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## **Good Morning and Welcome!**

*March 23, 2025*

### **Veneration of the Cross**



**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Veneration of Holy Cross*

**9:00 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
*Parish Council Installation*

**4:00 p.m.** *Lenten Vespers – Holy Ghost, Bridgeport*

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Annunciation*

**8:30 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

**6:00 p.m.** *Akathist for Annunciation followed by Fish Dinner*

**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m.** *Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Pot Luck Dinner*

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.** *Vespers*

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
*St. John Climacus*

**9:00 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

**4:00 p.m.** *CT Deanery Lenten Vespers – Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville*

### **Welcome**

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

### **Happy Birthday**

*Matushka Delphy Irvin – March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Danchak – March 28<sup>th</sup>*

## Thank You

*Thank you to Michael Stenko for reframing the All Saints icon in the center of the Church. God Bless!*

*Thank you to Mira Belekewicz for adorning the cross with beautiful flowers! God Bless!*

*Thank you to all those that helped out at the Pierogi workshop on Saturday morning. 456 Pierogis were made! God Bless!*

## Reminders

*Pussywillows – with the warmer weather, please check pussywillow plants – they may be close to budding soon – please remember to cut them and keep them in a dark dry place until our Palm Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!*

## Egg-Stravaganza

*Egg-Stravaganza will be Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>*

*\*We are looking for people to donate baked goods for our amazing Bake Sale – please sign up at Communication Table in Church Hall or see Monica Kapral.*

*\*Also, if you don't want to take the Pysanky class, please stop by for Lenten lunch, purchase something from the Bake Sale or Bookstore and enter the Easter Raffle!*

*\*Flyers are available at church, on the Church Website and on All Saints Facebook page. Please get the word out! Any questions, please see Cathy Vargas. Thank you!*

## Congratulations

*God Grant Many Years to the newly elected Trustees to the Parish Council and to the Executive Board, who will be completing the third year of their term.*

### Trustees:

*Walter Alesevich, Greg Belekewicz, Tatiana Bouteneff, Svetlana Ikonnikova, Monica Kapral, Subdeacon Nick and Dave Vargas.*

### Executive Board:

*Cathy Vargas – President; Mark Ranstead – Financial Secretary; Tom Denisky – Treasurer; Amy Hayashida – Recording Secretary*

## Theology Café

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

## 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](http://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.*

## Parish Council

*The next meeting of the Parish Council will be March 27<sup>th</sup>, ZOOM only.*

## *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!*

*Michael Lestoric – 3/24/79; Larry Finchey – 3/27/97; Harry Wednichuk – 3/28/88;*

### *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*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance. / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians, / over their adversaries. / And by virtue of Your Cross / preserve Your habitation!

#### *Kontakion — Tone 7*

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; / it has mysteriously been quenched by the wood of the Cross! / The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; / for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell: / “Enter again into paradise.”

### *Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6*

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/03/23/2>

### *Gospel according to Mark 8:34-9:1*

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/03/23/3>

## *Upcoming Events – Please Mark Your Calendars*

*Egg-Stravaganza and Baked Sale – April 5<sup>th</sup>*  
*Bridegroom Matins (Diocese of New England) at ASOC – April 13<sup>th</sup>*

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

## April Schedule of Services 2025

Wednesday, April 2	<i>Presanctified Liturgy with potluck following 6 pm</i>
Saturday, April 5	<i>Vespers 5 pm</i>
Sunday, April 6	<i>Divine Liturgy 9 am</i>
Wednesday, April 9	<i>Presanctified Liturgy with potluck following 6 pm</i>
Saturday, April 12	<i>Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10 am, blessing of palms and willows after Liturgy, meal following Liturgy</i>
	<i>Vespers 12 pm</i>
Sunday, April 13	<i>Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy 9 am blessing of palms and willows, (after third hour-before Liturgy)</i>
	<i>Deanery Bridegroom Matins at All Saints 4 pm</i>
Monday, April 14	<i>Bridegroom Matins 6 pm</i>
Tuesday, April 15	<i>Bridegroom Matins 6 pm</i>
Wednesday, April 16	<i>Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm followed by washing feet</i>
Thursday, April 17	<i>Matins (Service of Passion Gospels) 6 pm</i>
Friday, April 18	<i>Vespers and Matins 6 pm</i>
Saturday, April 19	<i>Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil 10 am</i>
	<i>Nocturns begin 9:30 pm followed by procession, Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy</i>
Sunday, April 20	<i>Holy Pascha Paschal Vespers 12 pm</i>
Wednesday, April 23	<i>Holy Martyr George Divine Liturgy (Bishop Benedict) 9 am</i>
Saturday, April 26	<i>Vespers 5 pm</i>
Sunday, April 27	<i>Divine Liturgy 9 am</i>
Wednesday, April 30	<i>Vespers followed by adult class 6 pm</i>

## Outreach Opportunities

### Reminder - Feed a Friend – Sunday – April 13<sup>th</sup>

*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!*

## Golden Elephant

Update on Gold Elephant: Her service dog recently died which has been very sad for her. If you could keep her in prayer as she grieves that would be much appreciated. Also, continued prayer for her health. She might like a grieving card. She also likes SquishMallows as a way to process her feelings. Her service dog's cremation cost her \$900 so any type of assistance for that would be helpful and appreciated.

*Thank you so much for all of your care and support.*

## *Veneration of the Cross*

*The Third Sunday of Lent* is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

## *Help Wanted – Lazarus Saturday through to PASCHA*

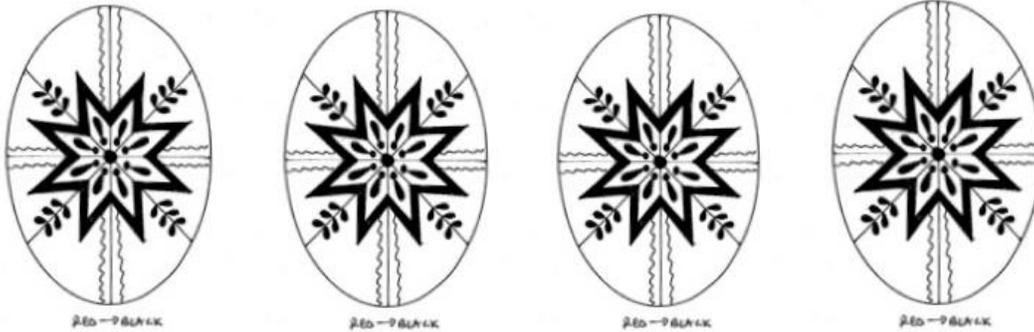
1. Looking for volunteer(s) for Brunch on Lazarus Saturday.
2. Diocesan Bridegroom Matins Repass – there will be sign up sheet at our Communication Table
3. Holy Thursday – will need help after evening service to setup Tomb and decorate with flowers
4. Holy Thursday – change 4 vigil crosses to white cups, fill with candles and cover with black cloths.
5. PASCHA – need coordinator for AGAPE Table
6. Egg Hunt Coordinator for after Paschal service on Sunday – fill and hide plastic eggs



## *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.o.ca.org/files/PDF/official/2018-1024-socialmediaguidelines-clergyvayleaders.pdf>

*Have a Blessed Week!*



# ***EGG-STRAVAGANZA***

## **ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH**

205 Scarborough Street  
Hartford, CT 06105

*April 5, 2025, Saturday*

9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Featuring:

- *2 Pysanky Classes (Egg Decorating)*
  - *Church Tours*
  - *Baked Goods*
  - *“Egg Items” for Sale*
  - *Lenten Lunch Served*

If you would like to register for one of our Pysanky classes or would like more information, please call (860) 205-9465. Please also visit our website – [www.allsaintshartford.org](http://www.allsaintshartford.org) or visit us on Facebook.

*Please plan to attend!*