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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of St.

Mary of Egypt. The

Epistle is from Hebrews

9:11-14. The Gospel is

from Mark 10:32-45.

Wonderworker Titus.

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 2, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 2, 12:30 PM –
Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 3, 6 PM –
Lenten Daily Vespers

Monday, April 3, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, April 4, 8 AM -
Akathist

Tuesday, April 4, 5:15 PM –
Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 5, 8 AM –
Lenten Hours

Wednesday, April 5, 6 PM

– Presanctified Liturgy –
Lenten Meal and Adult
Catechism Class

Friday, April 7, 9 AM - Old
Testament class

Saturday, April 8, 9 AM–
Lazarus Saturday Divine
Liturgy

Saturday, April 8, 10:30
AM – Toddler Time –
Breakfast and time for our
parish Youth to make Palm
Crosses, Luminaries and dye
eggs for Pascha

Saturday, April 8, 5 PM —
Vespers

Sunday, April 9, 10 AM –
Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy

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 sturdy paper dinner plates, cake plates, decaf coffee and bowls. Thank you!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Updated scheduled for Dorothy Day: we will not be serving on our regularly scheduled day of April 14th (Good Friday) because of the conflict with our services. We are swapping with another group and so our next two dates to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, May 12th and Friday, June 9th. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are available to serve all or part of the afternoon. Donations of casseroles are also welcome.

Lazarus Saturday April 8th

Lazarus Saturday April 8th—We are inviting all our parish and especially our youth to come together for Lazarus Saturday. There will be liturgy at 9 a.m. and Fr. Luke will be available to hear confessions. Following the service, we will have breakfast and then prepare for Holy Week. Activities include

making palm crosses, decorating luminaries for the Pascha procession and egg decorating. This will serve as our next Toddler Time as well and all ages will be able to participate. We look forward to coming together as a parish family for this special day.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have several adult education classes going on the currently that are also online:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. This week we are starting a new book: *Song of Tears* by Oliver Clement

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. 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.

Bake Sale Thank YOU!

Bake Sale—Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, made kielbasa, set up, served and cleaned up for our Easter Bake Sale. It was a huge success in every way! It was a whole parish effort beginning back in January as we started to make perogies. We had two great roll baking sessions, many stuffed cabbages mornings, pasha bread Wednesdays and cookie sessions. We ended with a push to make the kielbasa right before the Sale. Thank to each and every one of you!

| Pascha Breads

Pascha Breads—Since we sold out of Pascha breads at yesterday's sale Pani Bethany and Susan will be baking more for anyone in the parish that would like one for our Pascha. Breads are \$15. Please put your name on a list during coffee hour so they know how many breads to make.

| Good Friday Tomb Watch

Good Friday Tomb Watch – There is a sign-up sheet to guard the tomb after services on Good Friday to Saturday morning liturgy. It is in the vestibule by candles

Upcoming Events

Lazarus Saturday—Sat., April 8th Liturgy 9 a.m. followed by breakfast, palm cross making and more.

Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 9

Bridegroom Matins - Monday, April 10, 9 AM –

Presanctified Liturgy Monday, April 10, 6 PM

Bridegroom Matins - Tuesday, April 11, 9 AM

Presanctified Liturgy Tuesday, April 11, 6 PM –

Bridegroom Matins - Wednesday, April 12, 9 AM

Presanctified Liturgy- Wednesday, April 12, 12 noon

Holy Unction Service - Wednesday, April 12, 6 PM

Vespertal Liturgy – Institution of the Eucharist - Thursday, April 13, 9 AM

Matins and the Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels - Thursday, April 13, 6 PM

Royal Hours - Friday, April 14, 9 AM

Great & Holy Friday Vespers with Procession and Guarding the Tomb - Friday, April 14, 7 PM

Vespertal Liturgy - Saturday, April 15, 9 AM

Nocturne, Paschal Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy followed by blessing of the Baskets and Agape Meal - Saturday, April 15, 11 PM

Paschal Vespers followed by blessing of Baskets and continuation of the Paschal Agape meal - Sunday, April 16, 12 noon

OYMT Training—Sat. April 29th 12-4 p.m.

Dorothy Day—Friday, May 12th 1:30-4:30 p.m.

OYMT Training Session

#4—Tool and Safety
Training will take place on Sat. April 29th from 12-4 p.m. at Holy Trinity. We will be learning how to safely use tools and perform the basic skills needed for the home repair work we will be

doing on our mission trip this summer.

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.

April	
Adam Rosenfield	5
Markus Paltauf	8
Freddy Villa	9
Sadie Xenia Mihaly	9
Maria (Paltauf) Duclos	9
Brianna Scalzo	10
Katarina Mihaly	11
Christopher Mihaly	11
Melissa (Sulich) McVeigh	11
Grace Radcliff	14
Adriano Morfa	14
Carmen Villa	15
Ignatius Thompson	15
Ava Baroody	16
Melanie Sulich	17
Rosalyn Mihaylo	18
Viorel Bunda	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Elena Gordon	27
Logan Thompson	29

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



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.

Toys—As you may have notice we are blessed with an abundance of children and an abundance of toys in our parish hall! Our storage space is very tight and so we kindly ask that no more toy donations be brought in. As a reminder, parents are asked to help their children pick up the toys when they are done playing at the end of coffee hour.

As we continue our Lenten together, the following minimal fasting regulations are designated for our clergy and faithful:

- 1) Great and Holy Friday, and Great and Holy Saturday, namely April 14 and 15 are days of strict abstinence. On these days, no meat or dairy products may be eaten.**
- 2) All Wednesdays and Fridays during this entire Season are days of abstinence from meat.**
- 3) Meat and meat products may not be eaten during all of Holy Week, namely April 10 through April 15.**
- 4) For the evening Pre-sanctified Liturgy, a minimum three-hours fast from all food and drink must be observed before the reception of Holy Communion. Normal fasting from midnight is still practiced before the Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.**

These are the minimal requirements to observe during this Season. But for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, I wholeheartedly recommend the penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us.

On weekdays (Monday to Friday inclusive) during the seven weeks of Lent, there are restrictions both on the *number* of meals taken daily and on the *types of food* permitted; but when a meal is allowed, there is no fixed limitation on the *quantity* of food to be eaten.

[This material is taken from the introduction to The Lenten Triodion. In modern practice, the above rules tend to be somewhat relaxed, and they have always been relaxed for children and the infirm. Fast as you are able and consult Fr. Luke as needed. As you eat less physical food, it is important to increase your intake of spiritual food – prayer and reading scripture and the fathers of the Church.]