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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the paralytic. The Epistle is from Acts 9:32-42. The Gospel is from John 4:5-42. Saint Nikita.

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, May 7, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 8, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 9, 9 AM –
Akathist to Saints Cyril and Methodius

Wednesday, May 10, 9 AM –
Divine Liturgy Mid-Pentecost

Wednesday, May 10, 7 PM –
Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, May 11, 9 AM –
New Testament Class

Friday, May 12, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Friday, May 12, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM –
Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Saturday, May 13, 9 AM to 12 PM –
Workday at St. Platon's Cemetery

Saturday, May 13, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, May 14, 10 AM –
Divine liturgy

Sunday, May 14, 11:30 AM –
Mother's Day Brunch

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 paper towels and decaf coffee. Thank you!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Updated scheduled for Dorothy Day: 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.

| Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale—Our next monthly bake sale will be Thursday, June 1st from 4-6 p.m. Please let Helen Galskoy know if you are available to help.

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. June 3rd 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Millennial Meeting

Each month the young adults of the parish meet up to spend time together and talk about topics that pertain to the ever-looming questions of "How do I adult?" This group is a forum for every young professional, new parent and all others in a transitional time of their life to come together and share the challenges of our ever-changing lives, and an opportunity to set down those cares for a couple of hours and join together in fellowship. The group usually meets on the last Saturday of every month. Contact Nick Fong for more information, nickfong1@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour—Our coffee hour is a great opportunity to spend time together and share a meal. If there's an item or dish, you'd like to bring sign up on the sheet downstairs. No one needs to do the whole coffee hour! All offerings are welcome.

OYMT Stock Thank You

OYMT Stock Thank You—The Danbury OYMT members would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our upcoming summer mission trip. We are extremely grateful for your donations, your prayers and all the support you consistently offer to our team. If anyone did not receive a stock letter and would like more information, please see one of our team members: Chris Reznick, Ryan McVeigh, Nick and Jennie Fong, Susan Sulich, Luke Faubel, Stefan Reznick or Ana Melnic.

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.

May	
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Alexa Leclerc	8
Gavin Davids	10
Gregorio Soto	10
Peter & Sandi Astras - Anniversary	11
Kaitleen Villa	12
Timofei Budyonny	13
Jennie Fong	14
Marika & Quinn Vissak - Anniversary	15
Natalja Schnittler	18
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna	25
Jason Varney	27
Maximus Elijah Mihaly	27
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jennie Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Ken Borsari	31

Upcoming Events

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

Dorothy Day—Friday, June 9th
from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Blessing of Graves at St. Platon's Cemetery—Sun. May 28th following coffee hour

OYMT Trip – Saturday, July 8 to Sunday, July 17

Monthly Bake Sale—Thur. June 1st from 4-6 p.m.

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 19

Pentecost - Sunday, June 4

OYMT Training Session #5—

Next up for our summer mission trip to Appalachia training is Construction Day. NOTE: This training will take place at St. Barbara Church in Orange CT from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be working on a building project that uses the skills we learned at the tool and safety training session. Everyone is required to wear work clothes and bring your individual tool bags.

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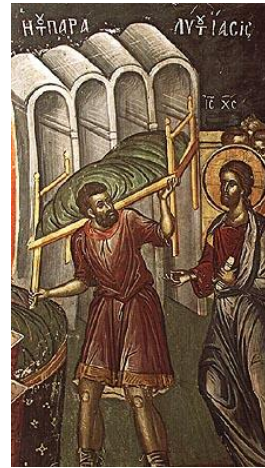


Holy Land Pilgrimage—

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.

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.

Sunday of the Paralytic



Many miracles in the Old Testament involve water. To name but a few, the water of the Nile turned to blood after Moses lifted his rod and struck the water before Pharaoh and His servants (Exodus 7:20). Not only was the Nile turned to blood, but also "their rivers, their canals, their ponds, and all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone" (Exodus 7:19).

In chapter 14 of Exodus, Moses divided the waters of the Red Sea, and the Hebrews passed over as if on dry land. When they were safely across, the waters came together, and their Egyptian pursuers were drowned.

On their forty-year journey to the Promised Land, the Hebrews camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink. The people murmured against Moses, asking him why he had led them out of Egypt. God told Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Then water came out of it so that everyone could drink (Exodus 17:6).

In Judges 6:36-40 we read about Gideon and the dew on the fleece. When Gideon squeezed the fleece, there was enough to fill a bowl with water.

On the Fourth Sunday of Pascha, the Church remembers the man who lay paralyzed at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first person to enter the pool after an Angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him. Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Lord healed the paralytic during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and He remained there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Theologian, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

Like some Old Testament miracles, many of Christ's miracles also involved water, and they prefigure the Church's Baptism, which cleanses us of every sin. In the Sheep Pool, once a year, only one person was healed, but Christ saves endless multitudes by divine Baptism. Sometimes, as in the case of Saint Vladimir (July 15), Baptism can also heal our bodily infirmities.

In the Canon for the Paralytic, the Angel who stirred the water in the Sheep Pool is identified as the Archangel Michael. Some of the Troparia call him "Leader of the Angels," and "Supreme Commander" (Ode 1). In Ode 3 we ask him to "protect us from falling into the passions of life." In Ode 6, we ask Saint Michael to guide us on the paths of life." In Ode 8, we ask him to pray with all the Bodiless Hosts, that we may be granted deliverance from our offenses, correction of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal blessings.

As we remember the paralytic, let us ask Christ to "raise up our souls, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts" (Kontakion of the paralytic).