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Good Morning and Welcome!

January 19, 2025

Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt



<i>Sunday, January 19th</i>	8:45 a.m. <i>General Confession</i> 9:00 a.m. Educational Divine Liturgy (In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 22nd</i>	6:00 p.m. Daily Vespers/Adult Education (Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link)
<i>Saturday, January 25th</i>	5:00 p.m. <i>Vespers</i>
<i>Sunday, January 26th</i>	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link)

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!

Thank You

Thank you to all those that brought in lunches last Sunday – 143 lunches were delivered to Loaves and Fishes last Monday! Thank you to Tom, Gail and Michael S for delivering the lunches!

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 January 22nd – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 8 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

Venerable Macarius of Alexandria

Saint Macarius of Alexandria was a contemporary and friend of Saint Macarius of Egypt (January 19). He was born in the year 295, and until the age of forty he was occupied in trade. Later, he was baptized and withdrew into the desert, where he spent more than sixty years. After several years of ascetic life he was ordained to the holy priesthood and made head of the monastery the Cells in the desert between Nitria and Skete, where hermits silently lived in asceticism, each separately in his own cell. There were three deserts in northern Egypt: the first was the Cells (the inner desert), so designated because of the many cells carved into the rocks. The second was called Skete (utter desert). The third was the Nitrian desert which reached the western bank of the Nile.

Saint Macarius of Alexandria, like Macarius of Egypt, was a great ascetic and monastic head, and he worked many miracles. Learning about some monk's ascetic feat, he attempted to imitate it. Thus, when he heard that someone ate only one pound of bread a day, he would eat only that much or even less. Wishing to shorten his sleep, he stayed for twenty whole days under the open sky, enduring heat by day and cold by night.

By his ascetic life, fasting, and renunciation of earthly things, Saint Macarius acquired the gifts of wonderworking and of discerning the inner thoughts of people, and he also saw many visions. He once saw how one of the ascetics of the holy monastery, Saint Mark, received the Holy Mysteries from the hands of angels, and how during Communion the careless brethren received burning coals from the demons instead of the Body of Christ. Saint Macarius was glorified by many miracles of healing the sick and casting out devils. Saint Macarius of Alexandria died in about 394-395 at age of one hundred. He wrote a Discourse on the Origin of the Soul included in the text of the Annotated Psalter.

Parish Council

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

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.

You can use the link below to get to All Saints Church donation page or [All Saints Church Tithely Giving](#)

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.

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!

Eva Palifka – 1/20/87; Anna Lichatz – 1/21/91; Theodosia Budnick – 1/23/83; Ann Misaiko – 1/23/05

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

You were shown to be a citizen of the desert, / an angel in the body, and a wonderworker, O Makarios our God-bearing Father; / receiving heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, / healing the infirmities and the souls of those who come to you with faith. / Glory to Him Who strengthened you. / Glory to Him Who crowned you. / Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all.

Kontakion — Tone 4

(Podoben: “You appeared today...”)

Truly, the Lord has appointed you as an abode of abstinence, / and as an unerring star, enlightening the ends of the earth, / O Venerable Makarios, the Father of Fathers.

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/01/19/2>

Gospel according to Luke 18:35-43

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/01/19/3>

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-clergy-lay-leaders.pdf>

Have a Blessed Week!