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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Zacchaeus Sunday. The Epistle is from 1 Timothy 4:9-15. The Gospel is from Luke 19:1-10. Relics of St. Ignatius.

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 29, 10 AM -
Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 30, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, January 31, 8:30 AM
– Akathist

Tuesday, January 31, 9:15 AM
– Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 1, 6 PM
– Vespers for Meeting of Christ in the Temple

Wednesday, February 1, 7 PM
– Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, February 2, 9 AM – Liturgy for the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple – Blessing of Candles

Thursday, February 2, 4 pm to 6 PM – Monthly Bake Sale

Friday, February 3, 9 AM
– Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 4, 3 pm to 5 PM – Toddlers Class

Saturday, February 4, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 5, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Please feel free to call Fr. Luke to set up a time for your **house blessing**.

We will be taking a **collection** for our **seminarian**, Nicholas Fong, on Sunday, January 29.

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 in need of decaf coffee and sturdy paper plates. Thank you!

Parish Dinner Out—We will be having our next Parish Dinner Out at Pappadella’s Restaurant on Tues. Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m. Pappadella’s is located at 52 ½ Pembroke Rd. in Danbury. The dinner will include 3 appetizers served family style, a house salad, followed by a choice of 5 entrees and dessert, coffee or tea. Cost is \$48 per person includes tax and tip. Additional beverages will be available by cash bar. Please see Susan Sulich for reservations and payment by Feb. 5th.

Dr. Mariana Cuceu from **St. Paraskeva Charity** will be becoming **Sunday, February 12** to give a report on the work they are doing in Romania.

Cards for Marilyn and Bob

Cards for Bob—Bob Popp is 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. Bob’s room number is 227W

| Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, Feb. 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are able to help for all or part of the afternoon.

| Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions—We will resume our perogie sessions on Tuesday, Jan. 24th at approximately 9:15 a.m. following our weekly Akathist service which starts at 8:30 a.m. New pinchers always welcome—no experience needed!

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 Ephesians*

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.

Clothing Drive is Back—Ann Huott and her family have graciously agreed to conduct one more clothing drive as a fundraiser for the parish. The most recent collection brought in \$671.50. Used clothing, linens, shoes, bags and other items can be brought to the church in plastic garbage bags and left at the candle stand. For a complete list of acceptable items see the flyer at the candle stand or ask Ann. Thank you Huott family!

Toddler Time--We are looking forward to bringing the youngest members of our parish family and their parents together to spend time with one another. After talking to the parents, it seems that a good time to meet is the first Saturday of the month from 3-5 p.m. If something changes or you realize this date or time do not work for your family, please let us know so that we can accommodate or make changes as needed. The dates for this spring will be:

- Sat. Feb. 4th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**
- Sat. March 4th 3:00-5:00 p.m.**
- Sat. April 8th following Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday**—Note this is the second Sat of the month but we are switching due to the feast day and our Bake Sale on April 1st.
- Sat. May 6th 3:00-5:00 p.m.**
- Sat. June 3rd 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Envelopes

Envelopes—Donation envelopes are here. If you would like to have envelopes to make your donations, please pick up your box and note the number that you are taking on the sheet so an accurate record of your donations can be kept for tax purposes.

Cinema Sunday

Cinema Sunday— We will have a movie day at the home of Paul and Susan Sulich on Sunday, Feb. 19th starting at 3 p.m. Following the movie everyone is invited to stay for a potluck supper. We are planning to show the film "Leap of Faith," starring Steve Martin.

Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale-- Our monthly bake sales will resume this Thursday, Feb. 2nd from 4:00--6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Spread the word to your family and friends. If you are interested in helping man the sale please contact Helen Galskoy.

Upcoming Events

Monthly Bake Sale--Thurs. Feb. 2nd 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Toddler Time—Sat. Feb. 4th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Parish Dinner Out—Tue. Feb. 7th at Pappadella's Restaurant 6:30 p.m.

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen—Fri. Feb. 10th 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Game Dinner—Sat. Feb. 11th

Cinema Sunday—Sun. Feb. 19th 4:00 p.m. at the Sulich's

St. Paraskeva Charity update – Sunday, February 12

Youth Ice Cream Social and Duckpin Bowling – Sunday, February 12 Devon Bowling Lanes

Forgiveness Sunday, February 26

OYMT Training Session—Sun. Feb. 26th 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Monthly Bake Sale--Thurs. March 2nd 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Toddler Time—Sat. March 4th 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Lenten Retreat--Sat. March 18th at the church hall

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.

January	
Connie Somoskovec	30
February	
Leon Guerrero	1
Charles & Virginia Hull - Anniversary	8
Emily Varney Silvera	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf - Anniversary	14
Rick & Lisa Farah - Anniversary	14
Kristina Bundra	20
Azariah Mihaly	20
Nicholas Paproski	22
Zachary Wolfe	23
Nicu Melnic	26

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.

Game Dinner—Our annual Game Dinner is coming up on Sat. Feb. 11th starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and reservations are required. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall or let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know if you plan to attend and how many seats you want to reserve. We will also need cooks, help with set up and clean up and donation of raffle items and kitchen supplies for the Game Dinner. Sign-up sheets will be at coffee hour. Thank you all for your help with this fun fundraiser for our parish!

In-House Lenten Retreat--

Save the date: we will be having Fr. Bogdan Bucur lead a Lenten Retreat here on Saturday, March 18th in our church hall. Stay tuned for more details.

House Blessings

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DUCK PIN BOWLING EVENT

On Sunday, February 12

FORCC will again sponsor an activity for the Orthodox youth of the Connecticut churches. There will be another Duck Pin Bowling event in Devon from 2-4pm celebrating with an "ice cream social". All children* thru high school are invited. There is no charge for the activity and the refreshments, however all who bowl must pay a \$2 shoe rental. Please RSVP to Eve by Sunday, Feb 5. *Besides bowling, there are arcade games and mechanical rides for the smaller children. Quarter coins are needed for these entertainments.

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.