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Good Morning and Welcome!

February 9, 2025

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee



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

Wednesday, February 12th 6:00 p.m. [Daily Vespers/Adult Education \(Virtual Only – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

Saturday, February 15th 5:00 p.m. *Vespers*

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

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 next Sunday, February 16th.

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

Happy Birthday

Mira Belekewicz – February 11th
Marion Hancock – February 12th
Monica Kapral – February 12th

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 February 12th – at which time we will be discussing Chapter 11 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 Publican and the Pharisee

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the Triodion (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins. Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14). The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation. Two weeks before the beginning of the Fast, as part of our preparation for Great Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha, the Church prescribes the reading of Saint Mark's Gospel. From Monday to Friday the focus is on the end times, and the Savior's death and burial.

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!

*Olga Erwinski – 2/9/88; Nicholas Koladis – 2/9/03; Anastasia Saurusaitis – 2/11/79; John Lichatz, Sr. – 2/12/93;
Florence Massow – 2/12/07*

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 4

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! / And learn humility from the Publican's tears! / Let us cry to our Savior,
/ have mercy on us, / only merciful One!

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/02/09/4>

Gospel according to Luke 18:10-14

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/02/09/5>

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 – 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!

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!