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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

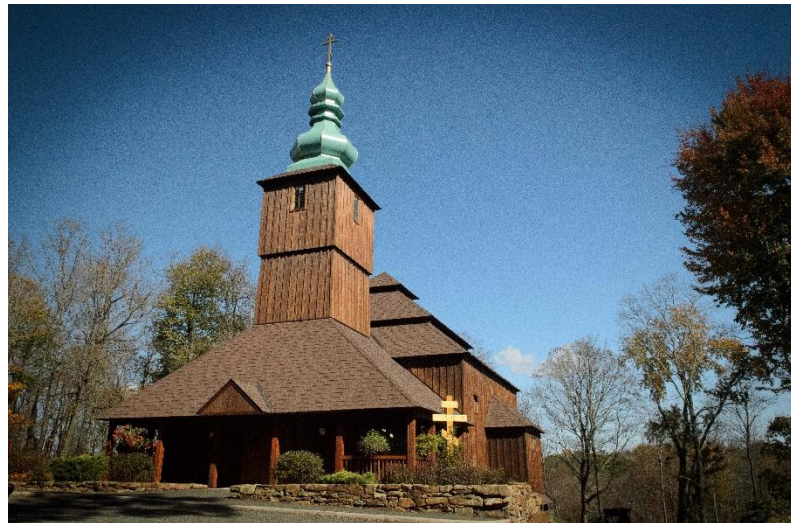
Today is Pascha. The
Epistle is from Acts 1:1-8.
The Gospel is from John
1:1-17.

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 20, 12 noon – Paschal Vespers followed by blessing of Baskets

Monday, April 21, 9 AM – Bright Monday Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, April 22, 9 AM – Paschal Matins

Wednesday, April 23, 7 PM – Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, April 24, 9 AM – New Testament Clas

Friday, April 25, 9 AM – Old Testament

Saturday, April 26, 2 PM – Vespers

Saturday, April 26, 3 PM – Bright Saturday Parish Pascha Party

Sunday, April 27, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 27, 12 noon – John Galpin retirement party

On behalf of Pani and myself, I want to express our deepest thanks to each one of you for the beautiful Lenten journey that has led us to this most bright and joyous Feast of our Lord's Pascha, His Resurrection! May our Lord's Resurrection be a sustaining presence in your lives! With all our love in the Risen Christ,
Fr. Luke and Pani Behtany

***Christ is Risen!
Indeed, He is Risen!***

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.

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.

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, June 13th from 1:30-4:45 p.m. If you wish to serve on that date, please let Susan Sulich 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.

Bright Saturday Party

Bright Saturday Party— Everyone is invited to a Bright Saturday party on April 26th starting at 3 p.m. (Vespers will be at 2 p.m. that day.) Potluck! Bring one of your favorite feasting foods to share with your parish family.

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: *Thinking Orthodox* by Dr. Eugenia Constantinou

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 **Proverbs**.

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!

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

Pascha Resurrection Services - Saturday, April 19, 11 PM

Bright Saturday Party - April 26th starting at 3 p.m. (Vespers will be at 2 p.m. that day.) Potluck!

OYMT Construction Day—Saturday, May 3rd 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Southbury, CT

Scholarship Application Deadline—May 15th

Educational Scholarships Available— Applications are available for our scholarship fund. This fund was established by generous donors to perpetuate the values and beliefs of the Orthodox Christian Faith by financially supporting the education of active parishioners. Scholarships are available to active members of our parish for any type of post-secondary education or training. The scholarship is to

be awarded to 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

• Recipient must accept the scholarship in person.

Scholarship will be paid directly to the financial institution. Contact Fr. Luke for an application.

Deadline for submitting applications is May 15th.

Birthdays or Anniversaries

April	
John & Dana Mihaly	20
Nectarios Moses Mihaly	20
Cassiana Reznic	21
Viorel Bundra	23
Natasha Gross	25
Zachariah Mihaly	25
Harry Fong	26
Elena Gordon	27
Logan Thompson	29

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

HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord

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



Please Help Restock Our Kitchen—

We are in need of paper towels and
decaf coffee. Thank you!

Pascha (Easter)

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness.
(Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): "... for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

THE FEAST OF FEASTS

The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God's free gift of joy given to spiritual men as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church's liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon).