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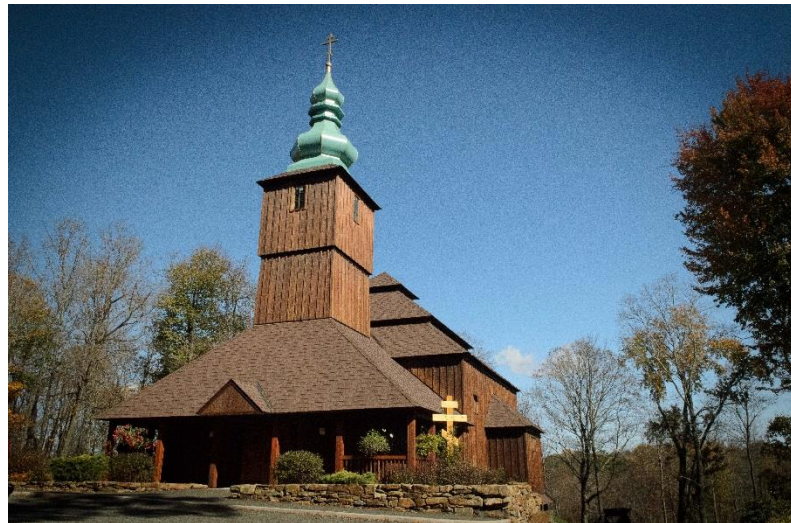
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is PASCCHA, the Holy Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Epistle is from Acts 1:1-8. The Gospel is from John 1:1-17.

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

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

Monday, April 17, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy Bright Monday with procession

Monday, April 17, 6 PM – Bright Monday Vespers

Monday, April 17, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, April 18, 9 AM – Akathist

Wednesday, April 19, 6 PM – Vespers

Wednesday, April 19, 6 PM – Adult Catechism

Thursday, April 20, 9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, April 21, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, April 22, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, April 23, 10 AM – Divine liturgy

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

On this Great Feast we greet all of you my love and prayers and to thank so many who made this day so joyous. From the choir who took time to prepare, all the cleaning, decorating from Bill and Stella Woodfield, and so many of you who participated in the services throughout this Lenten season - the list is indeed very long. All of you have contributed to the beauty of this day! Do not feel left out! Feel the embrace of Savior who has come for each and everyone us! To bring us into His heavenly kingdom!

With all our Love,
Fr. Luke and Pani Bethany

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/htoccdanbury/?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.

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. 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!

Upcoming Events

Bridegroom Matins - Wednesday, April 12, 9 AM

Presanctified Liturgy- Wednesday, April 12, 12 noon

Holy Unction Service - Wednesday, April 12, 6 PM

Vesperal 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

Vesperal 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.

Toddler Time—Sat. May 6th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Dorothy Day—Friday, May 12th 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	
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 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.

HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Commemorated on [April 16](#)

Pascha (Easter)

"... 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.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness.
(Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): ". . . for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

THE DAY WITHOUT EVENING

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha.
O Wisdom, Word and Power of God,
grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee in the never-ending day of Thy kingdom
(Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon).

The V. Rev. Paul Lazor
New York, 1977