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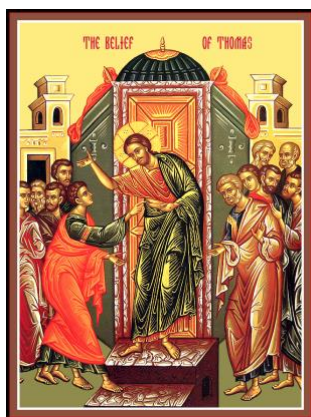
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Christ is Risen and Welcome!

April 27, 2025

Saint Thomas Sunday



Sunday, April 27th
St. Thomas Sunday

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

Wednesday, April 30th

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

Saturday, May 3rd

5:00 p.m. *Vespers*

Sunday, May 4th
Myrrhbearing Women

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

Welcome

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

Thank You

Thank you to Father Constantine and Subdeacon Nick for all of your prayers throughout all of the services of Holy Week and Bright Week!

Thank you to our Choir for singing so beautifully during Holy Week, PASCHA and Bright Week!

Thank you to Dave Vargas for donating and coloring the red eggs that were distributed on PASCHA.

Thank you to all those that helped during Holy Week - cleaning, flowers, candles, processions, tables, agape, reading and attending services!

Happy Birthday

Ryan Belekewicz – April 27th

God Grant Him Many Years!

Basil Kazuo Entgelmeier, son of Jason and Emily Rose Entgelmeier and brother to Felicity, was baptized on Saturday, April 26th. He is also Amy & Caleb's nephew! *God Grant them All Many Years!*

Adult Education

Wednesday Vespers/Adult Education will meet next on April 30th – at which time we will be discussing the last Chapter of *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* by Archimandrite Sergius.

Theology Café

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

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be May 6th.

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!

**Taras Zwirblia – 4/28/78; Albert D'Angona – 4/29/91; Teckla Konon – 4/30/83; Mary Soloway – 4/30/98;
Ann Descy – 5/1/90; Michael Gandza – 5/2/81; Walter Lashuk – 5/2/86; Evelyn Malick – 5/2/88;
Helen Murashko – 5/2/10; Rudolph Kunnett – 5/3/79; Anthony Nazaruk – 5/3/84**

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

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 7

From the sealed tomb, You did shine forth O Life! / Through closed doors You did come to Your disciples, O Christ God! / Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, / by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Kontakion — Tone 8

Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when You did come to Your apostles through closed doors. / He cried out with all: You are my Lord and my God!

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/04/27/2>

Gospel according to John 20:19-31

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/04/27/3>

Outreach Opportunities

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 11th

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.

Saint Thomas Sunday

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Saviour wondrously entered and stood in their midst, and greeted them with His customary words, "Peace be unto you." Then He showed unto them His hands and feet and side; furthermore, in their presence, He took some fish and a honeycomb and ate before them, and thus assured them of His bodily Resurrection. But Thomas, who was not then present with the others, did not believe their testimony concerning Christ's Resurrection, but said in a decisive manner, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." Wherefore after eight days, that is, on this day, when the disciples were again gathered together and Thomas was with them, the Lord Jesus came while the doors were shut, as He did formerly. Standing in their midst, He said, "Peace be unto you"; then He said to Thomas, "Bring hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and bring hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing."

And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29). This day is called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection.

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." The Slavonic inscription is, "The Belief of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

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://dncoca.org/stewardsofnewengland>.

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HOLY WEEK PHOTOS





BRIGHT WEDNESDAY – Hierarchal Liturgy



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-clergy-lay-leaders.pdf>

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!