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Good Morning and Welcome!

February 23, 2025

Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise



- Sunday, February 23rd** 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Meatfare Dinner
- Wednesday, February 26th** 6:00 p.m. [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
- Saturday, March 1st** 5:00 p.m. *Vespers*
- Sunday, March 2nd** 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Forgiveness Vespers
Annual Parish Meeting

Welcome

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

Happy Birthday

Emma Taylor – February 26th

Annual Parish Meeting – Date Change – March 2nd

Due to inclement weather last Sunday, our Annual Parish Meeting was postponed until March 2nd. *Thank You!*

O.N.E. Orthodox New England Newsletter

If you are a member of our *All Saints Family*, you should have received a copy of the February issue of the *O.N.E. Newsletter* – which was a special issue Celebrating the First Anniversary of His Grace, Bishop Benedict. Please see Cathy Vargas if you did not receive this issue, she will make sure your name is added to Diocesan distribution list. *Thank you!*

Adult Education

Wednesday Vespers/Adult Education will meet next on February 26th – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 13 of *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* by Archimandrite Sergius. Last meeting until after PASCHA.

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 Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins.

The previous readings, especially that of the Prodigal Son have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Parish Council

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

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.

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!

Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!

George Sowpel – 2/23/98; Anastasia Ostapkevich – 2/25/59; Theodore Miller – 2/26/87; Stanley Golon – 2/26/90;
Anna Matway – 2/28/83

Commemorations

Living:

Tamara, Shota, Ketevan, Ketii, 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 6

O Master, Guide to wisdom, / Bestower of prudence, / Instructor of the foolish, and Defender of the poor: / make firm my heart and grant it understanding. / O Word of the Father, / give me speech, for behold, I shall not restrain my lips from crying out to Thee: / "Have mercy, have mercy on me who have fallen."

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/03/02/2>

Gospel according to Matthew 6:14-21

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/03/02/3>

Upcoming Events – Please Mark Your Calendars

Meatfare Dinner – February 23^d

Annual Parish Meeting – March 2nd

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

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.*

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!*

March Schedule of Services 2025

Saturday March 1	<i>Vespers 5 pm</i>
Sunday March 2	<i>Divine Liturgy 9 am, followed by Forgiveness Vespers; Annual Parish Meeting</i>
Monday March 3	<i>Canon of St. Andrew 6 pm</i>
Tuesday March 4	<i>Canon of St. Andrew 6 pm</i>
Wednesday March 5	<i>Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm</i>
Saturday March 8	<i>Vespers 5 pm</i>
Sunday March 9	<i>Divine Liturgy 9 am</i>
Wednesday March 12	<i>Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm</i>
Saturday March 15	<i>Vespers 5 pm</i>
Sunday March 16	<i>Divine Liturgy 9 am</i>
Wednesday March 19	<i>Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm</i>
Saturday March 22	<i>Vespers 5 pm</i>
Sunday March 23	<i>Divine Liturgy 9 am</i>
Tuesday March 25	<i>Annunciation Divine Liturgy 8:30 am Akathist for Annunciation followed by Fish Dinner 6 pm</i>
Wednesday March 26	<i>Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm</i>
Saturday March 29	<i>Vespers 5 pm</i>
Sunday March 30	<i>Divine Liturgy 9 am</i>

Have a Blessed Week!

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-clergyayleaders.pdf>

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!