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Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is Sunday of the Myrrh bearing Women. The Epistle is from Acts 6:1-7. The Gospel is from Mark 15:43-16:8. Virgin Martyr Pelagia.

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, May 4, 10 AM

– Divine Liturgy with dismissal of the children for church school after Panachida for Don Willoughby, Donna's father

Monday, May 5, 7 PM

– Spirituality Class

Tuesday, May 6, 9 AM

– Akathist

Wednesday, May 7, 7 PM

– Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, May 8, 9 AM

– New Testament Class

Friday, May 9, 9 AM

– Old Testament

Saturday, May 10, 5 PM

– Vespers

Sunday, May 11, 10 AM

– Divine Liturgy – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11, 11:30 AM

– Mother's Day Brunch

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.

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

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.

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

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!

Movie Night to Benefit OYMT

Movie Night to Benefit OYMT—On Saturday, May 17th at 6 p.m. we will have an area-exclusive showing of the movie, Sacred Alaska to benefit this year's Orthodox Youth Mission Team trip to Appalachia. This award-winning documentary offers an intimate look into Native Alaskan culture and spirituality, showcasing the profound influence of Orthodoxy. In 2015 the Orthodox Youth Mission Team served in Alaska and many of the places we visited and people we met appear in the film. All are invited! We will have popcorn and other food available. Suggested donation: \$5 per person.

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).

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.

| Parish Picnic at the Cemetery

Parish Picnic at the Cemetery—On Sunday, May 25th immediately following Liturgy we will head to St. Platon's Cemetery in lieu of our usual coffee hour. Fr. Luke will bless the graves and we will have a parish family picnic on the grounds of the cemetery to celebrate the Resurrection with our departed loved ones. Grilled meats will be provided. Parishioners are asked to sign up to bring sides, desserts and beverages. See sign-up sheet in the church hall and speak to Ana Melnic for more details.

| Monthly Bake Sale

Monthly Bake Sale—Our next monthly bake sale will be held on Thursday, June 5th from 4-6 p.m. If you are available to help, please let Helen Galskoy know.

Birthdays or Anniversaries

May	
Luca Szymanowicz	5
Robert Faubel	5
Nicholas Fong	6
Kenneth Duclos	6
Alexa Leclerc	8
Gavin Davids	10
Gregorio Soto	10
Peter & Sandi Astras	11
Kaitleen Villa	12
Timofei Budyonny	13
Jennie Fong	14
Marika & Quinn Vissak	15
Sam Sophia Kreymer	16
Natalja Schnittler	18
Kevin Gutzman	20
Adrienne Fedyna Dembeck	25
Jason Varney	27
Maximus Elijah Mihaly	27
Paul & Susan Sulich - Anniversary	28
Nick & Jennie Fong - Anniversary	28
Michael & Kathryn Kerpchar - Anniversary	29
Ken Borsari	31

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

Upcoming Events

Scholarship Application

Deadline—May 15th

Movie Showing of "Sacred Alaska" to Benefit

OYMT—Saturday, May 17th at 6 p.m. in the church hall

Parish Picnic at St.

Platon's—Sunday, May 25th following Divine Liturgy

Monthly Bake Sale

—Thursday, June 5th 4-6 p.m.

OYMT Training

—Sunday, June 1st, 2-4 p.m. Holy Trinity Danbury

Dorothy Day

—Friday, June 13th 1:30-4:45 p.m.

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.

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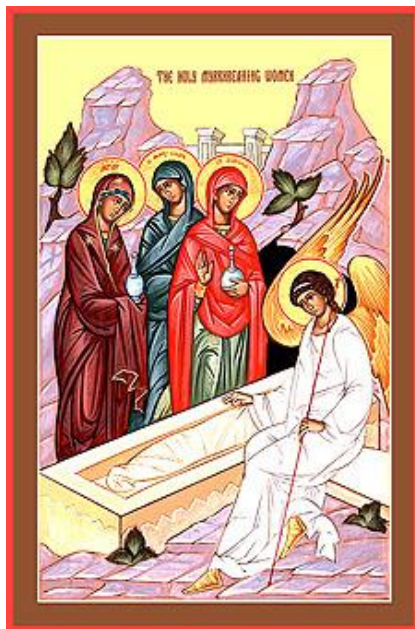
"... a place of refuge full
of love and joy."



Please Help Restock Our Kitchen—

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

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph



The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulchre, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Arduinis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).