



# Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

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## Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. The Epistle is from 2 Timothy 3:10-15. The Gospel is from Luke 18:10-14. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople.

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, February 24, 5 PM – Vespers**

**Sunday, February 25, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, February 25, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting**

**Monday, February 26, 7 PM – Spirituality Class**

**Tuesday, February 27, 8:30 AM – Akathist**

**Tuesday, February 27, 9 AM – Perogie Session**

**Wednesday, February 28, 7 PM – Adult Catechism**

**Thursday, February 29, 9 AM – New Testament Class**

**Friday, March 1, 9 AM – Old Testament Class**

**Friday, March 1, 11:30 AM – Set up for Wild Game Dinner**

**Saturday, March 2, 3 PM - Vespers**

**Saturday, March 2, 6 PM – 10 PM – Wild Game and Ethnic Dinner**

**Sunday, March 3, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy**

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 account 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 currently in need of disposable coffee cups

**Game Dinner Updates—**Please bring all items purchased for the game dinner and raffle items to the church hall by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will set up the hall that day following Old Testament class (about 11 a.m.) for the dinner.

**Looking for Crafters—**We are always open to have new crafters of handmade artisan items join us for our Bake and Craft sales. This year we have two sales and the cost is \$35 for a table at one sale and \$45 if you would like to have a table at both sales. Please contact Susan Sulich at [info@holyltrinitydanbury.org](mailto:info@holyltrinitydanbury.org) if you are interested.

## Dorothy Day

**Dorothy Day—**Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 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 roll baking sessions for our upcoming Easter Bake and Craft Sales. The next Session will take place on **Sat. March 16th**. If you can give a few hours to help out please see Carolyn Kaiser or Chrissanth Gross.

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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: *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. New Book by Dr. Eugenia Constantinou: *The Crucifixion of the King of Glory: The Amazing History and Sublime Mystery of the Passion*

**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 are in *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).

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**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!

**Church School with Leon—**All toddlers and young children are welcome to join in the church school classes with Leon. Help from older children is much appreciated. Classes will take place immediately following Liturgy on:

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>

March 24<sup>th</sup>

## 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 March 10<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT 3rd Training Session March 10<sup>th</sup>**—We will have our next OYMT training on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. at Holy Trinity in Danbury. We will be discussing stewardship and working on our stock fundraiser together. All teens are asked to bring names and addresses pre-printed on labels to send out with stock invitations.

## | Perogie Tuesdays

**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!

## Upcoming Events

**Church School**--Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

**Game Dinner**—Sat. March 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m.

**Church School**--March 10<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Training #3**—March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.

**Lemko Republic of 1918-1920 Presentation in Yonkers** – Sunday, March 10, 1 PM

**Roll Baking**--Sat. March 16<sup>th</sup> 8 am - 4 pm

**Lent Begins** - March 18

**Bake and Craft Sale #1** – Sat. March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am – 3 p.m.

**In House Lenten Retreat** – Sat. March 30<sup>th</sup>

**OYMT Tool and Safety Training**—Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 12-4 p.m.

**Bake and Craft Sale #2** – Sat. April 20<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 3 pm

**Pascha** – May 5

## Educational Scholarships

**Available**— Thanks to a gift from an Orthodox Christian in the greater Danbury area to perpetuate the values and beliefs of the Orthodox Christian Faith by financially supporting the education of active parishioners we are able to offer scholarships to active members of our parish for any type of post-secondary education or training. Applications are available in the church hall or by contacting Fr. Luke.

The scholarship is to be awarded to active members of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church based on several criteria:

- Available to any student/parishioner furthering his or her education
- Must be a full and active member of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
- Involved in philanthropic activities
- Scholarship will be paid directly to the financial institution
- Recipient must accept the scholarship in person Applications must be received by April 28th.

## Birthdays or Anniversaries

February	
Nicu Melnic	26
March	
Larisa Yarush	6
Ana Urgiles Melnic	7
Taylor Freitas	8
Amy Davids	8
Mia Paltauf	9
Mary Gander	10
Aidan McVeigh	12
Anthony Villa	16
Ella Silvera	16
Yennifer Nunez	17
Vida Bundra	24
Peter Astras	24
Marika Gutzman (Names day)	25
Leon & Lady Guerrero	25
Orestes Mihaly	26
Michael Browne	30
Lily Mihaly	30

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**Game Dinner Help Needed—**

Our annual Wild Game and Ethnic Food dinner will take place in just a few weeks on Sat. March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.