

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday after Theophany. The Epistle is from Ephesians 4:7-13. The Gospel is from Matthew 4:12-17. Polyectus.

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

**Sunday, January 9, 11:15 AM**  
– Panachida for Daniel Stagen, Paul Stagen's brother.

**Monday, January 10, 7 PM**  
– Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, January 11, 8:30 AM**  
– Akathist

**Wednesday, January 12, 6 PM**  
– Daily Vespers

**Wednesday, January 12, 7 PM**  
– Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, January 13, 9 AM**  
– New Testament class

**Friday, January 14, 9 AM**  
– Old Testament class

**Saturday, January 15, 4 PM**  
– Vespers

**Saturday, January 15, 6 PM**  
– New Years Dance

**Sunday, January 16, 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/htocdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

**Movie Night**—On Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a movie night geared to the adults in the parish immediately following Vespers at about 6:45 p.m. Movie to be announced. Pot luck refreshments.

## 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.

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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.

## | 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, jam 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. 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are available to attend by 1/17/22.

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).

**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.

**Family Movie Night**—We have rescheduled our Family Movie Night to Friday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. We are hoping this will be an opportunity for some of church school children to come together as well since it has been difficult finding times that work for everyone. We are planning to show the movie, *Evan Almighty*. We will also get pizza. All are welcome! Many thanks to Orestes Mihaly and Paul Sulich for installing our new big screen T.V.!

**Monthly Bake Sale and Takeout Night**—On Thursday Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have our regular monthly bake sale with the addition of hot to-go meals available. On the menu will be stuffed cabbage, kielbasa sandwiches and perogies. We will be offering takeout meals on a pre-order basis only. We will need some additional help to cook and package the takeout meals. If you would like to help, see Helen Galskoy or Susan Sulich. Details for ordering will be sent with our monthly bake sale announcement.

## OYMT Update

**OYMT Updates**—Thank you to everyone who supported our youth mission team by participating in our Sip and Shop fundraiser and purchasing our Toffee Treats during the holidays. Our team is set and we will be having our first training session at Holy Trinity on Sunday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5 p.m. We are once again planning to go on a summer mission trip through the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). The trip will take place from July 9-17.

## | 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.

## | Parish Council Positions

**Open Parish Council Positions**—We have a few positions open on our parish council for 2022. If you are interested in giving your time and talents to help with the administration of the parish, please talk to Susan Sulich about what positions are available.

## Birthdays

January	
Mary Dugal	10
Eric Evans	13
Jesse Carrier & Mara Miller - Anniversary	13
Jack Carrier	15
Peggy Scalzo	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Aidan Davids	18
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Aidan Davids	18
Connie Somoskovec	30

## Upcoming Events

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

**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.

**Kitchen Crew Lunch**—Tuesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Location TBD.

**Family Movie Night**—Friday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.

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

**Monthly Bake Sale and Take Out Night**—Thurs. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 4-6 p.m.

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

**Movie Night**—Sat. Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> following Vespers (about 6:45 p.m.)

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

## 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.

## | Perogie Making

**Perogie Making**—We will resume perogie making this Tuesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15, immediately following our weekly Akathist service. All new and veteran pinchers are welcome.

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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!**



Fr. Luke is scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

#### PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

- 1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.
- 2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.
- 8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

**No one is obligated** to have their homes blessed, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the church to come into your home, for me to visit with you and your family. It would be a shame to lose this tradition as it is a great opportunity for priest and parishioners to bond and connect in your homes.

Also note, that you can have your home blessed at any time of the year as can water, if needed. It is traditional to do both around Theophany.