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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

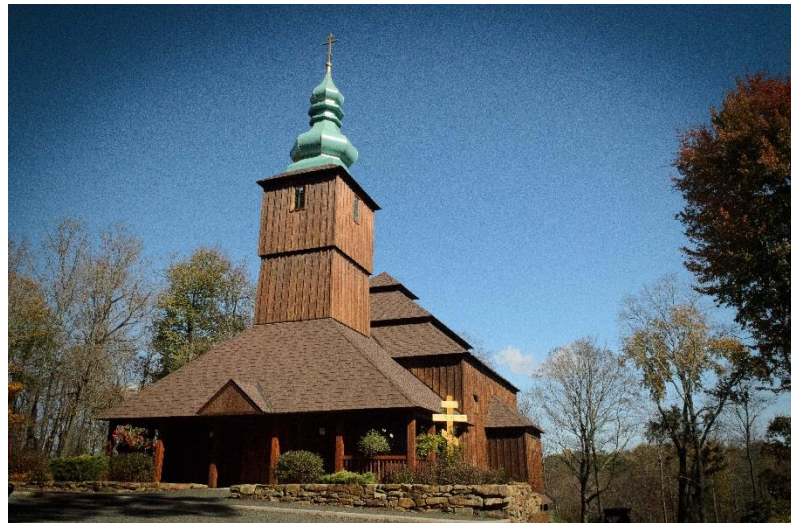
Today is PASCCHA, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Epistle is from Acts 1:1-8. The Gospel is from John 1:1-17.

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 24, 12 noon –
Paschal Vespers followed by blessing of Baskets and continuation of the Paschal Agape meal

Monday, April 25, 9 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 25, 6 PM –
Paschal Vespers

Monday, April 25, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, April 26, 9 AM –
Resurrection Akathist

Wednesday, April 27, 7 PM
– Catechism Class Social

Thursday, April 28, 9 AM –

New Testament class

Friday, April 29, 9 AM – Old Testament class

Saturday, April 30, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, May 1, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy - Thomas Sunday

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.

Middle and High School Get Together

Middle and High School Get Together—Fr. Luke is looking to get together with the middle and high school students of our parish to watch “Man of God,” a movie about St. Nectarios. We are looking at either Sunday, May 15th or Sunday 22nd following coffee hour. Please let Fr. Luke know what day works best for your children.

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.

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!

Upcoming Events

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)

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

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!

Birthdays

| April | |
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| Natasha Gross | 25 |
| Harry Fong | 26 |
| Elena Gordon | 27 |
| Logan Thompson | 29 |
| May | |
| Wylie Meath | 2 |
| Luca Szymanowicz | 5 |
| Robert Faubel | 5 |
| Nicholas Fong | 6 |
| Gavin Davids | 10 |
| Peter & Sandi Astras | 11 |
| Kaitleen Villa | 12 |
| Timofei Budyonny | 13 |
| Jennie Fong | 14 |
| Marika And Quinn Vissak - Anniversary | 15 |
| Kevin Gutzman | 20 |
| Adrienne Fedyna | 25 |
| Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary | 28 |
| Nick & Jennie Fong - Anniversary | 28 |
| Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary | 29 |
| Ken Borsari | 31 |

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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!

Christ is Risen from the Dead, Trampling Down Death by Death by Death, and Upon Those in the Tombs Bestowing Life! By St. Luke the Surgeon & Archbishop of Crimea & Simferopol

What is this amazing troparion for this greatest of feasts, so dear to us and so misunderstood by non-Christians, even making them laugh?

Can fire be put out by fire? Can darkness be illumined by darkness? Can evil be conquered by evil? Of course not.

Like cannot be destroyed by like, but only by its opposite. Fire is put out by water, darkness is dispersed by light, and evil is conquered by goodness.

Nevertheless, contradicting this pervasive law, Christ trampled down death by His own death.

What death? Spiritual death. That death which is alienation from Christ God, Who is Love, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Spiritual death is the rejection of the way of goodness, love, and truth, and the preference of another path—the path of evil, hatred, and lies.

This path is from the devil, the enemy of Christ; for the devil is the father of lies, hatred, and evil. Thus, the general law that says like cannot be overcome by like has not been broken, but only to the contrary; and it is true that Christ trampled down death by His own death.

Christ's Cross has bound the prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2), and whoever loves Christ is given the strength for the battle with the devil, and a powerful defense against him.

No less amazing is the second part of the troparion: "And upon those in the tombs bestowing life."

It is not only amazing, but also radiates in our hearts with the divine light of most precious hope. If Christ is risen, then we shall also be resurrected in our bodies. For He rose from the dead, as the first among the dead, having placed the foundation for the general resurrection.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive (1 Cor. 15:21–22).

Thus, Christ has annulled not only spiritual death but also bodily death with His Cross and Resurrection. But this is wholly the work of God's omnipotence, and there is no need for us to try and understand this according to the laws of nature, for they too were created by the Creator of all, and He is free to act not in accordance with them, but according to the laws unknown to us of His divine mind and will.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, Who has delivered us from spiritual death and bodily destruction.

Amen.

