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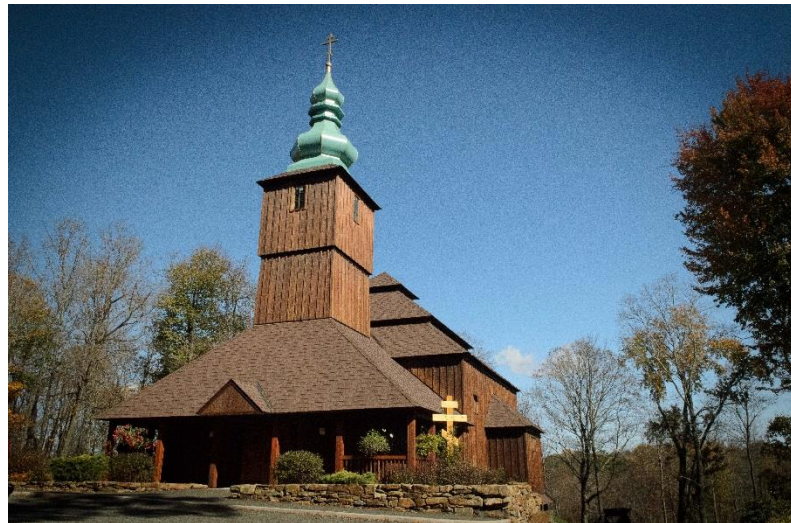
Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Blindman. The Epistle is from Acts 16:16-34. The Gospel is from John 9:1-38. Saints Constantine and Helen.

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 21, 10 AM
– Divine liturgy

Monday, May 22, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 23, 9 AM
– Akathist

Wednesday, May 24, 6 PM – Vespers for Ascension

Wednesday, May 24, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, May 25, 9 AM
– Divine Liturgy Feast of the Ascension

Friday, May 26, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, May 27, 5 PM
– Vespers

Sunday, May 28, 10 AM
– Divine Liturgy

Sunday, May 28, 12 noon – Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, May 28, 1 PM – Bless Graves at our Parish Cemetery of St. Platon.

Congratulations to our own Nicholas Fong who graduated yesterday from St. Vladimir's Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree! Many years to you Nicholas and your family. May the Lord direct your every step as you put your degree to the work of the Lord in His vineyard!

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—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day is Friday, June 9th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. No experience needed. All help welcome for all or part of the afternoon. Service hours available for high school students. See Susan Sulich if you want to volunteer.

| Flower Bulbs

Flower Bulbs—the remaining tulip and Easter lily bulbs/plants are available if anyone would like to bring home to plant. They are on the side of the church. Feel free to take them if you want to plant them.

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	
Sam Sophia Kreymer	16
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

Ascension—Thursday, May 25th from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

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

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

Pentecost - Sunday, June 4

Dorothy Day—Friday, June 9th

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.

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

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 19

Parish Garden—It's time to start preparing, planning and planting our parish vegetable garden! If you're interested in working on the garden, please let Fr. Luke know.

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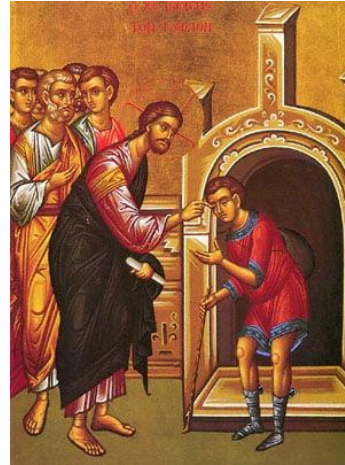
"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



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 noticed 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.



The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay—not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.