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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Zaccheus Sunday.

The Epistle is from 1

Timothy 4:9-15. The Gospel

is from Luke 19:1-10. Saint

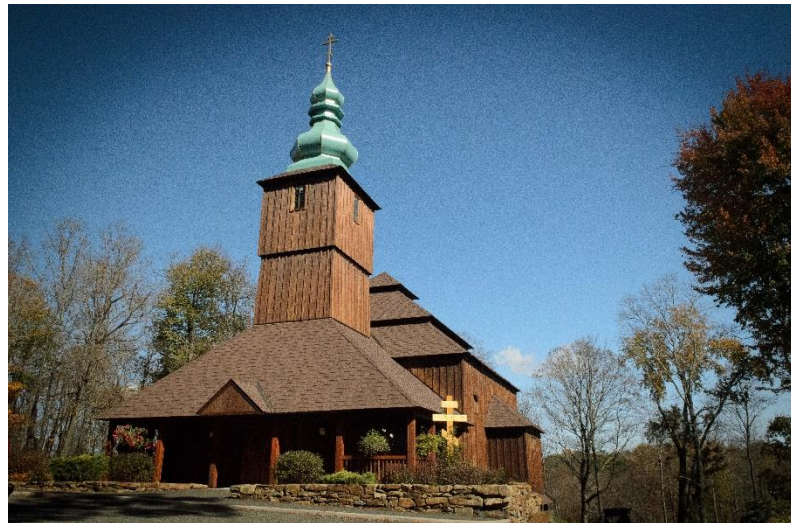
Leo the Great, Pope of

Rome.

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, February 18,
10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 18,
11:15 AM – Church School with Leon

Sunday, February 18,
3 PM to 5 PM – OYMT Meeting

Monday, February 19,
7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 20,
8:30 AM – Akathist

Tuesday, February 20,
9 AM – Perogie Session

Tuesday, February 20,
1 PM – Connie Somoskovec - Interment at Lakeview Cemetery, 885 Boston Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

Wednesday, February 21,
7 PM – Adult Catechism

Thursday, February 22,
9 AM – New Testament Class

Friday, February 23,
9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 24,
8 AM to 4 PM – Roll Baking

Saturday, February 24,
5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 25,
10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 18,
12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site www.holytrinitydanbury.org

And to those with a Facebook account 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 currently in need of disposable coffee cups

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, April 12th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Last Friday we served over 140 meals to those in need in our community. This number is DOUBLE what it was when we first started serving at the soup kitchen. There are two ways to help, by serving at the soup kitchen--no experience needed—or by preparing large casseroles that we can use to feed the guests. If you've been thinking about getting involved in this ministry, now is a great time! You can serve for all or part of the afternoon. Service hours available for high school students. See Susan Sulich if you want to volunteer.

| Roll Baking Sessions

Roll Baking Sessions--
We have scheduled two roll baking sessions for our upcoming Easter Bake and Craft Sales. Sessions will take place on **Sat. Feb. 24th** and **Sat. March 16th**. If you can give a few hours to help out please see Carolyn Kaiser or Chrissanth Gross.

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: *Welcoming Gifts: Sacrifice in the Bible and Christian Life* by Fr. Jeremy Davis

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 by Metropolitan Emiliano entitled: *Priest, Parish and Renewal*.

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

currently we are reading and studying *St. Paul's First Epistle to Timothy*

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.

Soup to Share—Soup season is here! If you are making soup and you have some extra to spare consider putting it in a freezer container for "Soup to Share." We will keep these in the freezer in the church hall so that if someone is planning to visit a parishioner and would like to bring a warming meal, they will be available. We also have containers at the church you can use. Please label container with name of soup and main ingredients. Thank you!

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 February 18th

OYMT Second Training Session Feb. 18th—Our second training session will take place here at Holy Trinity on Sunday, Feb. 18th from 3-5 p.m. During this session we will learn about Appalachia and the people will be serving. This year we have teams from PA, GA and VT joining us and some of them will join our training via zoom. Team members are asked to fill out ASP registration so that we have health and emergency contact info prior to the meeting.

2024 Church Calendars

2024 Church Calendars - Thank you to the Jowdy-Kane funeral Home which sponsored our parish 2024 liturgical calendars. The new 2024 calendars are available in the vestibule. These calendars have the saints of the day, the daily scripture readings and whether it is a fasting day or not. Take one home with you!

Birthdays or Anniversaries

| February | |
|-----------------|----|
| Kristina Bundra | 20 |
| Azariah Mihaly | 20 |
| Zachary Wolfe | 23 |
| Nicu Melnic | 26 |

Upcoming Events

OYMT Training #2—Sun. Feb. 18th 3-5 p.m.

Church School Feb. 18th

Roll Baking--Sat. Feb. 24th
8 am - 4 pm

Game Dinner—Sat. March 2nd
6:00 p.m.

Roll Baking--Sat. March 16th
8 am - 4 pm

Lent Begins - March 18

Bake and Craft Sale #1 –
Sat. March 23rd 10 am – 3 p.m.

In House Lenten Retreat
– Sat. March 30th

Bake and Craft Sale #2 –
Sat. April 20th 10 am – 3 pm

Pascha – May 5

Church School with Leon—Due to the snowstorm church school classes will start up again on Sunday, Jan. 21st immediately following Liturgy. Classes will take place every other Sunday. The schedule for the remainder of Jan. and Feb is as follows:

Sunday, Feb. 18th

Perogie Tuesdays—
We are back to making perogies on Tuesday mornings following the Akathist service (about 9 a.m.) All are welcome--no experience needed!

Lenten Retreat

On Saturday, March 30 we have the distinct honor of having **Dr. Miichael Legaspi**, Associate Professor of Old Testament from St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary to lead our in-house Lenten Retreat. The Retreat Theme is "By the Waters of Babylon: Returning to God from our Lenten Exile. The Retreat Schedule is as follows:

Saturday March 30th

2 p.m. Check in
2:30—3:30 p.m. Introduction and Retreat Presentation at Holy Trinity parish hall
3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Break
3:45 – 5 p.m. Retreat presentation continues and questions/answer
5:00—6:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00—7:00 p.m. Fellowship and Lenten pot-luck dinner in parish hall

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



Game Dinner Help Needed—

Our annual Wild Game and Ethnic Food dinner will take place in just a few weeks on Sat. March 2nd starting at 6 p.m. This is our major winter fundraiser and there are lots of ways to participate! We are in need of the following:

- Cooks—see sign up sheet in the hall or talk to Fr. Luke about what you can make
- Donate items—not a chef? No problem! There are several items needed to be purchased for the dinner. Donated items reduce our cost. See sign-up sheet in the hall.
- Raffles—we are looking for raffle items and raffle baskets for the game dinner. Gift certificates, baskets of cheer, children's baskets, cook's baskets, hunter baskets—these are just a few ideas. It's family friendly event so whatever you come up with someone will love!
- Help at the event—set up will take place on Friday, March 2nd at 11 a.m. We will also need people at the game dinner to help cook, serve, clean up and sell raffles.

Thanks in advance for your generous donation of your time, talents and treasure!

BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

RETURNING TO GOD FROM OUR LENTEN EXILE

Presented by:
Dr. Michael Legaspi

March 30, 2024
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Danbury, CT

2 p.m. Check in
2:30—5 p.m. Retreat
Presentation at Holy Trinity parish hall
5:00—6:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00—7:00 p.m. Fellowship and Lenten pot-luck dinner in parish hall

During Lent, the Church turns our attention in a special way to the Scriptures of the Old Testament. In this retreat, we will consider one of the most prominent themes in the Old Testament: Exile. The Law, Psalms, and Prophets all explore the nature of 'life outside the land.' In these Scriptures, we experience repeatedly the grief of sin, the pain of displacement, and the distress of finding ourselves remote from God. A closer look at Exile not only brings us to the heart of the Scriptures; it also shows us, in particular, what the Lenten journey is and how, in making the journey well, we come to share in Christ's passion and resurrection.