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## **Good Morning and Welcome!**

**November 3, 2024**

**Hieromartyrs Akepsimas, Bishop in Persia, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas**



**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** No Vespers/Adult Education

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** No Vespers

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
**Feed a Friend**

### **Welcome**

**Welcome to Father David Koles and to all those visiting *All Saints* today!  
Please join us downstairs for Fellowship after Liturgy!**

### **Please Note**

**Father Constantine will be on vacation from Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> through to Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup>. In case of an emergency, pastoral or otherwise, please contact Cathy Vargas 860-205-9465. Thank you.**

### **Happy Birthday**

**Rahul Thomas – November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Anita Karsky – November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## Thank You

*Thank you to all those who donated nonperishable food items, especially the Kapral's neighbor Dave Carlson. 165 pounds of items were delivered to Foodshare on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Mark Kapral for making the delivery.*

## All Saints Website Updates

*The following updates were made to the All Saints Website:*

*Created Church Event tab – advertising the upcoming Advent Retreat. (See flyer below)*

*Created Weekly Bulletin tab (located within the About Us tab) – which now contains a link to our weekly bulletins*

## Adult Education

*Wednesday Vespers/Adult Education will meet next on November 20<sup>th</sup> – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 1 of Acquiring the Mind of Christ by Archimandrite Sergius.*

## Theology Café

*The next gathering of the Theology Café will be November 12<sup>th</sup> - all are welcome, bring a friend! 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida by November 10<sup>th</sup>. (937-631-5989).*

## Parish Council

*The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. - Zoom meeting.*

## Words from Father Constantine

### Hieromartyrs Akepsimas, Bishop in Persia, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas

Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter and Aeithalas (Aeithalás) the Deacon of Persia were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work. The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Saint Akepsimas also was arrested, even though he was already an eighty-year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aeithalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst.

Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead. The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned.

The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared. Deacon Aeithalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint's grave, and its fruit brought healings.

## 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!

*Irene Gianopoulos – 11/3/08; Stephen Powlishen – 11/3/11; Celia Woll – 11/4/90; Jennie Kobos – 11/5/93;  
Peter Kotrady – 11/6/98; Vera Bouteneff – 11/7/19; Anna Buda – 11/9/08*

## Commemorations

### Living:

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

### Departed:

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

## Troparion/Kontakion

### Troparion — Tone 3

You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness, / and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire. / Much afflicted hierarch Akepsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aeithalás the deacon, / pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.

### Kontakion — Tone 2

You celebrated the mysteries blamelessly, O wise ones, / and became acceptable sacrifices, O divinely blessed ones! / You gloriously drank of the cup of Christ, Holy Akepsimas, Joseph, and Aithalas / and are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

## Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2024/11/03/2>

## Gospel according to Luke 8:41-56

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2024/11/03/3>

## Outreach Opportunitites

### 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!*

## Reminder - Feed a Friend – Sunday – November 10<sup>th</sup>

*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.*

# Advent Retreat – “Through The Cross, Joy”

*All Saints Orthodox Church*  
205 Scarborough St, Hartford CT

*Saturday November 23, 2024 10AM – 4PM*

## Dr. John Barnet



John Barnet is Associate Professor of New Testament at the seminary, where he teaches courses in New Testament and biblical Greek. He completed his doctoral studies at Duke University under the direction of Professor Dan O. Via.

**Our Advent Retreat begins at 10AM and will conclude at 4PM with Vespers. A light breakfast with coffee will be provided at 9AM and lunch is included. A Twenty (\$20) dollar donation is suggested. To register please go to:**



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<https://allsaintshartford.org/church-events/>

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

*Donations Due by November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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!*