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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is St. Mary of Egypt Sunday. The Epistle is from Hebrews 9:11-14. The Gospel is from Mark 10:32-45. Venerable Januarius.

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.

Schedule of Services and Events for this week

Sunday, April 21, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy	Monday, April 22, 7 PM – Spirituality Class	Saturday, April 27, 10 AM – Breakfast followed by Palm Crosses, Egg dying, Luminary decorating
Sunday, April 21, 11:30 AM – Panachida for Stefan and Anna, Andy Medwid's parents	Tuesday, April 23, 9 AM – Akathist	Saturday, April 27, 10 AM – Parish Grounds and Church Clean-up
Sunday, April 21, 11:30 AM – Church School with Leon	Wednesday, April 24, 6 PM – Presanctified Liturgy followed by a Light Lenten Meal and Class	Saturday, April 27, 5 PM – Palm Sunday Vespers
Sunday, April 21, 12:30 PM – Parish Council Meeting	Thursday, April 25, 8:30 AM – Lenten Hours	Sunday, April 28, 10 AM – Palm Sunday Liturgy blessing of Pussy Willows and Palms
Sunday, April 21, 4 PM – Unction Service at Three Saints Church Ansonia	Thursday, April 25, 9:15 AM – New Testament	Sunday, April 28, 11:30 AM – Pancake Breakfast for Scholarship Fund
	Friday, April 26, 9 AM - Old Testament Class	
	Saturday, April 27, 9 AM – Lazarus Saturday Liturgy	

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 decaf coffee. Thank you!

Bake Sale—Many thanks to all those who helped out at our second Easter Bake Sale yesterday! All the cooking, baking, cleaning, serving were greatly appreciated by our happy customers!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, June 7th 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.

Pancake Breakfast

Pancake Breakfast—Sunday, April 28th there will be a pancake breakfast to raise funds for our Scholarship Fund. We are looking for our youth to participate in the preparing and serving of the breakfast. Please see Vida Bundra for more details.

Grounds Clean Up

Grounds Clean Up—On April 27th we will be looking for help cleaning the grounds around the church in preparation for Pascha and our walk around the church. Please bring leaf blowers and rakes.

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 Second 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).

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:

April 21st

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.

Pussy Willows

Time to Cut the Pussy Willows! —Pussy Willows are coming out now and we will need them for Palm Sunday which is not until April 28th. If you have access to any pussy willows, please cut them and bring to the church. We will store in a cool place. Do not put them in water as this will cause them to flower

Upcoming Events

Lazarus Saturday Activities—Saturday April 27th following Liturgy at 9 a.m.

Grounds Clean Up—Sat. April 27th following Lazarus Saturday Liturgy and breakfast

Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Scholarship Fund—Sunday April 28th in lieu of coffee hour

Pascha – May 5

Mother's Day Brunch— Sat. May 12th following Liturgy

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

April	
Cassiana Reznic	21
Viorel Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Zachariah Mihaly	25
Harry Fong	26
Elena Gordon	27
Natalia Tikhomirova	28
Logan Thompson	29

Red Eggs—We will be needing hard boiled red eggs to give out at Pascha. If you can make a couple of dozen, please let Susan Sulich know. Eggs can be brought to church on Holy Friday or Saturday.

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of love and joy."



Mother's Day—Believe it or not Mother's Day is the Sunday after Pascha! The dads and kids will be cooking up a special brunch for our Moms. If you are able to help, please see Harry Fong or Paul Sulich.

As we begin Lent together, the following minimal fasting regulations are designated for our clergy and faithful:

- 1) Monday, March 18 (Clean Monday), the first day of the Fast, is a day of strict abstinence; likewise Great and Holy Friday, and Great and Holy Saturday, namely May 3 and 4 are days of strict abstinence. On these days, no meat or dairy products may be eaten.
- 2) All Wednesdays and Fridays during this entire Season are days of abstinence from meat.
- 3) Meat and meat products may not be eaten during all Holy Week, namely April 29 through May 4.
- 4) For the evening Pre-sanctified Liturgy, a minimum three-hours fast from all food and drink must be observed before the reception of Holy Communion. Normal fasting from midnight is still practiced before the Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.

These are the minimal requirements to observe during this Season. But for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, I wholeheartedly recommend the penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us

Parish Family to Gather for Lazarus Saturday—Next Saturday, April 27th is Lazarus Saturday and there is something for everyone to do to prepare for Holy Week. Schedule will be as follows:

- Liturgy at 9 a.m.
- Breakfast (We will be looking for parents to bring fruit, muffins, juice, etc.—Mary Dugal will provide bagels!)
- Preparing palm crosses and pussy willows
- Decorating luminaries to light our walk around the church at the Pascha midnight service
- Dying Easter Eggs
- Grounds clean up

This is a day for the whole family! Please plan to set aside some time to come together and get our parish grounds ready for Holy Week!
