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Good Morning and Welcome!

December 1, 2024

Prophet Nahum



- Sunday, December 1st** **9:00 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
- Wednesday, December 4th** **6:00 p.m.** [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
- Friday, December 6th** **8:30 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
St. Nicholas Day
- Saturday, December 7th** **5:00 p.m.** [Vespers \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
- Sunday, December 8th** **9:00 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Feed a Friend

Welcome

Welcome to all those visiting All Saints today!
Please join us downstairs for Fellowship after Liturgy!

Happy Birthday

Serafima Antonenko – December 4th
Mark Ranstead – December 5th

Help Wanted

If you are interested in being a member of the Facilities Committee for the Parish, please see either Greg Belekewicz or Mark Ranstead. *Thank You!*

Adult Education

Wednesday Vespers/Adult Education will meet next on December 4th – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 3 of *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* by Archimandrite Sergius.

Theology Café

The next gathering of the Theology Café will be December 10th - all are welcome, bring a friend! 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida by December 8th. (937-631-5989).

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday, December 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m. - Zoom meeting.

Words from Father Constantine

Prophet Nahum

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means “God consoles,” was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee). He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Nahum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God. The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C. Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God.

Josephus places Nahum during the reign of Jotham, while others place him in the beginning of the reign of Ahaz, Judah's next king, or even the latter half of the reign of Hezekiah, Ahaz's son; all three accounts date the book to the 8th century BC. The book would then have been written in Jerusalem, where Nahum would have witnessed the invasion of Sennacherib and his retreat.

The subject of Nahum's prophecy is the approaching complete and final destruction of Nineveh, which was the capital of the great and flourishing Assyrian empire at that time. Ashurbanipal was at the height of his glory. Nineveh was a city of vast extent, and was then the center of the civilization and commerce of the world, according to Nahum a "bloody city all full of lies and robbery", a reference to the Neo-Assyrian Empire's military campaigns and demand of tribute and plunder from conquered cities. Jonah had already uttered his message of warning, and Nahum was followed by Zephaniah, who also predicted the destruction of the city.

Fellowship Hour Sign-Up

Hosts and Hostesses needed for Fellowship Hours – please see the clipboard/sign-up sheet at the coffee window – please sign up for a Sunday or two that are convenient for you! Any questions, *please see Monica Kapral. Thank you!*

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

*Rose Kostyn – 12/2/77; Edward Liptak – 12/2/11; Peter Malik – 12/3/07; Francis Davis – 12/5/93;
Anna Falkowich – 12/5/96; Anastasia Gorski – 12/7/09; Tatiana Umanetz – 12/7/77*

Commemorations

Living:

Margaret, Roger, Daniel, Nicholas, Diane, Susan, Eileen, Mike, Ron

Departed:

Alina, Jozef, Theresa, James, Genevieve, Patrick, Shotiko, Glenn, Andrew, Ann Marie

All Saints Bookstore – December Sale

Beginning next Sunday, December 1st through to Sunday, December 29th all items in the bookstore will be 15% off! If you are looking for a unique gift for someone, please stop by after Liturgy. Any questions, please see Cathy Vargas or Michael Stenko. *Thank you!*

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 4

We celebrate the memory / of Your prophet Nahum, O Lord; / through him we entreat You, / save our souls.

Kontakion — Tone 2

(Podoben: "Today You have shown forth...")

Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; / for you saw things far off as if they were near. / Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Nahum.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2024/12/01/2>

Gospel according to Luke 18:18-27

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2024/12/01/3>

Outreach Opportunitites

Reminder - Feed a Friend – Sunday – December 8th

Please put your lunches into refrigerator in the Church Hall (Thank You!)

Help the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the victims of domestic abuse here in the Greater Hartford region by giving them something that's hard to come by: A Free Lunch! We'll deliver bagged lunches to [Loaves and Fishes](#) in Hartford, beginning today and every second Sunday of each month, who has numerous men, women, and children, who will appreciate the food you provide and the love that you show in making it. This is a great opportunity to get your kids to help and discuss with them the words of Christ: "When I was hungry, you fed me...."

To participate - Make & bring a brown-bag lunch to Church which includes all of the following:

- 1) Sandwich,
- 2) Piece of Fruit
- 3) Bag of Chips/pretzels
- 4) Canned/Bottled Drink &
- 5) Desert (pudding, cookie, etc.)

Important Note: For the purpose of uniformity, please include all/only the items above.

Also PLEASE write type of sandwich (and the presence of any allergens) on bag.

Coats for CT

We will be *collecting new and slightly used coats* for donation to *Coats for CT* through Best Cleaners. If you have a new or slightly used coat(s) that you would like to donate, please bring them to the box located in the Church Hall, Donation Corner. If you have any questions, *please contact Mary Beth Stenko*, who is coordinating this effort. *Thank you!*

Foodshare

There is a basket for donations of nonperishable food items for Foodshare in the "Donations Corner" in the Church Hall – NEW LOCATION! We are also in need of brown bags with handles. Also, please avoid food items in glass containers. *Please remember to thank God for your blessings by helping those in need. God Bless and Thank you!*

Golden Elephant

Golden Elephant Update: She is in need of cleaning supplies, hangers, dog toys, a cat box with liter and gift cards (VISA, grocery stores). *Thank you!*

Third Sunday of Advent – Wreath Reading

Light Green Candle – which expresses *faith*.

Light Blue Candle – which expresses *hope*.

Light Gold Candle – which expresses *love*.

As we light the third candle let us remember the words of St. John when he said that, “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.”

Now three Advent Candles burn
To promise aching hearts that yearn
Beneath open sky or in crowded cell,
That Christ is coming with them to dwell.

Heavenly Father, help us to remember Your great Gift to us at Christmas – the Gift of Your love: Jesus. May His love possess our hearts this Advent and flow out from us to needy mankind. Amen.

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

We invite you to join us for a special evening of sacred music performed by the talented seminarians of St. Tikhon’s Seminary. This concert, dedicated to the memory of our beloved former chancellor and pastor emeritus, The Very Rev. Mitered Archbishop Nicholas Timpko, is a cherished annual tradition that brings together our community in celebration and remembrance.

The concert will be held at Three Saints Orthodox Church in Ansonia, CT, on Sunday, December 8th, at 4:00 p.m. All donations will go to support “The Very Rev. Mitered Archbishop 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.

While admission is free, we appreciate and encourage donations in support of this vital scholarship fund. Please see the flyer posted on your church bulletin board for more information. Checks can be made payable to Three Saints Orthodox Church (with “STOTS” in the memo line) and mailed to:

Three Saints Orthodox Church
ATTN: Scholarship
26 Howard Ave,
Ansonia, CT 06401

May our good Lord bless you for your generosity!



Through the Cross: Joy
ASOC Advent Retreat
Presented by Dr. John Barnet



Christmas Tree Snowflakes

Remember a loved one with a Christmas tree snowflake, which will be hung on our parish Christmas tree.

Donations are \$5. You may offer a snowflake *in memory of* or *for the health of* someone. Return this form to the basket in the vestibule or email it to Cathy Vargas at carv58@aol.com. (**Max. 2 names per snowflake**)

In Memory of:

Name to appear on Snowflake _____

Health of:

Name to appear on Snowflake _____

Donation amount _____

Offered by _____

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Please see Walter Alesevich with any questions or your donations! Thank you!

Donations Due by SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1st. Thank you!

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ST. NICHOLAS WISH LIST PROGRAM

For over 24 years the FOCA has gathered wish lists from married students at St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's Seminaries (gift card donations are sent to St. Herman's of Alaska). These lists are filled by parishes, chapters, or individuals from around the country. In those 24 years, we have fulfilled the wishes of over 1,000 seminarian families and have donated over \$120,000 to the married seminarians families at St. Herman's seminary.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Parish/Chapter

- Hold a fundraiser to purchase items on the list
- Make a paper tree and place ornaments of the wanted items for parishioners to take, they purchase and return items by a given date
- Hold a gift card collection - ask for donations from the list below

OBTAIN A LIST by emailing michaelsteffaro@comcast.net

Monetary donations should be made payable to the FOCA
Gift card donations should be sent to Allison Steffaro ASAP

Send either to Allison Steffaro, 38 Beryl St. South River, NJ 08882

All wish list items **MUST BE
DELIVERED TO THE SEMINARY BY
DECEMBER 3rd**

****If you live in the New Jersey area you
can drop them off at the Steffaro home
by December 4th****

Gift Cards Needed:

- Amazon
- Target
- Walmart
- Khols
- Barnes and Noble

Please Note

Any photos taken at Church events may be used on the Church website or Facebook page. If you have any questions on this, please see or contact Father Constantine. <https://www.oca.org/files/PDF/official/2018-1024-socialmediaguidelines-clergy-lay-leaders.pdf>

Have a Blessed Week!