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## **Christ is Risen and Welcome!**

**May 18, 2025**

### **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**



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**8:45 a.m. General Confession**

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

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m. Vespers Liturgy/Meal**

**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Sunday of the Blind Man*

**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 all those that brought in lunches last Sunday – 94 lunches were delivered to Loaves and Fishes on Monday. Thank you to Gail, Tom and Walter for delivering the lunches!*

### **ASOC Parish Picnic**

Please mark your calendars – Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, *All Saints Day*, we will be holding our Annual Parish Picnic on the church grounds following Liturgy. *Stay tuned to future bulletins for more information!*

### **Adult Education**

*Wednesday Vespers/Adult Education* will meet next on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be studying *Daniel – Chapter 1*.

### **Theology Café**

The next gathering of the *Theology Café* will be June 10<sup>th</sup> - all are welcome, bring a friend! 7:30 PM at 107 Elizabeth St., Hartford CT. Please RSVP to Amy Hayashida by June 8<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!*

### **Parish Council**

The next meeting of the *Parish Council* will be June 17<sup>th</sup>, Hybrid.

### **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.*

### **Church Metrics – Memory Eternal!**

*Walter Oste – 5/20/81; Theodore Rozanski – 5/20/95; Louise Ostapkevich – 5/21/06;  
Dominika Meshenuk – 5/23/93; Theresa Liptak – 5/24/93*

### **Commemorations**

#### **Living:**

Roger, Alison, Margaret, Margaret, Larry

#### **Departed:**

Priest William, Rowena, Marylane, Mary, Olga, Dimitry, Stanislav, Yefimiy, Marfa, Taisia, Antonina

### *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also. Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photine, and her feast is kept on February 26.

### *Troparion/Kontakion*

#### *Kontakion — Tone 8*

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw You, the Water of Wisdom, and drank abundantly / she inherited the Kingdom on High and is ever glorified!

### *Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30*

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/05/18/2>

### *Gospel according to John 4:5-42*

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/05/18/3>

### *Outreach Opportunities*

#### *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!*

## **Reminder - Feed a Friend – Sunday – June 15<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.*

### **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!***