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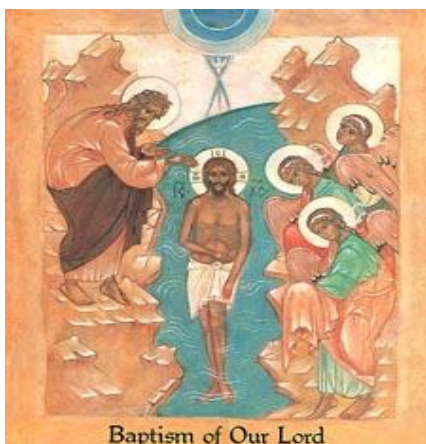
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## **Good Morning and Welcome!**

**January 5, 2025**

**Eve of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**



Baptism of Our Lord

- Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**      **9:00 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
**Eve of Theophany**      **After Liturgy - Vespers (Blessing of Water)**
- Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**      **8:30 a.m.** *Divine Liturgy (Blessing of Water)*  
**Theophany**
- Wednesday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>**      **6:00 p.m.** [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
- Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**      **5:00 p.m.** *Vespers*
- Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**      **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**

**Richard Matus – January 13<sup>th</sup>**

## **Thank You**

*Thank you to everyone that helped with our Christmas Party last Sunday. Special THANK YOU to Svetlana for coordinating the event and helping St. Nicholas with gifts for everyone! Many Years to all!*

## **News**

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

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

*Parish By-Laws have been approved by His Grace Bishop Benedict. If you would like a copy, please contact Father Constantine.*

## **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 10<sup>th</sup>. Blank forms are available at Church and a link is available on the Church Website – under the Stewardship Tab. Please return completed forms by January 10, 2025. Any questions, please see Tom Denisky. Thank you!*

## **Adult Education**

*Wednesday Vespers/Adult Education will meet next on January 8<sup>th</sup> – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 6 of *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* by Archimandrite Sergius.*

## **Theology Café**

*The next gathering of the Theology Café will be January 14<sup>th</sup> - all are welcome, bring a friend! 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida by January 10<sup>th</sup>. (937-631-5989).*

## **Words from Father Constantine**

### **Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death” (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace. In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast. On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

## **Parish Council**

*The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. - Zoom 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!*

### Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

Marianne Fitzgerald – 1/5/23; George Murashko – 1/5/79; Nadja Mikan – 1/7/03; Patricia Trinks – 1/9/81;  
Walter Zuromsky – 1/10/83; Alexander Dankevich – 1/10/94

### Commemorations

#### Living:

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

#### Departed:

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

### Troparion/Kontakion

#### Troparion — Tone 4

Of old, the river Jordan / turned back before Elisha's mantle at Elijah's ascension. / The waters were parted in two / and the waterway became a dry path. / This is truly a symbol of baptism / by which we pass through this mortal life. / Christ has appeared in the Jordan to sanctify the waters!

#### Kontakion — Tone 2

O Christ, in Thy compassion and infinite mercy, / Thou art coming as a man to be baptized in the Jordan, / in order to take away the many transgressions of us all, / clothing me in the garment of ancient glory / of which I was cruelly stripped bare.

### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/01/05/22>

### Gospel according to Mark 1:9-11

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/01/05/23>

### 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 – January 12<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.*

### 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>*

## Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

### DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – 2024

*Greg and Mira Belekewicz  
Marsha Coombs*

*Michael Danchak  
Thomas and Gail Denisky*

*Marion Hancock  
John Hasychak*

*Svetlana Ikonnikova  
Anita Karsky  
Mark and Monica Kapral  
Mary Beth Stenko  
Michael Stenko*

*Sophie Szymczyk  
Paul and Elizabeth Thomas  
Dave and Cathy Vargas*

Memory of Samuel Slota  
Memory of Mary and Daniel Mainstruck  
Memory of Kevin Kingsbury  
Memory of Allan and Heather Coombs  
Memory of the Danchak Family Members  
Memory of Michael and Nina Andrenyak  
Memory of George, Alice and Gregory Denisky  
Memory of Theophil and Nina Begansky

Memory of Baran, Malick and Hancock Families  
Memory of John and Dorothy Hasychak  
Memory of Alexander and Patricia Hasychak  
Memory of Ikonnikov, Prosvitnov, and Tarasenkvo Families  
Memory of Aleksandra and Anton Nazaruk  
Memory of Michael B Kapral  
Memory of Fajvan Family  
Memory John and Tatiana Chukalochak and Stenko, Selepak, Holik Families  
Memory of Leon Szymczyk  
Memory of Family Members  
Memory of Henry and Valentina Romanovsky  
Memory of Austin and Patricia Vargas

*Memory Eternal!*

*Snowflakes - 2024*

*In Memory of*

Walter & Vera Alesevich; Alesevich Family; Kosh Family  
Samuel Slota; Peter Symochko; Ashley Belekewicz; Stephen Grabowski; Slota

Families; Belekewicz Families

Rowena Carlson

Kevin Kingsbury; Mary & Daniel Mainstruck; Allan and Heather Coombs

Michael & Nina Andrenyak; George & Alice Denisky; Phil & Nina Begansky

Richard Hancock; Philip & Evelyn Malick; Peter & Olga Malick; Raymond &

& Olga Reduker; Anna and Catherine Baron

Tarasenko, Ikonnikov, Prosvirnov Families

Michael B & Theresa Kapral; Guy & Marylane Henman; Leslie &

Michael D Kapral

Shotiko, Angelina, Gregory; Eldasi, Nani

Diane and Michael Mucha

Fajvan and Zazula Families

John & Olga Chukalochak; John & Mary Selepak; Paul & Mary Stenko;

Paul & Marion Stenko; Helen Selepak; Peter Holik

Szymczyk Family; Bialko Family; Alina & Peter Ives

Autsin & Patricia Vargas; Valentina & Henry Romanovsky; Annmarie Blanda;

Joe Vargas, Mike Vargas; Anna Radin

*Offered By*

*Walter Alesevich*

*Greg & Mira*

*Belekewicz*

*Dave Carlson*

*Marsha Coombs*

*Tom & Gail Denisky*

*Marion Hancock*

*Svetlana Ikonnikova*

*Mark & Monica Kapral*

*Nino Kavteladze*

*Anonymous*

*Mary Beth Stenko*

*Michael Stenko*

*Sophie Szymczyk*

*Dave & Cathy Vargas*

*Health of*

Peter & Bridget Alesevich; Kosh Family; Alesevich Family

Richard Belekewicz; Joanna Slota; Kris Antoniszyn; Slota Families; Belekewicz

Families

Patricia & Patrick; Mariam & Joseph

Prosvirnov and Ikonnikov Families

Lai & Levan; Tamara, Shota Ket; Ket, Nata, Salome

Daniel and Nicholas Mucha

Fajvan and Zazula Families

Szymczyk Family; Bialko Family; Olus & Ela

Dave & Cathy Vargas; Nick & Conor; Natasha & Steve Bouley;

Carter & Cason Bouley

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*Greg & Mira*

*Belekewicz*

*Tatiana Bouteneff*

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