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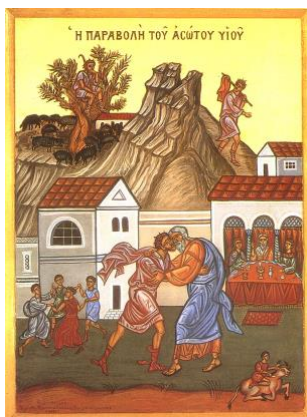
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Good Morning and Welcome!

February 16, 2025

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



Sunday, February 16th 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th 6:00 p.m. [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

Saturday, February 22nd 10:00 a.m. *Divine Liturgy; Meal; Vespers*
Memorial Saturday

Sunday, February 23rd 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Meatfare Dinner

Welcome

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

Thank You

Thank you to all those that brought in lunches last Sunday – 120 lunches were delivered to Loaves and Fishes last Monday! Thank you to Tom, Gail and Walter for delivering the lunches!

News

All Saints Orthodox Church Annual Parish Meeting is TODAY, February 16th.

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 19th – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 12 of Acquiring the Mind of Christ by Archimandrite Sergius.

Theology Café

The next gathering of the Theology Café will be March 18th - all are welcome, bring a friend! 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida by March 16th. (937-631-5989).

Words from Father Constantine

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.

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.

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.

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

*George Bugai – 2/17/24; Patricia Kudravetz – 2/17/84; B. Walter Wecal – 2/17/00; Olga Salamacha – 2/19/84;
Melania Matychak – 2/22/01*

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

Kontakion — Tone 3

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. / Therefore, I cry to You like the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; / receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/02/16/2>

Gospel according to Luke 15:11-32

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/02/16/3>

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

*Please see sign-up sheets and flyers for all of the above events at the
“Communications Table” in the Church Hall!*

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 – March 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!

All Saints Orthodox Church

Meat-Fare Dinner

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Following Divine Liturgy

Menu:

Charcuterie Board

Salad

Sourdough Bread

Fettuccini Bolognese

Various Dessert Delicacies

Wine/Coffee/Tea/Juice/Soda

Vegetarian Fare available on Request

Free Will Offering

Suggested Donation - \$12.00 for an Adult;

Free for Children 16 and under

Please see or call Gail Denisky to make your reservations

(860) 881-4324

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!