

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

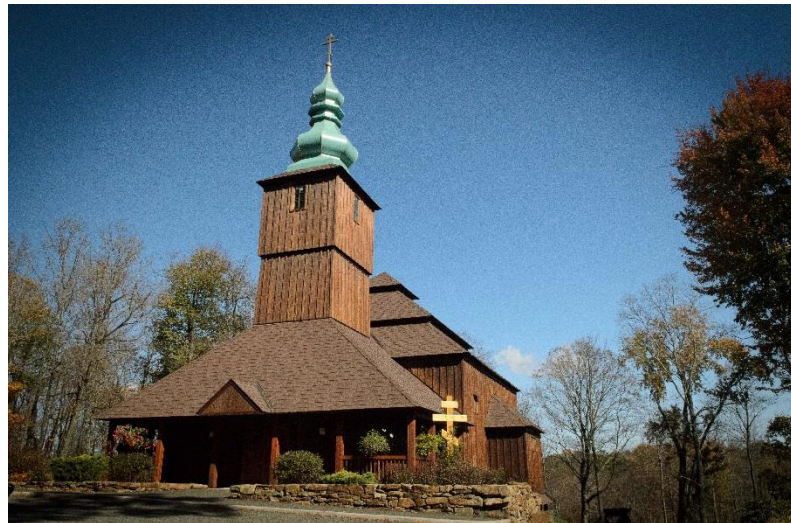
Today is Sunday before the Nativity of Christ. The Epistle is from Hebrew 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40. The Gospel is from Matthew 1:1-25. Martyr Boniface.

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 19, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 20, 7 pm - Spirituality Class

Tuesday, December 21, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Wednesday, December 22, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Wednesday, December 22, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Friday, December 24, 9 AM – Royal Hours

Friday, December 24, 5 PM – Holy Supper Strict Fast

Friday, December 24, 7 PM – Nativity Complines

Saturday, December 25, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ

Sunday, December 26, 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/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Parish Movie Night

Parish Movie Night—
On Wednesday, Dec. 29th we will have a family parish movie night at 6 p.m. Feel free to bring potluck to share. We plan to show *Evan Almighty* which is appropriate for all ages.

| 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.

| Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting—Our annual parish meeting has been set for Sunday, Jan. 30th immediately following Liturgy. Your attendance and input is very important to the taking care of the business of the parish. Please plan to attend.

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 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.

| New Donation Envelopes

New Donation Envelopes— Envelopes for 2022 are in. If this is your preferred method of making donations please see Susan Sulich to get your new envelopes. NOTE: We will be starting with all new numbers this year.

Birthdays

December	
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

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen – Friday, February 11

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

Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner – Saturday, February 19

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

Parish Council Meeting— Sunday, Jan. 23rd following coffee hour

Annual Parish Meeting— Sunday, Jan. 30th following Liturgy

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—On Saturday, Jan. 15th we will have our New Year's Dinner Dance. Cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Dinner and Dancing with our wonderful DJ Bill Lopez. Tickets are \$40 per person. BYOB Please see Bethany or Susan Sulich to reserve your seats or a table of 8. Tickets are limited.

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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.



Adam and Eve (the first-created), the righteous Abel, son of Adam, the righteous Seth, son of Adam, the righteous Enos, son of Seth, the righteous Kenan, son of Enos, the righteous Mehaliel (Maleleim), son of Kenan, the righteous Jared, son of Mehaliel, the righteous Enoch, son of Jared, the righteous Methuselah, son of Enoch, the righteous Lamech, son of Methuselah, the righteous Noah, son of Lamech, the righteous Shem, son of Noah, the righteous Japheth, son of Noah, the righteous Arphachshad, son of Shem, the righteous Canaan, son of Arphachshad (in some versions of the OT, Canaan is called the son of Ham), the righteous Shelah, son of Canaan (some versions of the OT call Shelah the son of Arphachshad), the righteous Eber (from whom the Hebrews take their name), son of Shelah, the righteous Peleg, son of Eber, the righteous Ragab (Reu), son of Peleg, the righteous Serug, son of Ragab, the righteous Nahor, son of Serug, the righteous Terah, son of Serug.

The holy Patriarchs: the righteous Patriarch Abraham, son of Terah, the righteous Patriarch Isaac, son of Abraham, the righteous Patriarch Jacob, son of Isaac, the righteous Patriarch Reuben, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Simeon, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Levi, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Judah (Christ was of this tribe), the righteous Patriarch Zebulon, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Issachar, son of Jacob and Leah, the righteous Patriarch Dan, son of Jacob and Bilhah (Rachel's maid), the righteous Patriarch Gad, son of Jacob and Zilpah (Leah's maid), the righteous Patriarch Asher, son of Jacob and Zilpah, the righteous Patriarch Naphtali, son of Jacob and Bilhah, the righteous Patriarch Joseph, son of Jacob and Rachel, the righteous Patriarch Benjamin, son of Jacob and Rachel.

The righteous Pharez and Zerah, twin sons of Judah, the righteous Hezron, son of Pharez, the righteous Aram, son of Hezron, the righteous Aminadab, son of Aram, the righteous Nahshon, son of Aminadab, the righteous Salmon, son of Nahshon, the righteous Boaz, son of Salmon, the righteous Obed, son of Boaz and Ruth, the righteous Jesse, son of Obed.

The holy Prophet-King David, son of Jesse, King Solomon, son of David, King Rehoboam, son of Solomon, King Abijah, son of Rehoboam, King Asa, son of Abijah, King Jehosaphat, son of Asa, King Joram (Jehoram, an evil king), son of Jehosaphat, King Ochoziah (Ahaziah), son of Joram, King Jotham, son of Uzziah (Oziah), King Ahaz (a faithless king), son of Jotham, King Hezekiah, son of Ahaz, King Manesseh, son of Hezekiah, King Amos (Ammon), son of Manesseh, King Josiah, son of Amos, King Jechoniah, son of Josiah.

Shealtiel, son of Jechoniah, Zerubbabel (who led captives back to Jerusalem, and laid the foundations of the new Temple), son of Shealtiel, Abiud, son of Zerubbabel, Eliachem, son of Abiud, Azor, son of Eliachem, Zadok, son of Azor, Achim, son of Zadok, Eliud, son of Achim, Eleazar, son of Eliud, Matthan, son of Eleazar, Jacob, son of Matthan, St Joseph the Betrothed, son of Jacob.

The righteous Melchizedek, King of Salem, the righteous Job, the holy Prophet Moses, the priests Hur and Aaron, Joshua, son of Nun.

The holy prophet Samuel, the holy prophet Nathan, the holy prophet Daniel, the three holy youths Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

The righteous Sarah, wife of Abraham, the righteous Rebecca, wife of Isaac, the righteous Leah, first wife of Jacob, the righteous Rachel, second wife of Jacob, the righteous Asineth, wife of Patriarch Joseph the all-comely, the righteous Miriam, sister of Moses, the righteous Deborah, Judge of Israel and prophetess, the righteous Ruth, wife of Boaz, the righteous woman of Zarephath, to whom Elias was sent (3 Kings 17), the righteous woman of Shunem, who was hospitable to Elisha (4 Kings 4), the righteous Judith, slayer of Holofernes, the righteous Esther, who delivered Israel from death, the righteous Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel, the righteous Susanna.