

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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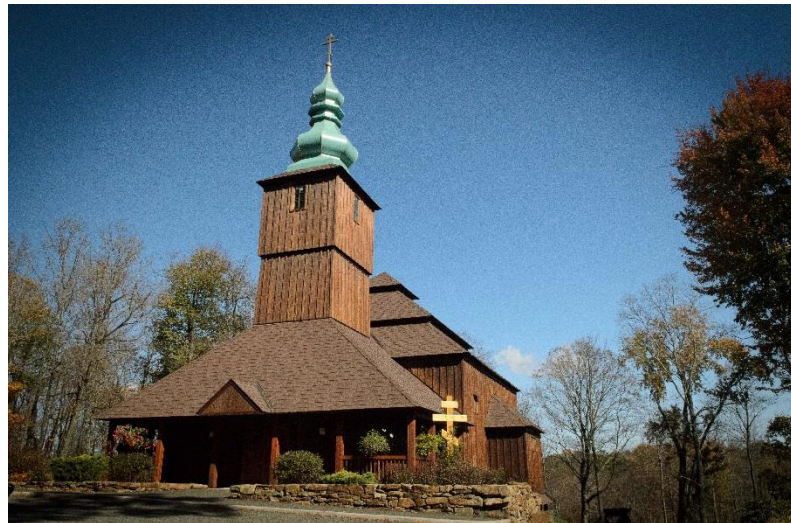
## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday after the Nativity of Christ. The Epistle is from Hebrew 2:11-18. The Gospel is from Matthew 2:13-23. Synaxis of the Mother of God.

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 26, 9

AM – Reader Service led by Christopher Mihaly

Saturday, January 1, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, January 2, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Sunday before Theophany

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.

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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 **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).

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**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.

## 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

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

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

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

## 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.

### Second Day of the Nativity of our Lord

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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.

On the day after the Nativity of Christ we celebrate the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos, and come together to give her glory and praise. This is the second day of the three day Winter Pascha.

Combining the hymns of the Nativity with those celebrating the Mother of God, the Church points to Mary as the one through whom the Incarnation was made possible. His humanity—concretely and historically—is the humanity He received from Mary. His body is, first of all, her body. His life is her life. This feast, the assembly in honor of the Theotokos, is probably the most ancient feast of Mary in the Christian tradition, the very beginning of her veneration by the Church.

Six days of post-feast bring the Christmas season to a close on December 31. At the services of all these days, the Church repeats the hymns and songs glorifying Christ’s Incarnation, reminding us that the source and foundation of our salvation is only to be found in the One who, as God before the ages, came into this world and for our sake was “born as a little Child.”

Father Alexander Schmemmann, *The Services of Christmas* (1981)

