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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. The Epistle is from 2 Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel is from Luke 18:10-14. Simeon the Myrrh-exuder.

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, February 13, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 13, 12:30 AM – Parish Council meeting

Monday, February 14, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 15, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, February 15, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 16, 6 PM – Daily Vespers

Wednesday, February 16, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, February 17, 9 AM – New Testament class

Friday, February 18, 9 AM – Old Testament class

Saturday, February 19, 5 PM – Vespers

Saturday, February 19, 6 PM – Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner

Sunday, February 20, 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.

Wanted: Game Dinner Raffle Prizes—Our annual Game Dinner is fast approaching and we are hoping to offer a nice selection of raffle baskets and items again for this event. If you are able to contribute a raffle item, gift certificate or basket please let Susan Sulich know.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, April 8th 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.

| Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner Feb. 19th

Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner Feb. 19th—Our annual winter game dinner is fast approaching! It will take place on Sat., Feb. 19th. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person. BYOB. RESERVATION Highly Recommended. **LIMITED SEATING.** Please see sign up in hall to reserve your spot or let Fr. Luke know how many seats you need. We are also in need of:

- Cooks
- Help with set up
- Servers
- Raffle basket donations

Sign-up sheets are in the hall. This is our parish’s major winter fundraiser and we are grateful for everyone’s help.

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).

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.

Movie **“Man of God”** about **the Life of St. Nectarios** is playing in Poughkeepsie, NY on Monday, March 21 at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Please let Pani Bethany know

OYMT Update

OYMT Updates—We had a very successful first training session last Sunday for the Orthodox Youth Mission Team. Fr. Luke is looking to get together with the team members who didn't make it to catch them up on what was discussed. Please do your best make yourself available for this session. Our next training session will take place here at Holy Trinity on Sunday, Feb. 27th from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

| 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

February	
Alicia Van Campen	13
Emily Varney	13
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf - Anniversary	14
Rick & Lisa Farah - Anniversary	14
Kristina Bundra	20
Azariah Mihaly	20
Zachary Wolfe	23
Nicu Melnic	26

Upcoming Events

Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner – Saturday, February 19

OYMT Training #2: Sunday Feb. 27th 3-5 p.m. at Holy Trinity

Movie “Man of God” – Monday, March 21st 7 PM

Easter Craft and Bake Sale— Saturday, April 9th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

| Perogie Making

Perogie Making—We will resume perogie making this Tuesday, February 15th at 9:15, immediately following our weekly Akathist service. All new and veteran pinchers are welcome.

| Coffee Hour Sign Up

Coffee Hour Sign Up— There is a new coffee hour sign-up sheet available in the church hall. Remember that coffee hour does not need to elaborate! Consider signing up someone else to make it easy.

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



Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—We are in great need of decaf coffee, large 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.