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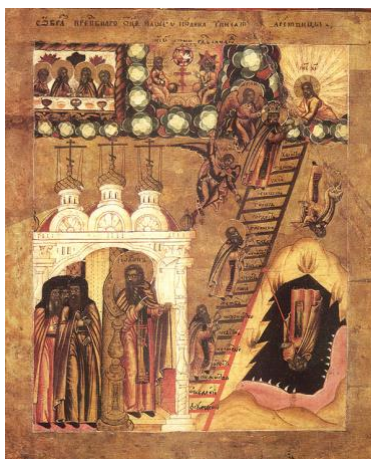
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## **Good Morning and Welcome!**

**March 30, 2025**

### **St John Climacus (of the Ladder)**



- 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*
- Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
8:30 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
- Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
6:00 p.m. *Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Pot Luck Dinner*
- Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Egg-stravaganza*  
5:00 p.m. *Vespers*
- Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*St. Mary of Egypt*  
9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
4:00 p.m. *CT Deanery Lenten Vespers – Holy Unction – Three Saints, Ansonia*

#### **Welcome**

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

#### **Happy Birthday**

*Hazel Pelkey – April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Miles Klein – April 1<sup>st</sup>*

## 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!*

## Theology Café

The next gathering of the Theology Café will be April 29<sup>th</sup> - all are welcome, bring a friend! 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida by April 27<sup>th</sup>. (937-631-5989).

## Help Needed – Church Cleaning

As discussed at the annual meeting a few weeks ago, All Saints Church does not have the luxury of a full-time, or even part-time, janitor to keep up with the general cleaning that needs to occur each month. So to keep our church clean and safe, we are asking for help on a rotating basis with cleaning tasks such as mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms and dusting and sweeping as needed. We ask that each family or a group of two or three individuals, sign-up for a month to come into the church and complete these tasks. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the auditorium. Please see Greg Belekewicz (860-268-6554) with any questions.

## 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 May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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!

*Olga Faber – 3/30/00; Ann Grechko – 4/1/92; Raymond Jensen – 4/3/98; Leonid Zanevski – 4/4/83*

## Commemorations

### Living:

Alison, Mary, Margaret, Larry, Stanley, Eileen, Diane, Susan, Jennette, Elizabeth, Lai, Levan, Tamara, Shota, Katie

### Departed:

Archpriest Daniel, Valentina, Olga, Michael, Michael, Juta, Lyudmila, Robert, Igor, Elizabeth, John, John, Jozef, Joseph, Joseph, Jan, Olga, Richard, Shotiko, Eldari, Angelina, Gregory, Nani

## Troparion/Kontakion

### Troparion — Tone 1

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, / you were shown to be a wonderworker, our God-bearing Father John. / You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. / Glory to Him who gave you strength. / Glory to Him who granted you a crown. / Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all.

### Kontakion — Tone 4

(Podoben: "The Angelic Choir...")

The Lord truly set you on the height of abstinence, / O our instructor and Father John, / as an unerring star, guiding the ends of the earth by your light.

## Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/03/30/4>

## Gospel according to Mark 9:17-31

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/03/30/5>

## April Schedule of Services 2025

Tuesday, April 1	Divine Liturgy 8:30 am
Wednesday, April 2	Presanctified Liturgy with potluck following 6 pm
Saturday, April 5	Vespers 5 pm
Sunday, April 6	Divine Liturgy 9 am
Monday, April 7	Divine Liturgy 8:30 am
Wednesday, April 9	Presanctified Liturgy with potluck following 6 pm
Saturday, April 12	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 10 am, blessing of palms and willows after Liturgy, Brunch following Liturgy Vespers 12 pm
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy 9 am blessing of palms and willows, (after third hour-before Liturgy) Deanery Bridegroom Matins at All Saints 4 pm
Monday, April 14	Bridegroom Matins 6 pm
Tuesday, April 15	Bridegroom Matins 6 pm
Wednesday, April 16	Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm followed by washing feet
Thursday, April 17	Matins (Service of Passion Gospels) 6 pm
Friday, April 18	Vespers and Matins 6 pm
Saturday, April 19	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil 10 am Nocturns begin 9:30 pm followed by procession, Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy
Sunday, April 20	Holy Pascha Paschal Vespers 12 pm
Wednesday, April 23	Holy Martyr George Divine Liturgy (Bishop Benedict) 9 am
Saturday, April 26	Vespers 5 pm
Sunday, April 27	Divine Liturgy 9 am
Wednesday, April 30	Vespers followed by adult class 6 pm

## *Outreach Opportunitites*

### *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.*

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

1. Looking for volunteer(s) for Brunch on Lazarus Saturday, *please see Amy & Caleb.*
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 – coordinator for AGAPE Table - *Amy*

## *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>*

## *Sunday of St John Climacus*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John Climacus, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. In this book the Igoumen of Saint Katherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai bears witness to the great effort which is required for entry into God's Kingdom (Matthew 10:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is difficult since it is "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Ephesians 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, as the Lord has said, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

Saint John was born around the year 525, the son of devout and wealthy parents. He received a very good education, but at the age of sixteen, he forsook the world and went to Mount Sinai, subjecting himself to the spiritual guidance of Elder Martyrios. When he was nineteen years of age,<sup>1</sup> his Elder reposed. Then Saint John entered the arena of hesychasm, visiting the monastic communities of Skete and Tabennise in Egypt. For another forty years, he lived in a cell at Thora in the Sinai Desert, which was a two hour (5 mile) walk from the Monastery of Saint Katherine.

Aflame with indescribable longing for God, he ate everything that was permitted by the monastic Rule, but only in very small quantities, and not unto satiety. By so doing, he overcame the vice of pride; and by eating just a little food, he humbled the stomach, which always wants more. He raised his body from death and paralysis by the remembrance of death, and he overcame the tyranny of anger with the sword of obedience. Who can describe the fountain of his tears, which is now to be seen in very few individuals? He slept only as much as was necessary to prevent his mind from being distracted. Before going to sleep he prayed a great deal, and he also wrote books. This was how he subdued despondency. His entire life was spent in unceasing prayer, and incomparable love for God.

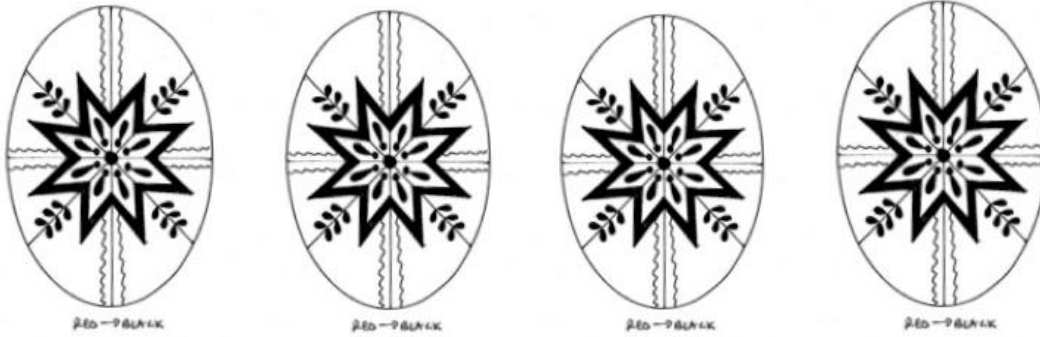
After writing *The Ladder* at the request of Igoumen John of Raithu Monastery, and leading a God-pleasing life, Saint John fell asleep in the Lord when he was about seventy-five years old (ca. 603). He is also commemorated on March 30. The inscription on his icon is from Step 7:2. It reads: "Compunction is a perennial trial of the conscience, which brings about the cooling of the fire of the heart through mental confession. And confession is a forgetfulness of nature, since someone because of this forgot to eat his bread."<sup>2</sup>

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

### *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!*



# ***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!***