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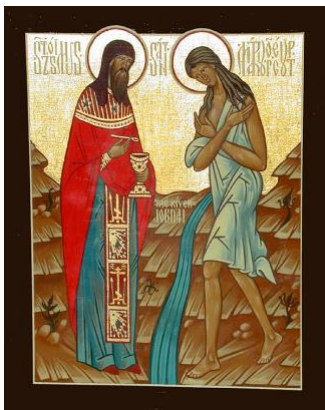
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Good Morning and Welcome!

April 6, 2025

St. Mary of Egypt



Sunday, April 6th
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*

Wednesday, April 9th

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

Saturday, April 12th
Lazarus Saturday

10:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
Brunch
5:00 p.m. *Vespers/Litya/Matins; Blessing of Palms and Pussywillows*

Sunday, April 13th
Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)
4:00 p.m. *CT Deanery Lenten Vespers – Bridegroom Matins - All Saints, Hartford*

Welcome

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

Happy Birthday

Dani Natale – April 7th
Nino Kavteladze – April 8th
Elna Piller – April 12th

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 13th! *Thank you!*

Bridegroom Matins – April 13th at All Saints

New England Diocese Bridegroom Matins – will be held here at All Saints on Sunday, April 13th beginning at 4:00 p.m. We are looking for help with the repass following the service. Please see the sign up list at the “Communications Table” in the Church Hall. *Please plana to attend!*

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 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 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 6th.

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!

Nina Golon – 4/7/88; Steven Lowe – 4/7/00; Otto Schtatz – 4/10/84; John Zaharevitz – 4/10/86

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

Troparion/Kontakion

Troparion — Tone 8

In you, O Mother, was preserved with exactness what was according to the image; / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away; / but to care for the soul, since it is immortal. / Therefore, O Venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

Kontakion — Tone 3

Having been a sinful woman, / you became a Bride of Christ through repentance. / Having attained the angelic life, / you defeated demons by the weapon of the Cross; / therefore, O most glorious Mary you are a Bride of the Kingdom.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/04/06/4>

Gospel according to Mark 10:32-45

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/04/06/5>

April Schedule of Services 2025

Saturday, April 5	Vespers 5 pm
Sunday, April 6	Divine Liturgy 9 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 5 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/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 13th

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*

St Mary of Egypt

Abba Zosimas, according to the custom of the monastery, went deep into the desert hoping to find someone living there who could benefit him. He walked into the wilderness for twenty days and then, when he sang the Psalms of the Sixth Hour and made the usual prayers. Suddenly, to the right of the hill where he stood, he saw a human form. He was afraid, thinking that it might be a demonic apparition. Then he guarded himself with the Sign of the Cross, which removed his fear. He turned to the right and saw a form walking southward. The body was black from the blazing sunlight, and the faded short hair was white like a sheep's fleece. Abba Zosimas rejoiced, since he had not seen any living thing for many days.

The desert-dweller saw Zosimas approaching, and attempted to flee from him. Abba Zosimas, forgetting his age and fatigue, quickened his pace. When he was close enough to be heard, he called out, "Why do you flee from me, a sinful old man? Wait for me, for the love of God." The stranger said to him, "Forgive me, Abba Zosimas, but I cannot turn and show my face to you. I am a woman, and as you see, I am naked. If you would grant the request of a sinful woman, throw me your cloak so I might cover my body, and then I can ask for your blessing."

Then Abba Zosimas was terrified, realizing that she could not have called him by name unless she possessed spiritual insight. Abba Zosimas fell to the ground and asked for her blessing. She also bowed down before him, and for a long time they remained on the ground each asking the other to bless. Finally, the woman ascetic said: “Abba Zosimas, you must bless and pray, since you are honored with the grace of the priesthood. For many years you have stood before the holy altar, offering the Holy Gifts to the Lord.”

Yielding finally to his entreaties, she said, “Blessed is God, Who cares for the salvation of men.” Abba Zosimas replied, “Amen.” Then they rose to their feet. The woman ascetic again said to the Elder, “Why have you come, Father, to me who am a sinner, bereft of every virtue? Apparently, the grace of the Holy Spirit has brought you to do me a service. But tell me first, Abba, how do the Christians live, how is the Church guided?” Abba Zosimas answered her, “By your holy prayers God has granted the Church and us all a lasting peace. But fulfill my unworthy request, Mother, and pray for the whole world and for me a sinner, that my wanderings in the desert may not be useless.”

Abba Zosimas asked her, “How many years have passed since you began to live in the desert?” “I think,” she replied, “it is forty-seven years since I came from the Holy City.”

Upcoming Events – Please Mark Your Calendars

***Egg-Stravaganza and Baked Sale – 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!***

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-clergyLavleaders.pdf>

Have a Blessed Week!