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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and the Sunday before Theophany. The Epistle is from Colossians 2:8-12; 2 Timothy 4:5-8. The Gospel is from Luke 2:20-21, 40-52; Mark 1:1-8. St. Basil.

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, January 1, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Feasts of St. Basil – Circumcision of Our Lord -Sunday before Theophany

Sunday, January 8, 10 AM
- Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 4, 7 PM
– Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, January 5, 9 AM –
New Testament Class

Thursday, January 5, 6 PM –
Vigil for Theophany

Friday, January 6, 9 AM –
Feast of Theophany

Saturday, January 7, 3 PM –
Vespers

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.

Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—we are very much in need of decaf coffee and also napkins, bowls and paper towels.

Cards for Marilyn and Bob

Cards for Marilyn and Bob—Marilyn Zaengle and Bob Popp are both at Bethel Health Care and would very much enjoy hearing from parishioners. The address for the center is: Bethel Health Care, 13 Parklawn Dr., Bethel, CT 06801. Marilyn's room number is 121D and Bob's room number is 227W

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 soon be starting a new book:

Unseen Warfare

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, **Symeon the New Theologian – The Discourses.**

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently we are reading and studying *St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians*

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—We have many new items in our Church Store. Check out our selection of books for summer reading, beautiful icons, jewelry, and religious items. We have many children's offerings and items perfect for gift giving. Your purchase also benefits the parish. If there are any items you would like to see in our store, please let Lisa Farrah or Sarah Mannello know.

New Year's Dinner Dance—

The date has been set for Saturday, January 14th for our New Year's Dinner Dance. We will have a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing to the music of our favorite DJ, Bill Lopez. Tickets are \$40 per person—BYOB. See attached flyer. Make reservations for individuals or for a table of 8 by contacting Pani Bethany (text to 203-482-6224) or Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com).

Orthodox Mission Team

Join the Orthodox Youth Mission Team—We are currently recruiting new team members for our 2023 youth mission trip to Appalachia. The trip will take place from Sat. July 8 – Sunday, July 16, 2023. Teens who will be finished with 8th grade by the summer are eligible to attend. The cost for youth to attend is \$350. Deadline to sign up with a 50% deposit is Nov. 15th. We will meet once a month for training sessions beginning in December. If you have questions or are a high school or college student or an adult who is interested in being a leader, please see Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

Clothing Drive

Clothing Drive a Big Success—The numbers are in and our clothing drive's most recent collection brought in \$671.50. A huge thank you to Ann Huott and her family for collecting and storing the clothes and for coordinating this profitable fundraiser for our parish.

Church School Serves at Dorothy Day

Church School Serves at Dorothy Day--Many thanks to the children of the Reznic family--Christian, Cassie and Alex--for serving at Dorothy Day this week! The church school families made and sold jars of Friendship soup in the fall. The proceeds were used to purchase food for the soup kitchen. The Reznic's made sandwiches and gave them out along with other needed items to the guests at the soup kitchen. Many thanks for your hard work and compassion!

Upcoming Events

New Year's Dinner Dance—Sat. Jan. 14th

Orthodox Youth Mission Team Training #1—Sunday, Jan. 22nd 3-5 p.m. at Holy Trinity

OYMT First Training Session--the first training session for our Orthodox Youth Mission Team is coming up on Sunday Jan. 22nd from 3-5 pm at Holy Trinity. Many thanks to all who supported the team through the Gala, our Sip and Shop and Toffee Treats fundraisers. Now it's time to start preparing for our work. We are asking that a parent attend this meeting for the first part for some important information.

If you haven't done so already please fill out the [OYMT Covenant](#) online and also register with ASP by going [here](#).

Then do the following:

- Enter 13408 for the group code

- Click on the "Join an existing group" button

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AND ALL REQUESTED MEDICAL INFORMATION INCLUDING DOCTOR'S NAME AND PHONE NUMBER, MEDICATIONS, ETC.

The form will allow you to leave these sections blank but this is how we are gathering our emergency information for each team member. The registration must be done before the meeting on the 22nd. If you have trouble, we will help you at the meeting to complete it. This form will serve as your emergency contact and medical form which we need to have on file for your safety. Anyone with questions about joining the team should contact Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

Birthdays – If you have dates of Birthdays or Anniversaries that you would like to add, please let Fr. Luke know so he can include them.

December	
John Cole Mihaly	27
Ralph & Donna Loomis	28
Tyler John Somoskovec	29
Elaine Toaso	30
Michael Scalzo	31
January	
Andres Villa	1
Adam Varney	2
Pablo Gabriel Villa	3
James Kavallines	10
Mary Dugal	10
Cooper Beau Mihaly	11
Eric Evans	13
Jesse Carrier & Mara Miller	13
Nicholas Huott	18
Aidan Davids	18
Willi & Cheryl Gartner	21
Ralph Loomis	21
Connie Somoskovec	30

Christmas Decorations—Many thanks to Stella and Bill Woodfield for preparing our church for Christmas with all their beautiful decorating! Please refrain from watering the poinsettias as they wilt easily if overwatered.

House Blessings

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



Fr. Luke will be 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.