

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday before Theophany. The Epistle is from 2 Timothy 4:5-8. The Gospel is from mark 1:1-8. Saint Sylvester.

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, January 2, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy  
**Sunday, January 9, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy – Sunday after Theophany

**Monday, January 3, 7 PM**  
 – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, January 4, 8:30 AM** - Akathist

**Wednesday, January 5, 6 PM**  
 – Vigil Theophany and Great Blessing of Water

**Thursday, January 6, 9 AM** – Divine Liturgy Theophany

**Saturday, January 8, 5 PM** – Vespers

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/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

## Dorothy Day

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

## | Annual Meeting

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

## | Kitchen Crew Lunch

**Kitchen Crew Lunch**—Hello perogie pinchers, roll bakers, cookie, stuffed cabbage and kielbasa makers. We are thinking it would be nice to take a break and enjoy some fun together before we start up production again for the spring sales. We would like to get together and go out to lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are available to attend by 1/11/22. We will start making perogies again the following Tuesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

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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 **Maccabees.**

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**—Need a gift? Consider shopping in our Church Store. Your purchase benefits the parish and we have a beautiful selection of icons, jewelry, books and religious items. If there are any items you would like to see in our store please let Lisa Farrah or Sarah Mannello know.

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## 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.

## Upcoming Events

**New Year's Dinner Dance**— Saturday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner** – Saturday, February 19

**Parish Council Meeting**— Sunday, Jan.23<sup>rd</sup> following coffee hour

**OYMT Training Session #1** - Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-5 p.m.

**Annual Parish Meeting**— Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> following Liturgy

**Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen** – Friday, February 11

## Birthdays

<b>December</b>	
John Cole Mihaly	27
Ralph & Donna Loomis - Anniversary	28
Elaine Toaso	30
Michael Scalzo	31
<b>January</b>	
Andres Villa	1
Adam Varney	2
Pablo Gabriel Villa	3
Mary Dugal	10
Eric Evans	13
Jesse Carrier & Mara Miller - Anniversary	13
Jack Carrier	15
Peggy Scalzo	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Aidan Davids	18
Peggy Scalzo	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Aidan Davids	18
Connie Somoskovec	30

## 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. 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Commemorated on [January 6](#)

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



**Please help Restock  
Our Kitchen—We are  
in need of sturdy paper  
plates and paper  
towels. Thank you!**



Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death” (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and Saint Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany.

The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at Orthodox services even today.

Saint John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but “to bury human sin by water,” to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify “the nature of water” and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

On the day of Theophany, all foods are permitted, even if the Feast falls on a Wednesday or Friday.