

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. The Gospel is from Luke 15:11-32. Leo of Catania.

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 20, 10 AM** – Divine Liturgy

**Monday, February 21, 7 PM** – Spirituality Class

**Tuesday, February 22, 8:30 AM** – Akathist

**Tuesday, February 22, 9:15 AM** – Perogie Session

**Wednesday, February 23, 6 PM** – Daily Vespers

**Wednesday, February 23, 7 PM** – Adult Catechism Class

**Thursday, February 24, 9 AM** – New Testament class

**Friday, February 25, 9 AM** – Old Testament class

**Saturday, February 26, 9 AM** – Soul Saturday Liturgy and Reading of the Diptychs

**Saturday, February 26, 5 PM** – Vespers

**Sunday, February 27, 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.

## Dorothy Day

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

## | Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner

**Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>**— Thank you everyone for a very enjoyable evening!

## | Lenten Women's

**Lenten Women's Retreat**— We will be hosting an overnight Lenten Women's Retreat on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> into Saturday March 26 led by retreat master Fr. John Mikitish. The retreat will take place at Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center in Litchfield, CT. The cost is \$135 per person which includes the overnight accommodations, 3 meals and the retreat program. For more information, contact Susan Sulich.

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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).

**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. 27<sup>th</sup> 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	
Kristina Bundra	20
Azariah Mihaly	20
Zachary Wolfe	23
Nicu Melnic	26

## Upcoming Events

**OYMT Training #2:** Sunday Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m. at Holy Trinity

**Easter Craft and Bake Sale**—Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Monthly Bake Sale**—Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Movie "Man of God"** – Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 7 PM

**Women's Retreat—Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>**—Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> at Wisdom House Conference and Retreat Center in Litchfield

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 of sturdy paper plates, bowls, napkins and decaf coffee. 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.