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

**May 25, 2025**

### **Sunday of the Blind Man**



**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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**9:00 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

**Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m.** **Festal Vespers/Adult Education (Church)**

**Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Ascension of our Lord**

**8:30 a.m.** [Divine Liturgy \(In-Person/Virtual - Click for Zoom Link\)](#)

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

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

**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers**  
**of the First Ecumenical Council**

**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!**

### **Happy Birthday**

**Juliana Klein – May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Liam Klein – May 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Paul Thomas – May 30<sup>th</sup>**

## **Thank You**

*Thank you to Mark Ranstead for taking care of and overseeing a number of repairs at the rectory over the past few weeks.*

## **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 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying *Daniel – Chapter 2*.*

## **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!**

*Alexis Zarins – 5/25/82; Olga Opalak – 5/26/12; Walter Laskevich – 5/29/77; Vera Koratyshev – 5/30/90;  
Michael Dzamba, Sr. – 5/30/96; Rose Horobchuk – 5/31/82; Paul Opalak – 5/31/05*

## Commemorations

### Living:

Roger, Alison, Margaret, Margaret, Larry

### Departed:

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

## Troparion/Kontakion

### Kontakion — Tone 4

I come to You, O Christ, / blind from birth in my spiritual eyes / and I call to You in repentance: / You are the most radiant light of those in darkness!

### Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/05/25/7>

### Gospel according to John 9:1-38

<https://www.oca.org/readings/daily/2025/05/25/8>

## 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> (Third Sunday – June 8<sup>th</sup> Services In New Britain)

*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.*

### *Sunday of the Blind Man*

The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

### *Great Entrance*



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

### *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>