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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Twenty-third
Sunday after Pentecost.

The Epistle is from
Ephesians 2:4-10. The
Gospel is from Luke 18:18-
27. Prophet Nahum.

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, December 1, 10
AM - Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, December 1, 3 PM
to 7 PM – Sip ‘N Shop
OYMT fundraiser**

**Thursday, December 5, 6
PM – Vigil for St. Nicholas**

**Friday, December 6, 9 AM
– Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas**

**Saturday, December 7, 5
PM – Vespers**

**Sunday, December 8, 10
AM - Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday, December 8,
11:30 AM – St. Nicholas
Brunch**

**Sunday, December 8, 4 PM
– St. Tikhon Seminary
Concert Three Saints Church
Ansonia**

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/htoccdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—We are in need of decaf coffee, gallon size food storage bags, large and sturdy dinner size paper plates. Thank you!

Calling All Crafters and Artisans—Do you have a special talent for creating beautiful handmade items? We are looking for additional vendors for our holiday bake and craft sales and also for the OYMT Sip and Shop event. Crafts should be handmade and can be in any medium: jewelry, fabric, pottery, clothing, wood, etc. Tables at our upcoming craft sale Dec. 14th are \$35 each. Vendors for Sip and Shop on Dec. 1st make a donation from their proceeds to the youth mission team. If you and someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com).

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, December 13th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Last Friday we served over 150 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.

Perogie Sessions

Perogie Sessions—It's time to start cooking for our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bakes sales! Perogie sessions are on Tuesdays and begin about 9:15 (immediately following our 8:30 Akathist service). All pinchers, veteran and brand new our welcome—no experience necessary!

Church School with Leon

Church School with Leon—There will be church school today. Our church school will be starting up again on Sundays right after liturgy. We are grateful to have Leon once again offer his time and talents to teach our youth! Church school students will be first to venerate the cross so they can head downstairs right after Liturgy.

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: *The Theology of Illness* by Jean-Claudet Larchet

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 Fr. Lawrence Barriger entitled: *Insights into the Orthodox Faith*.

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently we are reading

and studying *St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We are in *The Book of Job*.

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!

Bake Sale Orders—Our Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake and Craft Sales are coming up. If you are interested in purchasing any food items for the holidays, please fill out the attached order forms and give to Susan Sulich. This will ensure that you get the items you want. We will of course have additional quantities on the day of the sale but we do run out of popular items!

Order Your Christmas Cards—Did you know that you can get the same beautiful Christmas cards sold by Ancient Faith through our Church Store? Cards cost the same price as in the catalog but you pay no shipping and best of all you benefit the church as well. See Lisa Farrah for designs and to place an order.

Sign Up for OYMT 2025-- The summer mission trip will be from **June 28 - July 6, 2025**, with Appalachia Service Project. We will be serving in Central Appalachia (WV, VA, KY, TN or NC). You can find the meeting and training schedule for the year and lots of other information on our website: www.oymt.info. These sessions are mandatory, so please mark your calendars and be prepared to make this commitment!

If you would like to be a part of the 2025 mission trip, the first step is to complete our [covenant](#). If you are under 18, a parent is required to fill this out with you. **A completed covenant and \$200 deposit (youth only)**

must be submitted by December 1st to secure your spot on the trip. The total cost per youth for the year is **\$375**. Please click [here](#) for payment instructions. Scholarships are available; reach out via email for more information. No one will ever be turned away for financial reasons! As a reminder, all youth and adult members are also required to participate in fundraising.

If you have any questions, please email us at oymt.info@gmail.com or speak with Fr. Luke, Susan Sulich, Nick or Jennie Fong, or one of our youth who attended last year.

Upcoming Events

Sip and Shop OYMT Fundraiser—Sunday, Dec. 1st

Dorothy Day—Fri., Dec. 13th 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

St. Nicholas Brunch – Sunday, December 8

Christmas Bake and Craft Sale—Dec. 14th 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

St. Tikhon’s Seminary Choir Concert – Sunday, December 8th, 4 PM Three Saints Orthodox Church Ansonia, CT

New Year’s Dinner Dance— Sat. Jan. 11th

Parish Café—Thur., Dec. 12th 4-6 p.m.

Coffee Hour—Our coffee hour is a great opportunity to spend time together and share a meal. It’s potluck so If there’s an item or dish, you’d like to bring please feel free to do so. No one needs to do the whole coffee hour! All offerings are welcome.

Clothes Drive Ending - The Clothes drive will be ending in November. So be sure to go through your closet and dresser and bring in any clothes, shoes, etc. Ann Huott is coordinating the clothes drive. Thank You Ann and the entire Huott Family for this monumental and ‘heavy’ effort to support our parish.

St. Nicholas Brunch—We will celebrate St. Nicholas on Sunday, Dec. 8th with a potluck brunch in place of coffee hour. See the sign-up sheet in the hall to tell what you’d like to bring. This is a fast free meal. Also, we our hoping St. Nicholas will pay a visit to our parish and spend time with the children.

Birthdays or Anniversaries

December	
Luke Faubel	4
Sarah Mannello	7
Michael Kerpchar	8
Trianna Gutzman	10
Willi Jacob Gartner	16
Chrissanth Gross	22
Alex Sirak	22
John Cole Mihaly	27
Ralph & Donna Loomis - Anniversary	28
Elaine Toaso	30
Margarita Schnittler	30

Parish Café - Holy Trinity will be offering a monthly café from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12th. Parishioners are invited to drop by for coffee, a homemade sweet treat from our kitchen and conversation with Fr. Luke and other members of the parish. We’ll offer activities, games and other ways to share time. Just need a break from the noisy world? The church will be open for prayer and contemplation.

Guidelines for the Nativity Fast

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



The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. Because it begins the day after the commemoration of the Apostle Philip (Nov. 14th), it is often referred to as the Apostle Philip fast. Although it is as long as Great Lent, it is not as severe. Throughout the entire duration of these forty days there is no accommodation for meat, dairy products and eggs. However, fish is allowed to be consumed every day except Wednesdays and Fridays, from November 15th until December 17th. Fish is also allowed on the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos, which falls on November 21st, no matter what day of the week it falls on. From the 18th to the 24th of December, which is Christmas Eve, oil and wine are the only relief from a strict fast, except Wednesdays and Fridays on which we adhere to a strict fast. We should keep a fast of dry foods (xerophagy) also on the first day of the fast on November 15th, as well as on Christmas Eve, unless of course they fall on a Saturday or Sunday.

Sip and Shop for the

Holidays—On Sunday, Dec. 1st from 3-7 p.m. after you've battled all the stores for bargains on Black Friday come and enjoy a relaxed, luxury shopping experience at Sip and Shop in Katonah, NY. This fundraiser for the Orthodox Youth Mission Team will feature high quality vendors with items for everyone on your Christmas gift list. You can enjoy festive sips and nibbles while you shop and there will be raffles and other surprises as well. Best of all, your participation benefits our youth mission team. Shopping passes are \$5. See Susan Sulich if interested in attending.

Save the Date—New Year's Dinner Dance—

Our annual New Year's Dinner Dance is set for Saturday, Jan. 11th. Our favorite D.J. Bill Lopez will once again be leading the festivities! More details to come.

St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir Returns to Connecticut for the annual Sacred Music Concert!

The concert will be held at Three Saints Orthodox Church, 26 Howard Ave, Ansonia, CT 06401 on Sunday, December 8th, at 4:00 p.m. All donations will go to support "The Very Rev. Mitered Archpriest Nicholas Timpko St. Tikhon's OCA Seminarian Memorial Scholarship," which contributes to the formation and education of future priests and leaders in the Orthodox Church

We are thrilled to invite you to be part of a **historic Orthodox Christian gathering at "Faith and Family Night" on Saturday, February 15, 2025!** This unique event will unite Orthodox Christians from across New England and the Tri-State area, offering college students a memorable opportunity to celebrate the unity of our faith in a public and dynamic setting.

We have extended invitations to over **150 Orthodox churches and OCF chapters** throughout the region and are excited to welcome your chapter to this inspiring evening of faith and fellowship.

Event Highlights:

- **Pre-Game Seminar:** His Grace Bishop JOHN Abdalah (AOCANA) and guest speaker Rev. Peter Orfanakos (GOArch) will lead a seminar on the theme "*All You Need Is Love.*"
- **Game & Fellowship:** The evening features a thrilling hockey matchup between the Bridgeport Islanders and the Providence Bruins at **Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport, CT.**
- **Tickets:** With each \$27 ticket (plus fees), purchased using the QR code in flyer, attendees will receive:
 - Center ice seating
 - An Islanders hat
 - Early stadium access
 - A post-game photo on the ice
 - Entry into a prize drawing (*for tickets purchased by January 31st*)
 - **Bonus for Groups:** Groups of 50+ will receive a special gift basket from the Islanders!
 - **Net proceeds support IOCC's hurricane relief efforts**