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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Palm Sunday.

The Epistle is from
Philippians 4:4-9. The

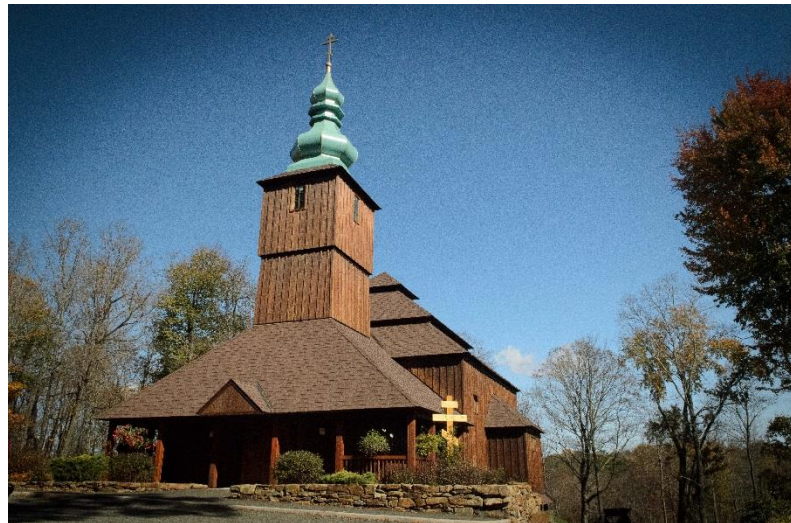
Gospel is from John 12:1-18. **PALM SUNDAY.**

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, April 17, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Palm Sunday	Wednesday, April 20, 9 AM – Bridegroom Matins	Friday, April 22, 7 PM – Great & Holy Friday Vespers with Procession and Guarding the Tomb
Sunday, April 17, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday, April 20, 12 noon – Presanctified Liturgy	Saturday, April 23, 9 AM – Vespers Liturgy
Monday, April 18, 9 AM – Bridegroom Matins	Wednesday, April 20, 6 PM – Holy Unction Service	Saturday, April 23, 11 PM – Nocturne, Paschal Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy followed by blessing of the Baskets and Agape Meal
Monday, April 18, 6 PM – Presanctified Liturgy	Thursday, April 21, 9 AM – Vespers Liturgy – Institution of the Eucharist	Sunday, April 24, 12 noon – Paschal Vespers followed by blessing of Baskets and continuation of the Paschal Agape meal
Tuesday, April 19, 9 AM – Bridegroom Matins	Thursday, April 21, 6 PM – Matins and the Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels	
Tuesday, April 19, 6 PM – Presanctified Liturgy	Friday, April 22, 9 AM – Royal Hours	

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.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, June 10th 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.

| 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.

| Church Clean Up

Church Clean Up--Tomorrow following Bridegroom Matins we will be cleaning the interior of the church and the grounds. Anyone who can give some time to help get our Church ready for Pascha your help is greatly appreciated!

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*

Second Epistle to the Corinthians

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun Psalms.

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.

Cemetery Clean Up-- We have a cemetery clean up scheduled for Saturday May 14th at 9 a.m.

Red Eggs Needed--We are in need of red eggs to give out for Pascha. If you can make 2 dozen, please let Susan Sulich know. Eggs need to be at church by Saturday night.

OYMT Update

OYMT Updates--

Yesterday our youth mission team had its Tool and Safety training session here at the Church. Next month they will put their skills to work building a fence for our parish garden. Thank you for all your support to our team!

| Pascha Breads

Pascha Breads—Pani Bethany and Susan Sulich will be making a batch of Pascha Breads during Holy Week. If you did not purchase one at the bake sale and you wish to have one for your Easter celebration, please let one of them know today so they can plan accordingly.

|Guarding Tomb

Guarding Tomb – We will need people to guard the tomb from Good Friday, April 23 from 9 PM to 8:30 AM Saturday morning, April 24. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church

Birthdays

April	
Grace Radcliff	14
Adriano Morfa	14
Carmen Villa	15
Ignatius Michael Thompson	15
Ava Baroody	16
Melanie Sulich	17
Rosalyn Mihaylo	18
Nectarios Mihaly	20
Viorel Bunda	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Elena Gordon	27
Logan Thompson	29

Upcoming Events

Church Cleanup (Interior)—

Monday, April 18th following Bridegroom Matins

Cemetery Cleanup--

Saturday, May 14th starting at 9:00 a.m.

OYMT Construction Day—

Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parish Tag Sale—

Saturday, May 21st 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch --

Sunday, May 8th (in lieu of Coffee Hour)

Parish Tag Sale

Parish Tag Sale—We are planning a parish tag sale for Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Spaces are available for \$35.

| Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch—We will celebrate all the Moms in the parish on Sunday, May 8th. Harry Fong is coordinating the brunch—see him to see how you can help!

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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!

As we enter Holy Week together, the following minimal fasting regulations are designated for our clergy and faithful:

- 1) Great and Holy Friday, and Great and Holy Saturday, namely April 22 and 23 are days of strict abstinence. On these days, no meat or dairy products may be eaten.
- 2) Meat and meat products may not be eaten during all of Holy Week, namely April 18 through April 23.
- 3) For the evening Pre-sanctified Liturgy, a minimum three-hours fast from all food and drink must be observed before the reception of Holy Communion. Normal fasting from midnight is still practiced before the Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.

These are the minimal requirements to observe during this Season. But for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, I wholeheartedly recommend the penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us.

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the "hour" of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus, the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus, the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:

... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor