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## **Good Morning and Welcome!**

*April 20, 2025*

### **HOLY PASCHA: The Resurrection of Our Lord**



- Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>* 10:00 a.m. [Vesperal Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
*Small Basket Blessing*  
9:30 p.m. [Nocturns/Matins/Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
*Basket Blessing; Agape*
- Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>* 12:00 p.m. [Paschal Vespers \(In-Person/Virtual – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
**PASCHA**
- Bright Wed., April 23<sup>rd</sup>* 9:00 a.m. [Hierarchal Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual – Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
- Bright Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>* 5:00 p.m. *Vespers*
- Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>* 9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)  
*St. Thomas Sunday*

### **Welcome**

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

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**SLAVONIC**

**Kristos Voskrese!//Voistinu Voskrese!**

**GREEK**

**Christos Anesti!//Alithos Anesti!**

**ROMANIAN**

**Hristos A Inviat!//Adevarat A Inviat!**

**GEORGIAN**

**Kriste agzdkhah!//Chezdmарidet!**

**ALBANIAN**

**Krishti u ngjall!//Vertet u ungjall!**

**ARABIC**

**Al-Maseeh Qam!//Haqqan Qam!**

**Thank You**

*Thank you to Amy & Caleb Hayashida for the delicious Lenten breakfast they prepared on Lazarus Saturday! Thank you to all those that helped with setup and clean up! God Bless!*

*Thank you to all those that helped with setup, cleanup and preparing food for the Repass after Bridegroom Matins last Sunday. A Blessed afternoon of prayer and fellowship! God Bless!*

*Thank you to all those that brought in lunches last Sunday – 156 lunches were delivered to Loaves and Fishes on Monday. Thank you to Gail, Tom and Walter for delivering the lunches!*

**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, *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.

**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](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>.

### *Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!*

*Olga Gedz – 4/22/86; Theodore Baboval – 4/24/86*

## *April Schedule of Services 2025*

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>

## *Commemorations*

### *Living:*

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

### *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, Leslie

## *Outreach Opportunitites*

### *Foodshare*

There is a basket for donations of nonperishable food items for Foodshare in the “Donations Corner” in the Church Hall – NEW LOCATION! 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*

## Reminder - Feed a Friend – Sunday – May 11<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.*

## Troparion/Kontakion

### Troparion — Tone 4

Christ is risen from the dead, / trampling down death by death, / and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

### Troparion — Tone 8

*(Hypakoe)*

Before the dawn Mary and the women came / and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. / They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a Man / the One Who is everlasting Light? / Behold the clothes in the grave; go and proclaim to the world: / 'The Lord is risen; He has slain death, / as He is the Son of God, saving the race of man.'"

### Kontakion — Tone 8

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, / You destroyed the power of death. / In victory You arose, O Christ God, / proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the Myrrhbearing Women, / granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

## Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/04/20/1>

## Gospel according to John 1:1-17

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/04/20/2>

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I am pleased to report that as of 3/31/2025, the **Stewards of the New England Diocese** donations have reached **\$21,000**. We are well on our way to reaching and exceeding our goal of **\$25,000 in '25**.

However, donations have slowed down as of late so please share the attached information with your parish so that we can surpass the \$25,000 goal.

*Thank you for your support. FYI, as of 3/31/2025, your parish has donated over \$2,700.*

In Christ,

Dn. Paul Nimchek

Administrator of Stewards of the New England Diocese



### **“\$25,000 in ‘25”**

Thanks to all of you throughout the Diocese who have supported **Stewards of the NE Diocese** in the pursuit of our goal, **\$25,000 in ‘25**. We are well on our way to reaching our goal.

**After only one month since the annual appeal was mailed, donations have totaled \$21,000. Let’s keep up this pace and not only reach our goal but significantly surpass it.**

The important areas of **Youth Rally, Missions, Seminary, Scholarships, and Charities** are supported by **Stewards of the NE Diocese** donations.

**Help us surpass our goal for these critical programs!  
Thank you for your support.**

Donations can be mailed to the address below (checks made payable to **Diocese of New England**) or donate online through PayPal on the Diocesan website, <https://dneoca.org/stewardsofnewengland>.

Stewards of the New England Diocese  
PO Box 71  
Torrington, CT 06790-0071

### **Great and Holy Pascha, The Feast of Resurrection**

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): “. . . for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39).

Mary Magdalene, and the other women who were present at the burial of our Saviour on Friday evening, returned from Golgotha to the city and prepared fragrant spices and myrrh, so that they might anoint the body of Jesus. On the morrow, because of the law which forbids work on the day of the Sabbath, they rested for the whole day. But at early dawn on the Sunday that followed, almost thirty-six hours since the death of the Life-giving Redeemer, they came to the sepulcher with the spices to anoint His body. While they were considering the difficulty of rolling away the stone from the door of the sepulcher, there was a fearful earthquake; and an Angel, whose countenance shone like lightning and whose garment was white as snow, rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The women, however, went into the sepulcher, but did not find the Lord's body. Instead, they saw two other Angels in the form of youths clothed in white, who told them that the Saviour was risen, and they sent forth the women, who ran to proclaim to the disciples these gladsome tidings.

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

### **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>

***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***