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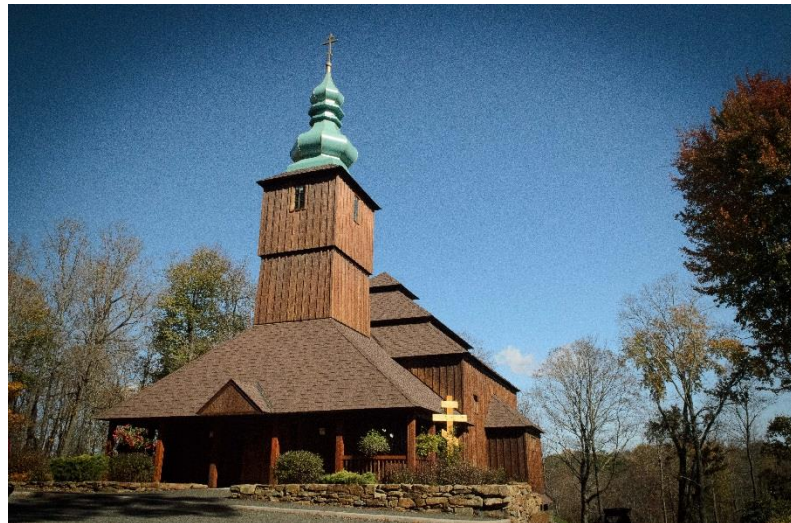
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Last Judgment. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2. The Gospel is from Matthew 25:31-46. Apostles Archippus & Philemon.

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, February 19, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 19, 3 PM –
Cinema Night at the Sulich's

Monday, February 20, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 21, 8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, February 21, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 22, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, February 23, 9 AM
– New Testament Class

Friday, February 24, 9 AM
– Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 25, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 25, 6 PM – Young Adults Meeting

Sunday, February 26, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 26, 11:30 AM – Rite of Forgiveness

Sunday, February 26 -
Collection for IOCCC for earthquake relief

Sunday, February 26, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, February 26, 1 PM- 3 PM - OYMT

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 need decaf coffee and sturdy paper plates. Thank you!

Cards for 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

| 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!

| Service for Marilyn

—On Saturday, March 11th we will have a Parastas for Marilyn Zaengle who passed away on Jan. 23rd. Following the service everyone is invited to a light Lenten Meal in the church hall.

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. 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.

| Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale—Our next monthly bake sale will be on Thur. March 2nd from 4-6 p.m. Last month's sale was a record sellout! If you can help at the sale, please see Helen Galskoy.

| 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.

Upcoming Events

Cinema Sunday—Sun. Feb. 19th
3:00 p.m. at the Sulich's

Parastas Service for Marilyn—Saturday, March 11th
11:00 a.m.

Forgiveness Sunday, February 26

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

OYMT Training Session and Teen Church School—Sunday
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.

OYMT Training and Teen Church School Next Sunday

—On Sunday, Feb. 26th following coffee hour we will have our next training session for OYMT. We would also like the teens from our parish who are not going on the mission trip to attend this session where we will be discussing sensitivity and working with people who may be different from us in various ways. We will also be learning about food insecurity and its impact on a community. The session will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In-House Lenten Retreat-- Fr.

Bogdan Bucur, Associate Professor of Patristics at St. Vladimir's Seminary will be leading a Lenten retreat entitled "**Learning Theology from the Hymns of Lent and Holy Week**" at our parish on Saturday, **March 18 from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM**. He will also be a concelebrant at our Sunday Divine Liturgy the next day.

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.

February	
Kristina Bundra	20
Azariah Mihaly	20
Nicholas Paproski	22
Zachary Wolfe	23
Nicu Melnic	26
March	
Larisa Yarush	6
Ana Urgiles Melnic	7
Taylor Freitas	8
Amy Davids	8
Mia Paltauf	9
Aidan McVeigh	12
Anthony Villa	16
Ella Silvera	16
Yennifer Nunez	17
Vida Bundra	24
Peter Astras	24
Marika Gutzman (Names day)	25
Leon & Lady Guerrero - Anniversary	25
Orestes Mihaly	26
Michael Browne	30
Lily Mihaly	30

Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

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Holy Land Pilgrimage—

We are putting together a group to go on a trip the Holy Land this year. The trip would take place from Oct. 16-28th and will be led by Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky who we have worked with before and has an excellent reputation and much experience with this pilgrimage. The itinerary for the trip is available in the hall and attached to the bulletin. The cost for the trip is \$3150 per person, not including airfare. For details of what is included see the itinerary. If you are interested in going on this trip, please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know.

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.