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Good Morning and Welcome!

February 2, 2025

Sunday of Zacchaeus



Sunday, February 2nd **9:00 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Wednesday, February 5th **6:00 p.m.** [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

Saturday, February 8th **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers*

Sunday, February 9th **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!*

News

All Saints Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, *February 16th*.

If any parishioner would like to *serve on the Parish council*, please see Cathy Vargas. *Thank you!*

Happy Birthday

Mary Beth Stenko – February 4th
Yana Mikylska-Ikonnikov – February 4th
Tatiana Bouteneff – February 7th

Parish Annual Meeting – February 16th

All reports that are to appear in the Annual Meeting Report are due to Cathy Vargas by Sunday, February 9th. Please see her with any questions. *Thank you!*

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!*

2025 Stewardship Form

2025 Stewardship Form and Letter were mailed to our membership on December 10th. Blank forms are available at Church and a link is available on the Church Website – under the Stewardship Tab. Please return completed forms as soon as possible. Any questions, please see Tom Denisky. *Thank you!*

Adult Education

Wednesday Vespers/Adult Education will meet next on February 5th – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 10 of Acquiring the Mind of Christ by Archimandrite Sergius.

Theology Café

The next gathering of the Theology Café will be February 4th - all are welcome, bring a friend! 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida by February 1st. (937-631-5989).

Words from Father Constantine

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

The Meeting of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is described in the third Gospel (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the Divine Child was brought to the Temple at Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple for forty days. At the end of the time of her purification, the mother went to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb, two turtledoves, or pigeons to the Lord as a sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity. Out of humility, however, she fulfilled the requirements of the Law. At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he beheld the promised Messiah. By divine inspiration, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the Law.

Saint Simeon received the divine Child in his arms,¹ and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was an 84-year-old widow, Saint Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel (February 3), “who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day.” She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the Divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption of Jerusalem” (Luke 2:38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: “This Child has established Heaven and earth.”

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be scheduled after the Annual Parish Meeting.

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!*

Tithely - Stewardship

The All Saints Church Council has approved the addition of Tithely as a new secure method of making your stewardship donations, this is in addition to Paypal and traditional payment methods (e.g. cash or checks). Why Tithely: 1) ease and security, 2) provides for auto-recurring giving (e.g. weekly, monthly or yearly), 3) allows the giver to cover ASOC's processing fees.

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Go to our website at allsaintshartford.org and click on the green **Give using Tithely** button located at the bottom of any page.

Thank you – any questions, please see Tom Denisky.

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

Sophia Parfinovich – 2/2/86; Carol Garach – 2/2/00; Olga Martocchio – 2/2/03; Harry Buda – 2/4/94; Leonard Karpey – 2/5/97; Mary Volga – 2/5/99; John Serdechny - 2/7/85; Alexander Dunka – 2/7/97; Stephen Yarum – 2/7/01; Alexis Hasychak – 2/7/10

Commemorations

Living:

Tamara, Shota, Ketevan, Keti, Levan, Lai, Salome, Natali, Sarah, Norah, James, Georgia, Svetlana, Margaret, Lawrence, Paul, John, Patricia, Robert, Kristina, Patricia, Patrick, Mariam, Joseph, Vincent, Nicholas, Eileen, Diane, Susan, Tatiana, Roger, Mike, Ron, Tatiana

Departed:

Shotiko, Angelina, Gregory, Eldari, Marianne, Aleksandra, Anton, Anna, Terese, Theresa

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 1

Hail, Virgin Theotokos, full of grace; / for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / giving light those in darkness. / Be glad, O righteous Elder; / for you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who bestows upon us resurrection.

Kontakion — Tone 1

By Your birth, You sanctified a virginal womb, / and fittingly You blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God; / even now You have saved us by anticipation. / Grant peace to Your faithful people whom You have loved, O only Lover of mankind.

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/02/02/7>

Gospel according to Luke 2:22-40

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/02/02/8>

Upcoming Events – Please Mark Your Calendars

Annual Parish Meeting – February 16th

Meatfare Dinner – February 23rd

Great Lent Begins – March 3rd

Pieroghi Workshop – March 22nd

Egg-Stravaganza – April 5th

Bridegroom Matins (Diocese of New England) at ASOC – April 13th

Outreach Opportunitites

Foodshare

There is a basket for donations of nonperishable food items for Foodshare in the “Donations Corner” in the Church Hall! 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). Golden Elephant is also asking for prayers come January, as she will be starting school. *Thank you!*

Reminder - Feed a Friend – Sunday – February 9th

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.

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-clergyvlayleaders.pdf>

Have a Blessed Week!