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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday before Nativity. The Epistle is from Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23.

The Gospel is from Matthew 1:1-25. Great Martyr Anastasia

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 22, 10 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 22, 12:30 PM – Parish Council meeting

Tuesday, December 24, 9 AM – Royal Hours

Tuesday, December 24, 5PM – Holy Supper (covered dish) - Strict Fast

Tuesday, December 24, 7 PM – Christmas Eve Services and the singing of Christmas Carols

Wednesday, December 25, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy – Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Thursday, December 26, 9 AM – Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of the Mother of God

Saturday, December 28, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, December 29, 10 AM – Divine 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/htoccdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

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

Parish Christmas Eve Holy Supper – As a way for us as a parish family to celebrate the transition from expectation to fulfillment of the Nativity Fast is with the Holy Supper. A strict fast meal with prayers, songs and hymns. The Holy Supper is to prepare us for the evening Vigil/Compline service at 7 PM. So bring a covered fasting dish and join your parish family for the Christmas Eve Holy Supper at 5 PM as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord.

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day—Our next date to serve at Dorothy Day will be Friday, Feb. 14th 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.

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.

New Year's Dinner Dance

New Year's Dinner Dance—On Sat. Jan. 11th we are looking forward to once again hosting our annual dinner dance. Tickets are just \$40 a person and include dinner and dancing with our favorite DJ, Bill Lopez. BYOB. Each ticket holder will also be entered in a special door prize drawing. Make your reservations for individual tickets or reserve a whole table with Pani Bethany (text to 203-482-6224) or Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com).

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!

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!

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 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**

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

Parish Christmas Party –
Saturday, December 28

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

OYMT Training #1—
Sunday, Jan. 12th 2-4 p.m. at
Holy Trinity Danbury

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.

Perogie Sessions—Many thanks to all our perogie pinchers! We are done for the holidays and will resume making more perogies after New Year's.

Birthdays or Anniversaries

December	
Chrissanth Gross	22
Alex Sirak	22
Marat	24
John Cole Mihaly	27
Ralph & Donna Loomis - Anniversary	28
Elaine Toaso	30
Margarita Schnittler	30

Parish Café - Holy Trinity will be hosting a monthly café. 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'd like to hear from you about what else you'd like to see at the café in the way of activities, games, new things to learn about or any other ideas. We also want to know what day and time would work best for you. Look for a suggestion box in the hall or share your ideas with Lauren Mihaylo, Susan Sulich or Fr. Luke.

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Parish Christmas Party and Carol Sing-along—

Let's get together and celebrate this joyous season! On Saturday, Dec. 28th we will have a parish family party at the church hall. It will be potluck—bring your holiday favorites or leftovers! We'll also enjoy some "carol-oke," aka, a singalong of Christmas carols. Also, if you know of anyone who can't come out but would enjoy hearing carols the choir will happily visit them before the start of the party to sing.

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**
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