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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ. The Epistle is from Colossians 3:4-11. The Gospel is from Luke 14:16-24. Spyridon the Wonderworker.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, December 12, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 12, 11:30 AM – Panachida for the Sulich/Kuziak Family and Stanika Bundra, Viorel Bundra's mother

Sunday, December 12, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, December 13, 7 pm - Spirituality Class

Tuesday, December 14, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Wednesday, December 15, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 15, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, December 16, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, December 17, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Friday, December 17, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Friday, December 17, 6:30 PM – Ladies ornament exchange at Sulich's home

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

Saturday, December 18, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, December 19, 9 AM - Chrismation of Ralph and Donna Loomis

Sunday, December 19, 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.

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!

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.

| Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, February 11th 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.

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.

OYMT Selling Toffee Treats—Support the Orthodox Youth Mission Team by purchasing a beautifully wrapped bag of Toffee Treats, handmade by youth mission team members. Toffee Treats will be for sale during coffee hour for \$5 a bag. Thank you!

Christmas Bake and Craft Sale—Thank you very much to everyone who helped cook, bake, pinch perogies, make kielbasa, set up, staff and clean up after our Bake and Craft Sale yesterday. It was a wonderful day and great success. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community coming out again and there were many compliments on our homemade foods. The joy we have in working together is evident throughout the sale and to all we serve.

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	
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

Parish Council Meeting—

Sunday, Dec. 12th following coffee hour

Toddler Class – Saturday,

December 18, 10 AM to 12 noon

New Year's Dinner Dance—

Saturday, Jan. 15th

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen –

Friday, February 11

Wild Game and Ethnic

Dinner – Saturday, February 19

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!

Sunday of the Forefathers

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



Help Restock Our Kitchen—We are currently in need of sturdy paper plates, decaf coffee and paper towels.

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).



Righteous Noah

The Righteous Noah is mentioned in the Book of Genesis (chapters 5-9).

Seeing the wicked deeds of men, God decided to destroy man from the earth, and even cattle, reptiles, and birds. But Noah found favor with the Lord, Who spared him, his sons and their wives. Therefore, God commanded Noah to build an ark and take two pairs of every creature into it. Then it rained for forty days and nights, and men and animals perished in the flood. The water remained on the earth for 150 days, then God blessed Noah and his sons, telling them to increase and multiply (Genesis 9:7).

Through Noah's sons Shem, Ham and Japheth, the earth was repopulated, and God promised not to destroy the world by water again. Noah reposed at the age of 950 (Genesis 9:29). The ark is a figure of the Church, which is called the Ark of Salvation.

While speaking about the end of the world, the Savior told His disciples: "As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man" (Matthew 24:37-39).

