by mailing Christmas cards to some members of our parish family. Please talk to your children about who they are sending cards to and help ensure these get completed and mailed in a timely manner. It's a great chance to focus on giving this season!

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.

| Parish Christmas Card

Parish Christmas Card—It's that time of year! Our parish Christmas card will be mailed out shortly. Lisa Farrah will be circulating during coffee hour to ensure the correct listing for you and/or your family. Donations towards postage and printing cost greatly appreciated.

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 Nov. 21st—We will reveal our identity to our Secret Santa as part of our St. Nicholas Brunch on Sunday Dec. 5th. 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 - Many thanks to everyone who shopped last week—your purchases significantly helped our team! Pani Bethany will continue to take orders with a percentage going to OYMT until St. Nicholas Day! Your support of the youth mission team is greatly appreciated!

OYMT Update

OYMT Updates--Today we will have the first get together for the Orthodox Youth Mission Team 2022 here at 3 p.m. Anyone who is interested in meeting other team members and finding out more about the mission is welcome to attend. 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.

| Christmas Bake and Craft Sales

Bake Sale Help Needed—Our Christmas Bake and Craft Sale is set for this coming Saturday, Dec. 11th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you can work either 9-12 or 12-3 (or some other time) please let Susan Sulich know so that we are sure we have enough helpers. Thank you! This is a great chance to meet neighbors and community members who come to support our parish.

| Ladies Get Together

Ladies Get Together Dec. 17th—All the women of the parish are invited to Susan Sulich's home on Friday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. to spend time together. There will be an ornament exchange for anyone who would like to participate. Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. Please R.S.V.P. to Susan (203-947-7405) by Monday, Dec. 13th.

Birthdays

December	
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

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

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

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.

Christmas Unction Service— Wednesday, Dec. 8th at 6 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting— Sunday, Dec. 12th following coffee hour

Kielbasa Making—Thursday, Dec. 9th

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

Bake Sale Set Up and Cookie and Kielbasa Packaging— Friday, Dec. 10th at 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Dinner Dance—Saturday, Jan. 15th

Toddler Class

Toddler Class—We are continuing our toddler/parent classes at the church. We are planning to gather on Saturday, 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.

| New Year's Dinner Dance

New Year's Dinner Dance—Save the Date! We will be having our New Year's Dinner Dance on Saturday, Jan. 15th. We will once again have our wonderful DJ, Bill Lopez. More details coming soon!

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Commemorated on [December 6](#)

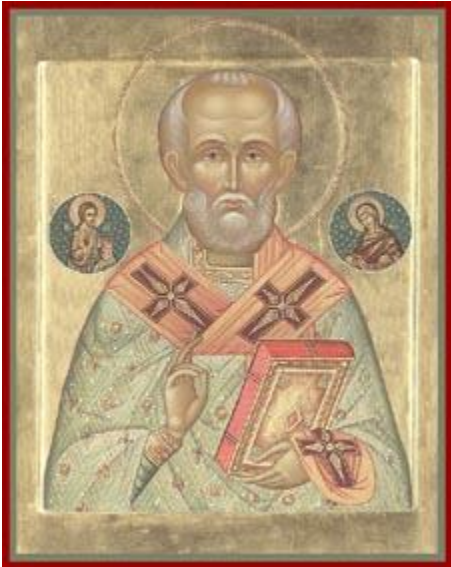
Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula) and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. Saint Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord the youth was fervent of spirit, and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kind-heartedness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

There was a certain formerly rich inhabitant of Patara, whom Saint Nicholas saved from great sin. The man had three grown daughters, and in desperation he planned to sell their bodies so they would have money for food. The saint, learning of the man's poverty and of his wicked intention, secretly visited him one night and threw a sack of gold through the window. With the money the man arranged an honorable marriage for his daughter. Saint Nicholas also provided gold for the other daughters, thereby saving the family from falling into spiritual destruction. In bestowing charity, Saint Nicholas always strove to do this secretly and to conceal his good deeds.



To read the rest of the life of St. Nicholas please click here: [The Life of St. Nicholas](#)

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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