

# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Palm Sunday.

The Epistle is from

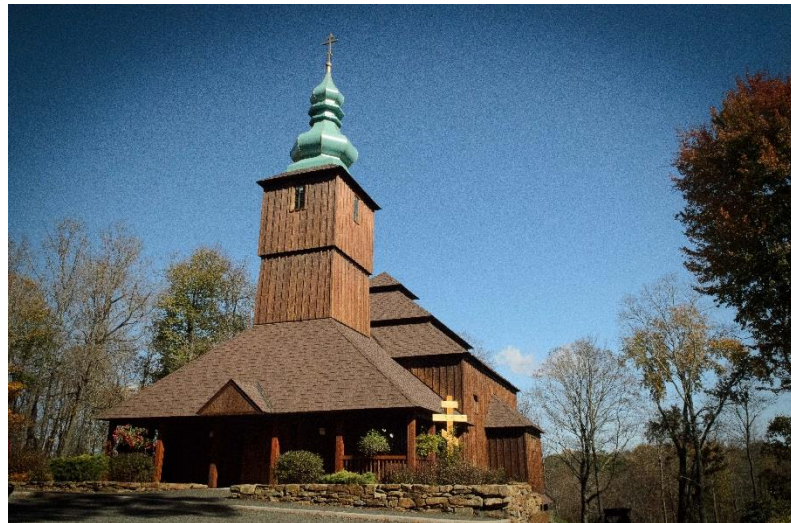
Philippians 4:4-9. The

Gospel is from John 12:1-18.

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 9, 10 AM –**  
Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, April 9, 11:15 AM**  
– Panachida for Robert Popp

**Monday, April 10, 9 AM**  
– Bridegroom Matins

**Monday, April 10, 6 PM**  
– Presanctified Liturgy

**Tuesday, April 11, 9 AM**  
– Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 11, 6 PM**  
– Presanctified Liturgy

**Wednesday, April 12, 9 AM**  
– Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 12, 12 noon** – Presanctified Liturgy

**Wednesday, April 12, 6 PM** – Holy Unction Service

**Thursday, April 13, 9 AM** – Vespers Liturgy – Institution of the Eucharist

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

**Friday, April 14, 9 AM** – Royal Hours

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

**Saturday, April 15, 9 AM** – Vespers Liturgy

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

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

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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> (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 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. 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

**Lazarus Saturday**—Thank you to everyone who came yesterday and helped make palm crosses, luminaries and eggs and decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

### Red Eggs

**Red Eggs**—We are in need of a few more dozen red eggs to give out at Pascha. If you can make a dozen or two, please let Susan Sulich know and plan to bring them before the Midnight Service on Saturday.

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### Adult Education Opportunities

We have several adult education classes going on 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

**Palm Sunday** - Sunday, April 9

**Bridegroom Matins** - Monday, April 10, 9 AM –

**Presanctified Liturgy** Monday, April 10, 6 PM

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

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**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 29<sup>th</sup> 12-4 p.m.

**Toddler Time**—Sat. May 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Dorothy Day**—Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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	
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 Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Harry Fong	26
Elena Gordon	27
Logan Thompson	29

## OYMT Training Session

### #4—Tool and Safety

Training will take place on Sat. April 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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. 16-28<sup>th</sup> 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 enter into Holy Week, 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) Meat and meat products may not be eaten during all of Holy Week, namely April 10 through April 15.**

**3) 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.**

***[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.]***

Everyone is invited to our parish hall after Paschal Divine Liturgy to have their baskets blessed and to break the fast with our brothers and sisters in Christ; to share our baskets of foods and celebrate our Lord's victory over sin and death! Come! Let us celebrate the feast!

For those not able to stay up, join us for Paschal Vespers on Sunday, April 16 at 12 noon! Baskets will be blessed then also.