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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20.

The Gospel is from Luke 15:11-32. Martyr Pamphilus.

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, February 16, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 16, 12:30 PM- Parish Council meeting

Monday, February 17, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 18, 8:30 AM - Akathist

Tuesday, February 18, 9:15 AM – Perogie Session

Wednesday, February 19, 7 PM - Adult Catechism

Thursday, February 20, 9AM – New Testament Class

Thursday, February 20, 6 PM – Book Launch with Fr. Bogdan Bucur at SVS

Friday, February 21, 9 AM – Old Testament Class

Saturday, February 22, 9 AM – Soul

Saturday Liturgy – Reading of the Diptychs

Saturday, February 22, 5 PM – Vespers

Sunday, February 23, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 23, 11:15 AM – Church School children dismissed for class

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.

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.

Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen—We are in need of decaf coffee and bottled water. Thank you!

Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day Update—Thank you to all the people who showed up to help serve at Dorothy Day this past Friday. It was great to have so many parishioners show interest and learn the process of preparing and serving. The indoor dining went well, and we kept ahead of the crowds all day serving over 140 hot meals and bag lunches. Our next date to serve will be Friday, April 11th from 1:30-4:45 p.m. If you wish to serve on that date, please let Susan Sulich know.

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

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.

Church School Updates

Church School Updates—Starting this Sunday, Feb. 2nd, we will be having church school every other Sunday. In addition to the wonderful lessons taught by Leon we will be adding two additional teachers helping with the educational activities: Elissa and Stasia. Church school activities are for all children age 10 and under. Church school students will be first to venerate the cross so they can head downstairs right after Liturgy. **Feb. 16th, March 2nd, March 16th and March 30th**

Envelopes are In

Envelopes are In—If you use envelopes to make your weekly donations you can pick them up in the church hall. Please note the number and your name on the pad next to the envelopes so our assistant treasurer will be able to track your donations. Donations can also be made monthly, annually or via PayPal on our website.

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).

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. 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.

Upcoming Events

Book launch and discussion of Fr. Nicolae Steinhardt's *Journal of Joy* at St. Vladimir's - Thursday, February 20, 6:30 pm

Perogie Crew Luncheon— Tuesday, February 25th at noon. Restaurant TBD.

Beginning of Great Lent – Monday, March 3

OYMT Training #3— Sun. March 16th 2-4 p.m. Holy Trinity Danbury

In-House Lenten Retreat—Saturday, March 29th at Holy Trinity 2 p.m.

St. Vladimir Seminary Discussion of Fr. Nicolae Steinhardt's *Journal of Joy* - Thursday, February 20, 6:30 pm, SVS will be hosting a book launch and discussion of Fr. Nicolae Steinhardt's *Journal of Joy*
<https://www.svots.edu/events/svs-press-book-launch-nicolae-steinhardt-journal-joy>

Orthodox faithful and enquirers in North America and elsewhere in the English-speaking world.

This work gives expression to our Orthodox faith in a way that made a huge difference in the lives of many Romanians after the 1989 Revolution. Simply put, it made Christianity credible: in spite of the many failings of the Church as an institution, it made the beauty and joy of living as disciples of Christ, even though mere "impostors of the good" irresistible. I think that this English translation will be of great spiritual benefit to

Birthdays or Anniversaries

February	
Alexandra Volpe	12
Emily Varney Silvera	13
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf - Anniversary	14
Rick & Lisa Farah - Anniversary	14
Alexis Gutzman	17
Kristina Bundra	20
Azariah Mihaly	20
Nicu Melnic	26

If you do not see your or anyone of your family's birthday or anniversary in the list, please let Fr. Luke know so it can be included.

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Annual Parish Lenten Retreat--

Saturday, March 29—Plan to attend our in-house Lenten retreat to be led by Rev. Dr. Alexander Goussetis, Director, Center for Family Care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The topic is “Repentance in the Contemporary World.” The first segment of the talk whets our appetite by offering a survey on the amazing communication skills displayed by Jesus during his earthly ministry. The main thrust of the Lenten retreat is navigating through the greatest short story in history – the Parable of the Prodigal Son, with the emphasis on repentance and application for us today. The retreat will start at 2 p.m., followed by Vespers and a Potluck Lenten meal. The retreat is open to all. Feel free to invite friends and members of other parishes.

Fr. Luke is scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

- 1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.
- 2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.
- 8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!

No one is obligated to have their homes blessed, but it is a wonderful opportunity for the church to come into your home, for me to visit with you and your family. It would be a shame to lose this tradition as it is a great opportunity for priest and parishioners to bond and connect in your homes.

Also note, that you can have your home blessed at any time of the year as can water, if needed. It is traditional to do both around Theophany.