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Good Morning and Welcome!

January 26, 2025

Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople



Sunday, January 26th 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Wednesday, Jan. 29th 6:00 p.m. [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Saturday, February 1st 5:00 p.m. *Vespers*
Sunday, February 2nd 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

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 who donated nonperishable food items, especially the Kapral's neighbor Dave Carlson. 170 pounds of items were delivered to Foodshare on January 24th. *Thank you* to Mark Kapral for making the delivery.

Happy Birthday

Jeanne Ostapkevich – January 30th
Chris Taylor – January 31st
Charles Jeltema – January 31st

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 January 29th – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 9 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

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

Parish Council

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

Sophie Conashevick – 1/26/81; Theodora Dworak – 1/26/03; Sadie Lagodich – 1/27/80; Henry Rusak – 1/27/81; Henry Worobel – 1/30/79; George Marco – 2/1/84; Michael Ziruk, III – 2/1/92

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 4

Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, / praising her New Martyrs and Confessors; / hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, / venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. / Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, / they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. / By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, / preserve our land in Orthodoxy until the end of the age.

Kontakion — Tone 3

Today the New Martyrs of Russia stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, / and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: / "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, / and power, and strength be to our God / unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/01/26/2>

Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/01/26/3>

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-clergy-lay-leaders.pdf>

Have a Blessed Week!