

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Paralytic. The Epistle is from Acts 9:32-42. The Gospel is from John 5:1-15. Pachomius the Great.

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

<b>Sunday, May 15, 10 AM</b> – Divine Liturgy	<b>Friday, May 20, 9 AM</b> – Old Testament class
<b>Sunday, May 15, 11:30 AM</b> – Panachida for Jennie Curran	<b>Saturday, May 21, 9 AM to 2 PM</b> – Parish Wide Tag Sale
<b>Monday, May 16, 7 PM</b> – Spirituality Class	<b>Saturday, May 21, 5 PM</b> – Vespers
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 9 AM</b> – Akathist	<b>Sunday, May 22, 10 AM</b> - Liturgy
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 6 PM</b> – Vespers Mid-Pentecost	
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 7 PM</b> – Adult Catechism Class	
<b>Thursday, May 19, 9 AM</b> – New Testament Class	

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, June 10<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.

## | 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.

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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*

### *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).

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**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 Cleanup**--Thank you to everyone who helped with the cemetery cleanup yesterday. A lot was cleared and cleaned up and it's looking good!

**Monthly Food Sale**—We will be resuming our Monthly Food Sale on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4—6 p.m. If you are able to help staff the sale, please contact Helen Galskoy.

**OYMT Update**

**OYMT Updates--**

Yesterday our youth mission team started to install a fence for our parish garden here at the Church. Thank you for all your support to our team!

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**Upcoming Events**

**Middled School and High School get together –**  
 Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (alternate date May 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**OYMT Training Session and Parent Meeting—**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 3-5 p.m.

**Parish Tag Sale—**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Monthly Food Sale—**  
 Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 4—6 p.m.

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**Parish Tag Sale**

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

**Birthdays**

<b>May</b>	
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

Sunday of the Paralytic

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



**Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—We are in of decaf coffee, napkins, paper towels and large paper plates. Thank you!**

Many miracles in the Old Testament involve water. To name but a few, the water of the Nile turned to blood after Moses lifted his rod and struck the water before Pharaoh and His servants (Exodus 7:20). Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but also "their rivers, their canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone" (Exodus 7:19).

In chapter 14 of Exodus, Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea, and the Hebrews passed over as if on dry land. When they were safely across, the waters came together, and their Egyptian pursuers were drowned.

On their forty year journey to the Promised Land, the Hebrews camped at Rephidem, but there was no water for them to drink. The people murmured against Moses, asking him why he had led them out of Egypt. God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Then water came out of it so that everyone could drink (Exodus 17:6).

In Judges 6:36-40 we read about Gideon and the dew on the fleece. When Gideon squeezed the fleece, there was enough to fill a bowl with water.

On the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Church remembers the man who lay paralyzed at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first person to enter the pool after an Angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Lord healed the paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and He remained there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Theologian, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Like some Old Testament miracles, many of Christ's miracles also involved water, and they prefigure the Church's Baptism, which cleanses us of every sin. In the Sheep Pool, once a year, only one person was healed, but Christ saves endless multitudes by divine Baptism. Sometimes, as in the case of Saint Vladimir (July 15), Baptism can also heal our bodily infirmities.

In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael. Some of the Troparia call him "Leader of the Angels," and "Supreme Commander" (Ode 1). In Ode 3 we ask him to "protect us from falling into the passions of life." In Ode 6, we ask Saint Michael to guide us on the paths of life." In Ode 8, we ask him to pray with all the Bodiless Hosts, that we may be granted deliverance from our offenses, correction of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal blessings.

As we remember the paralytic, let us ask Christ to "raise up our souls, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts" (Kontakion of the paralytic).

